



News from the Pews

March 3, 2019

WELCOME TO NILSE-FURTADO GILLIAM! Director of Discipleship Development

We are thrilled to welcome Nilse Furtado-Gilliam, our new Director of Discipleship Development at CUMC! Her immediate family includes husband Sean Gilliam (a chef), son Elijah Gilliam (10) and daughter Maya Gilliam (4). Nilse has a B.A. in Mass Communications/English (Summa Cum Laude) from Rust College, an M.A. in Journalism from The University of Memphis, and in 2020 she will complete her Masters of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary. Please read more about Nilse in the included insert in your bulletin. We look forward to officially commissioning her on Sunday, March 10 during our worship service.

A Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church took place February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose was to act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward, authorized to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and to explore options to strengthen church unity.

CUMC will be hosting an information session at 12:30pm in Corry Hall to help us understand what occurred during General Conference. Pastor Tracy will have a PowerPoint to share details about the legislation that did and did not pass and some of the implications for us as a church. All are welcome to attend.

Floris UMC (13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon, VA US 20171) will be hosting an event titled: *General Conference Debriefing*, tonight, Sunday, March 3 from 6:30-7:30pm. Join Rev. Tom Berlin for a briefing on the outcome of the 2019 General Conference and how that will affect the future of the United Methodist Church. A live stream (www.florisumc.org) and childcare will be available.

PRAYERS *We have a designated, focused, prayer team that intentionally brings the concerns of the congregation before the Lord. If you would like someone added to the prayer list, or if you would like to be a part of this essential ministry, please contact the team by emailing us at clarendonprayerteam@gmail.com or calling the church office.*

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, March 5 6:30pm

Join us in Corry Hall for wonderful music, good fun, and great pancakes.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 6, 7:00pm

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the 40 days of Lent, concluding with the glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 23. This deeply moving service of scripture, prayer and repentance will be led by the Youth in the Sanctuary.

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Saturday, March 9, 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

If you or someone you know is in need of healing – body, spirit, mind or soul – we invite you to come and participate in a service of healing. You can come to pray for someone else or yourself, for needs in our world, or for God’s creation. Prayers, scripture and music will be offered along with the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands or anointing. You don’t need to be a member of this or any church to come. For more information, contact the church office (office@clarendonumc.org).

LENTEN STUDIES

John: The Gospel of Light and Life, by Adam Hamilton.

You are invited to join in a study of the words of John, one of Jesus’ chosen twelve disciples. This powerful study is 6-weeks long with an accompanying DVD and begins the week of March 10 with the following classes. Both classes open to anyone.

- Lisa and Jon White will lead a class beginning Sunday, March 10 (9:45 – 10:45am) in Room 206.
- Judy Yolles will lead sessions for the Good News Class beginning Sunday, March 10 (9:45-10:45am) in Room 210.

Additionally, Pastor Tracy and Laura Lewis will begin an 11-week study on the Apostle John on Sunday evenings from 4:00 – 5:30pm in Room 206. The introductory session will be today Sunday, March 3 in Room 206. Participants for this *Invitation to John* do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy and benefit from participation.

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