

The Vine

From Pastor Doug...

As we enter this New Year, I want to share a couple opportunities and a request. The first opportunity is Confirmation. Our 2019 class will be starting soon. Orientation for all youth and parents in 7th Grade and above will be held on January 10 at 7 PM in the Youth Room. This is an information session to find out more, go over the calendar and registration and answer any questions you may have. If your youth have not been confirmed, please discuss this with them.

Confirmation is such an important time in the life of our young people and it is always one of the highlights of my year as I work with the students. If you have any questions, please let me know.

The second opportunity has to do with the Special Session of General Conference coming up in February. The commission on the Way Forward will be presenting legislation that has to do with the understanding of human sexuality. Every four years, this is one of the most controversial topics that is voted on. This special session will only deal with this topic and will have an important bearing on the future of the United Methodist Church. There is an opportunity to find out more and ask questions.

Delegates from Greater NJ will provide background on the structure of the General Conference, the history of the denomination's discussion on human sexuality, the work of the Commission on a Way Forward, and the substance of the plans that will be considered at the Special Session.


Time will be allotted for questions and open, respectful conversation about the future of the UMC. The delegates truly value your participation in the process and wish to hear from you. This will be held on January 3 from 6:30-8:30 PM at Sicklerville UMC. Please attend if you would like to find out more.

Now the request: I would ask you to keep all of the ministries of our church in your prayers but with a special focus on our young people who will be sharing in confirmation this year and on this special session of General Conference in February. I am grateful for your faithfulness and we surround our church and its ministries in prayer.

2019 Mission Trip

We will be going to Steubenville, OH, once again this year. The trip is scheduled for August 11-17, 2019. There are opportunities to work in the thrift store(s), homeless shelter, soup kitchen, food pantry, community garden, as well as some home repairs. This year we will be there for the Back to School Bash to help with the back pack distribution, food, and games on Thursday. On Friday, we will spend the day in Kennywood, an amusement park outside of Pittsburgh. The cost of the trip will be \$250.00 per person.

There is a \$50.00 deposit due on February 3 to hold you place. We will be doing fundraisers to help defray the cost of the trip. The trip is opened to families of individuals who are in 7th grade of above. There will be a meeting on January 6 to receive more information, ask questions, pick up forms, etc. We will meet in the Youth room at 6:30 pm.



MTV Painless Fundraiser
Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards The Church receives 5%
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Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer



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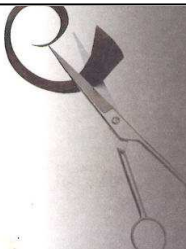



Women's Community Bible Study meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. September-May at 9:30 am. Please join with us as we study God's Word. All are welcome. Please contact the church office at 468-2711 or call 468-5549 with questions.

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