



GOOD NEWSLETTER

Clarendon United Methodist Church ————— May 2018

What Are They Talking About?

Over the last year, you may have heard about several programs involving the church community like “Next Level Innovations (NLI)” or “Living Love” and frankly, may be somewhat confused. Here is a short tutorial on each. If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the church office and you will be directed to the appropriate person.

LIVING LOVE

In November 2016, the CUMC staff felt God leading us toward a church-wide focus around the theme of “love”. They invited leaders in the church to join in discerning the scope and direction of the call. As “Living Love” emerged, the next step was to solicit feedback from the congregation, and your thoughts were recorded on Easter Sunday 2017. A variety of activities and ministries evolved out of that feedback including: the church-wide reading of Anatomy of Peace; the Lenten “Living Loving-Kindness Challenge;” hands-on mission; several music ensembles studying anthems based on love-themed Scripture; the Social Justice Book Club; and more. Most recently, the Living Love group has met with a consultant from the JustPeace Center to further discern and hone in on God’s specific call to be Living Love in new and bold ways.



NEXT LEVEL INNOVATIONS (NLI)

This past year, the District Superintendent chose CUMC and six other churches to participate in a multi-year program aimed at taking thriving churches to the “next level”. The first phase of the NLI program has focused largely on the Pastor and most recently included a “Ministry Focus Event” where we considered the alignment of our ministries and mission with

the global UMC. The next phase will be a full self-study of the church and will include an Innovation Weekend where a team will come to the church, interview key leaders and staff, hold training events in evangelism and discipleship, and present a recommendation of several key Next Level Innovations that should take our church to the next level in making disciples for the transformation of the world. Mark your calendars now: January 25–27, 2019.

What Are They Talking About...continued

A WAY FORWARD



Our Methodist denomination is at a crossroads. The Commission on a Way Forward is nearing the end of its task to completely examine and possibly revise every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. The Commission has worked on incorporating the UMC theological foundation in proposed models for the future of the UMC. We at Clarendon are looking at ways we can better understand all the implications of the decision that will be made February 2019 at a Special General Conference and how we will respond as a church.

Milestones

BIRTH OF IAN HERRERA

Felix and Hallie Herrera welcomed their first child, Ian, on December 21, 2017—a healthy and mighty 3.1 lbs. We are so happy to see Ian in church with his proud parents.



Andrew Miller	1
Dan Dixon	2
Kim Kerby	2
Nora Parker	3
Colin Petersen.....	8
Patricia Howard.....	9
Erin Thompson.....	9
Elden Lamb.....	10
Walter Derieux.....	11
Jackson London	11
Jonathan London.....	11
Jayson London.....	11
Jim Ruddick	13
Peter Stewart	14
Jed Dennis.....	15
Judy Yolles	16
Anne Zebra.....	17
Evelyne Byers.....	19
Nora Zebra	20
Garrett Stevenson.....	22
Emma Watson	27
John Rieckwald.....	30
Isabelle Russo	30
Pete Davis.....	31
Jen London	31
Matthew Owens	31

Upcoming Events

MANDOLEERS CONCERT: AN EVENING WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Thursday, May 3, 8:00 pm

The Mandoleers are a mandolin and guitar orchestra that have rehearsed here at Clarendon for years. They will be holding a concert in Corry Hall; tickets are not required and all are welcome. The program will feature classical and popular music for the mandolin orchestra, including original compositions by their conductor Matt Rinker.

CINCO DE MAYO LUNCHEON

Sunday, May 6, 12:15-2:00 pm

Join the Youth Choir for a springtime fiesta as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo...a day late! There will be Mexican food, music, and games for children. All proceeds from the event will support the 24 choristers and 8 adults who will travel to Ohio on June 23.

FAITH, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, May 10, Noon-2:00 pm

Join us for a musical celebration with Denny and Laura Edelbrock as we close out our program for summer break.

MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET: AN EVENING IN PARIS

Saturday, May 12, 6:00 pm

Please join us for our annual Mother's Day Banquet as the social hall is transformed into a beautiful Parisian setting. The French-inspired meal is \$10.00 for ladies and \$8.00 for children under 10 years. RSVP to office@clarendonumc.org by May 7. All are welcome; bring a friend or neighbor!

CUMC'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR: TABLE FOR FIVE-THOUSAND

Sunday, May 13, 8:30 and 11:00 services

The children's choir (grades 2-5) will perform a musical depicting the miracle of Jesus feeding of the 5,000 found in the Gospels.

UMCOR KITS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Sunday, May 20, 9:45-11:00 am

There will be an opportunity to sponsor school supply kits for children in the United States between services in Corry Hall. Children and adults can write notes to put in each bag they sponsor.

CUMC Easter



April in Review

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Clarendon rang in Easter Sunday with a rousing celebration of the Risen Christ at three worship services. Highlights included a liturgical dance performed by the 2nd-5th grade children and choreographed by Mrs. Silvia Bryant, praise band, trumpets, French horn, handbells, and a combined hymn, "Day of Resurrection," with congregation, organ, brass, and handbells to conclude the 11:00 service. The children enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn. Many thanks to Cheryl Williams and Jim Davidson for spearheading the delicious Easter breakfast between services!

ARLINGTON BUNNY HOP, APRIL 14

Our inaugural Arlington Bunny Hop 5K, held on April 14, was a rousing success! The total funding raised (registration fees and gifts) was \$22,000! We had over 600 people registered to run, walk, and/or volunteer. Our original registration goal was 300. Lt. John Feden from the Arlington County Police Department sent John Glover and Denny Edelbrock a short note:



"Congratulations on a very successful and WELL ORGANIZED race! The officers who worked it had nothing but complimentary things to say. I wish all my events went as smoothly! I look forward to working again with you both on Bunny Hop 2.0!"

If you would like to see more pictures from this event, please visit www.arlingtonbunnyhop.org.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

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