



GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church ————— March 2018

Lenten Study: Faith the Wesleyan Way

Over 60 people have signed up to participate in our Lenten Study this year, which takes us on a journey to England to follow in the steps of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Faith. From a family of devout Christians, Wesley charted his own way by breaking with the Church of England to form the Methodist Church. Wesley was



known for his vibrant preaching, his passion to help those in need, and his love for Jesus Christ, and we are learning more about how he came to this call from God.

In one of his most famous sermons, “Catholic Spirit,” Wesley wrote, “Though we can’t think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without a doubt, we may.”

It is not too late to join others in this fascinating journey. Classes meet on Sunday mornings and Monday mornings and evenings. For more information go to our website: [Revival Information](#).

CUMC Holy Week Events

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

**Sunday, March 25,
8:30 am & 11:00 am**

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

**Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm,
Sanctuary**

Reenactment of Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**Friday, March 30, 7:00 pm,
Sanctuary**

With cantata “The Passion
According to St. Mark” presented
by the Chancel Choir

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

**Sunday, April 1, 6:30 am, 8:30 am,
& 11:00 am**

Celebrate the Resurrection of
Jesus Christ

EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**Sunday, April 1, 9:30 am,
Corry Hall**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW had a bumper crop that warmed their hearts! The Mitten Tree in Corry Hall collected winter items for those in need at Heart and Hand in West Virginia and for local schools. We had 77 pairs of gloves, 37 hats, and 25 pairs of socks plus a variety of clothes.





CUMC Fun

GAME NIGHT AT CUMC

A large group of Clarendonians got together for Pizza, Pasta and games. Lots of fun for everyone.



(Clockwise) Hazel Jefferies, the baptism of Conway Stuart, the 2018 CUMC council after their January 24th meeting.



Youth in Mission

We have two Youth Mission Trips organized for the summer, as well as a Youth Choir Tour to Ohio.

- **The Senior High Youth** (8th-12th graders) will be traveling to Chesterfield VA to work with Habitat for Humanity, Shalom Farms, and other hands-on missions. The dates are August 3-10, and the cost is \$150 with scholarships available.
- **Club 6/7** (5th-7th graders) will travel to Salem/Roanoke, VA for a week of hands-on mission with various ministries in the area. The cost is \$200 with scholarships available. For more information about these trips, contact Diane Smith (childrensministry@ClarendonUMC.org).
- **The Youth Choir** will be traveling to Ohio June 23-27. They will be sharing the Gospel both through hands-on mission and through the music they will share in worship, nursing facilities, and a Christian retreat center. Contact Lisa Gibbs-Smith (Lisa@ClarendonUMC.org) for more.

Fundraisers for all the trips will continue for next few months. The Youth Choir had a very successful bake sale to raise money for their trip, and the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper proceeds are going to help fund these trips. The Youth are very grateful for your support of their programs!

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER

This was a rousing success as it brought in lots of families for food and fun as beads were distributed, and Denny Edelbrock (trumpet) and Logan Pittard (Saxophone) led the children in a parade as they played *When the Saints Go Marching In*.



Upcoming Events

THOMAS PANDOLFI IN CONCERT

Saturday, March 3, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Thomas Pandolfi will present a solo piano program with a reception to follow. Admission is free; however a free-will offering will be collected. Join us and bring a friend for this exciting program!

FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, March 8, 12:00-1:45 pm, Corry Hall

In March we will welcome the editor of the on-line Arlington News source, *Ar/Now*. Chris Teale will give us an overview of *Ar/Now* and how they receive their up to the moment news.

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 pm, Library

We will discuss the book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. This Pulitzer Prize winning couple has written this passionate call to arms against oppression worldwide through inspiring stories. All are welcome. For more information contact Laura Bishop (ljbishop1@gmail.com).

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Saturday, April 7, 5:00 pm

A time of fun for kids as they play games and create crafts while parents take the night off for dinner or a movie. This is a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip. Contact Diane Smith (childrensministry@ClarendonUMC.org) for more information

ARLINGTON BUNNY HOP

Saturday, April 14, 8:00 am

Mark your calendar and sign-up to run, walk, or stroll the 5K Charity Fun Run that starts at Clarendon UMC. We are raising money to benefit Bridges to Independence, the Arlington non-profit that works with homeless families to find permanent housing.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET

Saturday, May 12, 6:00-8:00 pm

Delicious food and outrageous entertainment.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, August 13-17, 5:30-7:30 pm

Join us for *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity*—a week of lions, danger, and faith as Daniel lives a life of obedience to God. There will be dinner from 5:30-6:00 followed by stories, crafts, music, and games. There will be an Adult class from 6:15-7:20. [Complete the online registration form](#). For more information, contact Diane Smith (childrensministry@ClarendonUMC.org).

March Birthdays

Michael Christiaanse	1
Gia Cerritelli.....	3
Matthew Stewart.....	5
Lucy Greenfield.....	6
Meredith Melnick	6
Ed Betts	8
Tanya Sabin.....	8
Diane Smith.....	9
Michael Tarpley.....	9
Robin Whitmore	9
Dorothy Grotos	10
Patti Rodriguez	12
Dorothy Sauer.....	13
Brayden Cochran.....	15
Sean Whitmore	16
Morgan Veth.....	22
Reid Benjamin.....	25
Suzanne Mott.....	25
James McCarthy.....	27
Katheryn Lanman.....	29
Linda Gilbert.....	30
Doug Swanson	31
Rod Swearingen.....	31

LIVING LOVE UPDATE

The Living Love focus group met for two hours on Saturday, February 17, with Executive Director Stephanie Hixon of the JustPeace United Methodist initiative to explore the next steps in convening “courageous conversations” within the church and the community. Contact Lisa Gibbs-Smith (Lisa@ClarendonUMC.org) if you would like to be involved.



Milestones

PASSING OF HAZEL JEFFRIES

Our beloved Hazel died peacefully on January 23 with services on January 27. Her strong faith and solid determination, as well as her love of God, family and friends, marked the life of this 95-year-old woman as a “well-lived.”

BAPTISM OF CONWAY STUART

We welcomed in baptism Ryan Conway Stuart on January 28. His proud parents Ryan and Amy, as well as Godparents and relatives, were on hand to celebrate the occasion

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF PEHL AND SILVIA WANG

Jeff and Sylvia completed an important step toward becoming ordained ministers in the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist church. They recently passed their interviews and are looking forward to being assigned to a local church there in the coming months. Our best to this amazing couple.

NEW! CUMC SERMON PODCAST

Did you miss a Sunday, but would like to listen to Pastor Tracy's sermon? You can now hear the podcast at soundcloud.com/cumc-recordings



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:30 am Informal Service
11:00 am Formal Service