



# News from the Pews

November 26, 2017

## 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MESSIAH SING

Join us for the 46<sup>th</sup> annual *Messiah* Sing Along **tonight**, Sunday, November 26 beginning with a pre-concert recital at 7:00pm of trumpets and organ in our Sanctuary. Richard Giarusso will conduct a full orchestra and soloists. A reception will follow after the performance.

## 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**

All are welcome to attend this annual business and visioning meeting of the church. While only members of our Church Council are permitted to vote during the business session, the evening will also include a time of discussion that is open to all.

## WOMEN'S COOKIE EXCHANGE

**Saturday, December 9, 6:30 pm**

Once again the women of the church (and friends) will come to join in Christian Fellowship over soup, salad and cookies. To volunteer to bring soup or salad or to RSVP contact Meredith Melnick ([meredith.melnick@verizon.net](mailto:meredith.melnick@verizon.net)). For more info go to our web site ([clarendonumc.org](http://clarendonumc.org)).

**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](mailto:clarendonprayerteam@gmail.com) or calling the church office.*



## Living Love at 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! This is CUMC's main fundraiser for programs like AFAC, A-SPAN and Rise Against Hunger that provide local and international hunger relief. If you can help our team by prearranging to buy one of the last trees on the lot, contact Lindsey Kirkwood at [lindsey.kirkwood@gmail.com](mailto:lindsey.kirkwood@gmail.com).

### LIVING LOVE GROUP

Since November 2016, a group of faithful laity and staff 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 participate. Our next meeting is **Monday, December 18 at 7:00pm in the Parlor**. Join us!

### THE MITTEN TREE...

is awaiting contributions of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and children's underwear in Corry Hall. Your contributions will be sent to Heart and Hand House in Philippi, WV for distribution to families in early December. Clarendon has had a long relationship with Heart and Hand. This is an annual Outreach mission of our United Methodist Women. The Tree will remain until January to continue collecting items for local Arlington school children.

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