



News from the Pews

November 19, 2017

46th ANNUAL MESSIAH SING

Join us for the 46th annual *Messiah* Sing Along on Sunday, November 26 at 7:00pm. Richard Giarusso will conduct a full orchestra and soloists. If you can be a greeter, provide food for the reception, or help with setup/cleanup, please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944abad2ea0fd0-messiah> or contact Lisa Gibbs-Smith at Lisa@ClarendonUMC.org.

TEACHER TRAINING...

...For pre-K through elementary teachers/subs has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 26th, 9:45am in Room 206. Anyone interested in assisting in our classes is welcome to attend.

BREAKFAST AT THE MANGER

Saturday, December 2, 9:00–11:00am

Kids and families will enjoy a pancake breakfast and we will have a variety of wonderful Christmas crafts to make. We will then follow the shepherds to Bethlehem to become a part of the manger, meeting Mary and Joseph at the inn.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, December 2, 2:00pm, Corry Hall

While only members of our Church Council are permitted to vote, all are welcome to attend this annual business and visioning meeting of the church.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School 2018

Week of August 13-17 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The Education team will be meeting in the next few weeks to look over curriculum and choose a theme.

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.*



Coming Soon to Clarendon UMC

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Sales dates: Nov 25th - Dec 10th

Hours: Saturdays 11am-7pm; Sundays 12-6pm; Weeknights: 6-9pm

Location: East Adjunct parking lot, near the Little Beginnings playground

CUMC is holding a Christmas Tree Sale beginning Saturday, November 25 at 11:00am. This will be CUMC's main fundraiser for programs like AFAC, ASPAN and Rise Against Hunger that provide local and international hunger relief. Volunteers of all ages are needed; there are several different types of roles to volunteer for (cashier, tree wrangler, etc.) Go to the CUMC website and click on the Christmas Tree article to sign up or [click here](#). Additionally, if you can help our team by signing up to buy one of the last trees on the lot, contact Lindsey Kirkwood at lindsey.kirkwood@gmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB: *WAKING UP WHITE*

Waking up White, by Debby Irving is the next selection for the CUMC Book Club. We will meet on Tuesday, November 28 at 7:30 pm. Irving shares her sometimes cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, she offers a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance.

LIVING LOVE GROUP

Since November 2016, a group of faithful staff and laity have been gathering monthly to discern concrete ways to respond to the call we heard to have *Living Love* as our church-wide focus. God's plans are constantly unfolding and we know the Spirit works through everyone in different ways. We are looking to add new voices in the conversation and are asking for you to prayerfully consider whether you might be led to join us. Our next meeting is **Monday, December 18 at 7:00pm in the Parlor**. Join us!

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