



News from the Pews

December 3, 2017

WOMEN'S COOKIE EXCHANGE

Saturday, December 9, 6:30 pm

Once again the women of the church (and friends) will join in Christian Fellowship over soup, salad and cookies. The event will be held at Jane Dixon's home. For directions, RSVP to Meredith Melnick at (meredith.melnick@verizon.net). You can also let her know if you can bring soup or salad. For more info go to our website (clarendonumc.org).

SECRET SANTA WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 10, 10:00 am

Shhh—it's a secret. All children come to the Praise Room to pick out a free gift for parents, siblings, or grandparents; wrap it up; and surprise the family on Christmas.

U.S. ARMY 3RD INFANTRY OLD GUARD FIFE & DRUM CORPS WINTER CONCERT

Saturday, December 16, 2017, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Period music presented by the fifes and flutes of the Corps, including the Historic Flute Ensemble, the Fife Ensemble, and Irish flute with guitar. Reception to follow.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 24:

- 8:30am** Arise Service
- 11:00am** Traditional Service
- 5:00pm** Family Service
- 10:00pm** Candlelight and Communion Service

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.*



Living Love at Christmas

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Our Christmas tree sale is going strong! Buy your Christmas Tree from us and automatically help someone in need through AFAC, ASPAN, and Rise Against Hunger. All proceeds go to one of these charities. To volunteer to help with sales visit: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054eaba729a75-cumc.

ANATOMY OF PEACE AT CHRISTMAS

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, perhaps there is an opportunity to reflect on what insights you gained by taking the *Anatomy of Peace* (Arbinger Institute) book challenge in October. Or, maybe God has cleared some space in your schedule to read the book now. Let's all strive to **live love** by seeking to be peacemakers during this holy season!

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