



News from the Pews

December 2, 2018

NEW ADULT ADVENT STUDY Begins TODAY, Sunday, December 2, 9:45am

Every year, we say we're going to cut back, simplify, and have a family Christmas that focuses on the real reason for the season—Jesus. But every year, advertisements beckon, the children plead, and it seems easier just to indulge our wants and whims. This Christmas, cut through the hype that leaves you exhausted and broke at the end of the year. Instead, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything he had for us.

All adults are invited to join us in Room 206 for this very special Advent study during the Sunday School hour. No preparation needed - just come and learn how we can turn our focus to the birth of our Savior this season.

UMW GENERAL MEETING: All women of the church are invited to a potluck lunch and General meeting of the Clarendon United Methodist Women on Monday, December 10th at 1:00 pm in Corry Hall. Come and enjoy an afternoon of festive games and conversation. Please bring side dishes and desserts."

The Mitten Tree is in Corry Hall ready 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

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

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.)

FAIRTH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, December 13, 12:00–1:45 pm

FFF will have the Executive Director of Arlington Free Clinic, Nancy White, as the guest speaker. This agency provides vital health care to those who are in need in Arlington.

SECRET SANTA WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 16, 9:45 am

All children are invited to come and Christmas shop for their parents and other family members in our special workshop.

CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 16, 11:00 am

Join us for a special service of music, carols, and story performed by our Chancel Choir along with brass and other instruments. Complete with a telling of the Christmas Story, this annual tradition helps to prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of the Christ Child!

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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