



News from the Pews

November 25, 2018

TONIGHT 47th Annual Messiah Sing Along

Join us for our 47th annual *Messiah* Sing Along **tonight**, Sunday, November 25 beginning with a pre-concert recital at 7:00pm of trumpets and organ in our Sanctuary. Richard Giarusso will lead full orchestra, harpsichord, organ, guest soloists, and the audience in Part One of George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*. A reception will follow after the performance down in Corry Hall.

If you are able to assist with the reception or volunteer to help greet for this event, it is not too late! Please click [here](https://tinyurl.com/y9ej8kd8) (<https://tinyurl.com/y9ej8kd8>) to see where you may be able to help out.

The Mitten Tree will be in Corry Hall beginning November 25th to receive children's hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and new underwear for Heart & Hand House in Philippi, WV. **The deadline is December 9.** Clarendon has long supported Heart and Hand, an organization that serves the residents of Barbour County WV through emergency services, food pantry, holiday projects, etc.

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.*

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Saturday, November 24 – Saturday, December 15

This is one of our biggest fundraisers for Outreach, raising over \$9,000 last year. This year's beneficiaries are Rise Against Hunger, Arlington THRIVE, and Wings of Caring.

We need your help! Sign up to help sell trees at <https://tinyurl.com/y7mlntky>

If you have any questions, you may contact Lindsey at Lindsey.Kirkwood@gmail.com.

Sales hours: Saturdays: 10am-8pm; Sundays: 12-6pm; Weeknights: 6-8pm. Hope to see you there!

CUMC YOUNG PROFESSIONALS 'FRIENDS-GIVING'

Friday, November 30, 7:00pm, Corry Hall

CUMC Young Professionals will come together for '**friends-giving**', with fun, fellowship and yummy food. This will be a potluck style dinner but if this is your first time to the group, just bring yourself and an appetite. For any questions, contact Stephanie McGuire at stephanielynn.mcguire@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S COOKIE EXCHANGE

Saturday, December 8, 6:30pm

Once again the women of the church will gather to eat and "swap" cookies at the Cookie Exchange on December 8, 6:30 pm. It will be held at Jane Dixon's home. Each woman is asked to bake a batch (or 2) of cookies to bring. After a soup and salad dinner we each get a platter and gather an assortment of cookies. Please RSVP to Jane (jdixon580jd@gmail.com). (If you can bring a soup or salad, that would also be appreciated.)

CONCERTS AT CLARENDON

Saturday, December 8, 5:00pm - Words & Music vocal chamber ensemble presents *Star of the Morning*, their annual candlelight program celebrating Advent, Hanukkah, the Solstice, Christmas, and the coming of the New Year. Free.

Saturday, December 15, 7:00pm - Virginia Bronze handbell ensemble presents *The First Noel*, a holiday concert with their new director, Brian Seemann. Tickets available online at vabronze.org. Advance tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children. At the door tickets are \$15 for all ages.

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