



News from the Pews

December 24, 2017

Please Note:

The office will be closed on Monday, December 25 on Christmas Day. The office will be open from **9:00am to Noon** from Tuesday, December 26 to Friday, December 29.

CUMC SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

The Myth of Inequality: Uncovering the Roots of Injustice and Privilege

Meeting Date: January 23, 7:30pm CUMC Library

Is privilege real or imagined? Ken Wytsma, founder of The Justice Conference, unpacks what we need to know to be grounded in conversations about today's race-related issues.

The Mitten Tree is on the stage in Corry Hall awaiting hats, gloves, scarves, socks, children's underwear, and sweatpants sizes 4-6. Your contributions will be given to a local Arlington elementary school. This is an annual Outreach mission of our United Methodist Women. The Tree will remain until January.

Thank you to all of our Sunday School youth and kids for participating in the cereal drive for Arlington Food Assistance Center. **Thank you** to the Morning Glories ladies who also participated. We collected over 60 boxes! Our contest winning team was the K/1 class combined with the 3rd/4th/5th graders! Way to go kids!

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School

Week of August 13-17, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

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.*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Clarendon UMC has adopted a budget for 2018 that supports our church staff, our local ministries and programs, our giving to the global United Methodist Church, and the maintenance of our property. **Currently, our 2018 pledges are short by \$100,000.** Where we had 105 pledges from individuals and families in 2017, so far only 81 pledges have been received for 2018.

As you sit in the service today, take a quiet moment to consider how your relationship with God is nourished here. How has God touched you through the life and worship of this church? Some of the resources and ministries that support your spiritual growth are in jeopardy if we cannot fund them. Staff hours cannot be maintained without adequate financial support. Your pledge matters.

We need to close the gap in pledges by December 31. You can find a pledge card in the pew this morning, or you can go to www.clarendonumc.org to pledge online (click "Pledges" on the drop down menu under "Giving"). Even if you give electronically, please submit a pledge so we can plan our expenditures next year. If you feel you can increase the pledge you have already made, please do so. Together we can support the church's call to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you!

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 31, 2017

10:00am

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