



# News from the Pews

December 31, 2017

## **CUMC 2018 LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

January 7, 2018, 12:15pm, Praise Room

## **YOUTH CHOIR TIME CHANGE**

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12:00-12:30pm Lunch

12:30-1:30pm Youth Choir

1:45-2:30pm Wesley Ringers I & II

## **FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP**

January 11, 2018, 12:00 noon

Our January 11 program will feature Scott McCaffrey, Editor for the *Sun Gazette*. Scott will highlight news items from 2017 and project news for 2018.

## **CUMC SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB**

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

January 23, 7:30pm CUMC Library

Is privilege real or imagined? Ken Wytmsa, 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.

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

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - UPDATE**

As mentioned last week, Clarendon UMC 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. As of last Friday, our 2018 pledges were short by \$100,000. We are pleased to report that we received six new pledges, and one pledge increase, **reducing the pledge gap to \$82,260.** We still need your help!

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 NOW.** You can find a pledge card in the pew this morning, or you can go to [www.clarendonumc.org](http://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!

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