



# News from the Pews

March 25, 2018



## An Open Letter to the Congregation

As you know, Clarendon provides a rich variety of programs and worship opportunities for our children, our youth, our adults, our home-bound, our musicians, our learners, our social justice warriors, our diners, and more. The truth is that these activities cost money and your help is needed to assure their continued sustenance and growth. The monies that Clarendonians contribute not only support these amazing programs but also the physical plant (heating, air conditioning, lights, plumbing, insurance, snow plowing, etc.), administrative assistance (materials, help ordering the materials and getting them in the right place, scheduling to insure adequate space, etc.), and our wonderful pastor and lay staff who lead our programs.

Our current pledges and receipts are not adequate to support all our programs. We need your help. As Pastor Tracy reminded us last week, John Wesley urged us to earn all we can, save all we can, and give all we can. We need your financial gifts to Clarendon to support our programs, and we appreciate our regular givers and those who have made pledges for 2018. If you haven't done so already, you can set up online giving through our website at [clarendonumc.org](http://clarendonumc.org) and select the "Current Expense Fund" category. Any amount you can give will help; setting up a recurring gift is even better. Using your bank account saves us the credit card fees. If you already pledge and would like to increase your pledge amount, please contact Jerod Brown (Financial Secretary) at [finsec@clarendonumc.org](mailto:finsec@clarendonumc.org).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Susan White (Finance Chair) at [susan.c.white@gmail.com](mailto:susan.c.white@gmail.com).

### **CUMC BOOK CLUB: Tuesday, March 27, 7:30pm, CUMC Library**

*Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, Pulitzer Prize winning journalists. Bring suggestions for our next social justice themed book!

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT: Saturday, April 7, 5:00-8:00pm.** A time of fun for kids as they play games and create crafts while parents take the night off for dinner or a movie. This is a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip.

### **CHURCH-WIDE MINISTRY FOCUS EVENT: Sunday, April 8, 12:30noon – 2:00pm.**

This event is designed to help us to discern how people connect with Clarendon UMC, how we grow in discipleship, and how we care for one another and our neighbors. Led by our Arlington District staff, this interactive event is **open to everyone**, and we especially hope that **newcomers** will attend and share their special insights into the ways the ministries of our church are meaningful to people in our community.

### **FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP: Thursday, April 12, noon.**

The Rocking Chairs; 5 - 8 local musicians, led by Chuck Vasaly, a lawyer in his other life!

### **ARLINGTON BUNNY HOP: Saturday, April 14, 8:00am.**

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

**Maundy Thursday:** Thursday, March 29, 7:00pm. Maundy Thursday service with Last Supper drama.

**Good Friday:** Friday, March 30, 7:00pm worship service with "The Passion According to St. Mark" presented by the Chancel Choir.

**Easter:** Sunday, April 1

Easter Worship at 6:30, 8:30 and 11:00am.

Easter Breakfast at 9:30am in Corry Hall.

**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.*

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