



# News from the Pews

April 8, 2018

## TODAY!

### Church-Wide Ministry Focus Event Sunday, April 8 2018, 12:30-2:00pm

Light refreshments provided. Childcare available in the Praise Room.

Y'all come!

You are invited to a Ministry Focus Event in Corry Hall, 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. Today's gathering is our first church-wide event in the Next Level Innovations program.

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](http://www.nextlevelinnovations.org).

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

We have over 415 people signed up but there's still time to register! Invite friends and neighbors to join you in CUMC's inaugural Arlington Bunny Hop this Saturday. The race's mission is to provide an opportunity for people of all ages in our community to enjoy a fun, healthy, spring weather activity together and to raise support for local Arlington charities. 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 **will close at 8:00 p.m. on April 11**. [www.arlingtonbunnyhop.org](http://www.arlingtonbunnyhop.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](mailto:clarendonprayerteam@gmail.com) or calling the church office.*

### YOUTH GROUP: TONIGHT, Sunday, April 8, 6:00pm.

Josh Meyer will be on hand to teach us basic carpentry skills, and we will build something that will be used at the Bunny Hop! Pizza is on the menu, it's going to be a great night!

### 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!

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

If you are curious about what it means to join the United 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. Please RSVP to the church office and/or contact Dianne Swanson at [membershipsecretary@clarendonumc.org](mailto:membershipsecretary@clarendonumc.org) for more information.



### "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](mailto: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](http://www.clarendonumc.org).



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