



# News from the Pews

January 14, 2018

## **ALL-CHURCH GAME NIGHT**

**Saturday, January 20, 6:00 pm.**

Take a break from your busy lives and come to a game night in Corry hall. We'll have a pizza dinner and then tons of fun. Come out and connect with your church family with crazy antic games, board games, and trivia for 'old timers'!!! We'll have prizes! We'll have pizza! We'll have a great time just being together. RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend so we can get an estimate on the food order.

## **CUMC BOOK CLUB, *The Myth of Equality***

**Tuesday, January 23, 7:30pm CUMC Library**

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 24, 7:30pm in Corry Hall.**

The Council meetings are open to any who are interested in attending.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

We have exciting news to share! Confirmation Classes for 8th graders and older (those not yet confirmed) begin on February 4<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour at 9:45am in Room 206. Pastor Tracy will be leading the 12-week lesson series. There is a parent/youth orientation meeting on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm in the social hall. Our youth will be confirmed on Confirmation Sunday which is June 3rd. If your youth is interested in joining the Confirmation Class, please be in touch with Diane Smith ([childrensministry@ClarendonUMC.org](mailto:childrensministry@ClarendonUMC.org)).

## **LIVING LOVE MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 30, 7:00pm**

If you are interested in attending this meeting for the first time, please contact Lisa Gibbs-Smith at [Lisa@ClarendonUMC.org](mailto:Lisa@ClarendonUMC.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.*

## **Help Wings of Caring Fly Life-Saving Missions**

Wings of Caring (WOC) is an faith-driven and heroic medical, aviation-based ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), a nation 3 times the size of Texas with less than 2,000 miles of road. WOC seeks to provide timely response to emergencies and to ongoing transportation needs for the church, medical and educational staff so they can respond to the needs in the community and reflect our Lord's care and compassion for all. WOC planes require a lot of fuel, and because fuel is prohibitively expensive in the DRC, WOC pilots buy it in the neighboring country of Zambia. Each flight to buy the fuel is 8 hours round trip, burning a barrel of fuel each way. Planes can only carry 5 barrels with no way to extend the flight besides the limited fuel they can carry.

Pilot Jacques Umembudi Akasa is one the "bush pilots" who serves this ministry. Recently, Jacques visited Clarendon UMC and spoke about the mission that he serves. He wistfully mentioned that if WOC could purchase a year's supply of fuel up front, the benefits would be tremendous. This would ease the burden of worrying about fuel and save the pilots money. The current annual cost of fuel for WOB is \$70,000. This fundraising project sponsored by Clarendon UMC seeks to raise \$70,000 by April 1, 2018. WOC is supported by the UMC's General Board of Global Missions (GBBM), but funding is intermittent as churches donate.

Please join this effort by making a donation and sharing the YouCaring.com link ([www.youcaring.com/wingsofcaring](http://www.youcaring.com/wingsofcaring)) through your social media accounts. The funds you donate will be directed to a WePay account created by Clarendon UMC. Julie Wright, our Business Manager/Treasurer is the account manager, and will send all funds collected to the GBGM Advance No. 08595A/fuel fund. Thank you for your generosity and action!



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