



News from the Pews

April 1, 2018

A joyous and Happy Easter to each and every one of you!

As we gather for worship this morning, take the opportunity to greet someone new and welcome them to the family!

Everyone is invited to the Easter Breakfast at 9:30am in Corry Hall. Children are invited to join in an Easter Egg hunt on the lawn at 10:00am.

EASTER CROSS TRADITION

It has been a long Easter tradition here at CUMC to decorate the Easter Cross on Irving Street in front of the main doors of the Sanctuary. There are flowers available in the narthex for you to place as we celebrate new life in Christ.

Church-Wide Ministry Focus Event

A part of the Next Level Innovations program of CUMC

Sunday, April 9, 2018

12:30-2:00

You are invited to a Ministry Focus Event, 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.

Next Level Innovations, the 3-year journey designed to raise our church's strength, vitality and impact to the next level, has already begun to bear fruit in our congregation. Through NLI's rich program of training, mentoring and resourcing, we are being given the opportunity to learn new ways to follow our call to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." To learn more about the program, visit www.nextlevelinnovations.org.

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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

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.

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.

The race's mission is to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy a fun, healthy, spring weather activity together and to raise support for local Arlington charities. The race is an Outreach mission of the Clarendon United Methodist Church. For our first year, all net proceeds from the race will be donated to Bridges to Independence. Join us for a romp through the historic and eclectic Ashton Heights neighborhood near Clarendon. Online registration is still open and will close at 8:00 p.m. on April 11. www.arlingtonbunnyhop.org

EXPLORING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Saturday, April 21, 9:00am.

If you are curious about what it means to join the Methodist Church or CUMC specifically, we invite you to come to an informal gathering with Pastor Tracy to learn about membership in the church. She will explain the path to membership and how you might get involved in the life of the church. Contact Dianne Swanson at membershipsecretary@clarendonumc.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

"AN EVENING IN PARIS"

The Annual Mother's Day Banquet will take place on Saturday, May 12th at 6pm. On this evening, the social hall will be transformed into a beautiful Parisian setting with the Murky Men donning their tuxes to serve and entertain the ladies of the church. The French inspired meal is \$10 for ladies and \$8 for children. Gluten Free meals are available with prior notice. RSVP si vous-plait: office@clarendonumc.org by May 7th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity*

Monday-Friday, August 13-17, 5:30-7:30pm

A week of lions, danger, and faith as Daniel lives a life of obedience to God. There will be dinner from 5:30-6:00 followed by stories, crafts, music, and games. There will be an Adult class from 6:15-7:20. To register, go to www.clarendonumc.org.

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