



# News from the Pews

January 21, 2018

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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)).

## HELP WINGS OF CARING FLY LIFE-SAVING MISSIONS

Wings of Caring (WOC) is an improbable 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. If WOC could buy a year's supply of fuel up front, it would ease the burden of worrying about fuel and save the pilots time and money. The current annual cost of fuel for WOC is \$70,000. 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. Thank you for your generosity and actions!

**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.*

### **CUMC BOOK CLUB: Tuesday, January 23, 7:30pm, Library.**

We will be discussing *The Myth of Equality* by Ken Wytmsa. For more information, contact Laura Bishop [ljbishop1@gmail.com](mailto:ljbishop1@gmail.com).

### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, January 24, 7:30pm, Corry Hall.**

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

### **LIVING LOVE MEETING: Tuesday, January 30, 7:00pm, offsite.**

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) for location.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS: Sunday, February 4, 9:45am, Room 206.**

Contact Diane Smith at [childrensministry@ClarendonUMC.org](mailto:childrensministry@ClarendonUMC.org)

### **FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP: Thursday, February 8, 12 noon.**

Eileen Bogdanoff, "The Art of Genealogy," is a local genealogist. She will explain how you can trace your roots! Who knows what (or who) you will find.

### **NEWCOMERS DINNER: Friday, February 9, 6:00pm, Corry Hall.**

All those new to the church are invited to come join us in fellowship. Please RSVP by Monday February 5. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact the Church Office at [Office@ClarendonUMC.org](mailto:Office@ClarendonUMC.org).

### **SAFE SANCTUARIES: Saturday, February 10, 9:30am to 12 noon, Room 206.**

Debbie Banek, a representative from the VA Conference Safe Sanctuaries program) will be conducting a training session for our teachers, leaders, staff, and counselors. We are in the process of restructuring our current Child Protection policy and having a training event in this area is a prerequisite.

### **MARDI GRAS PANCAKE DINNER: Tuesday, February 13, 6:00pm, Corry Hall.**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Wednesday, February 14, 7:00pm, Sanctuary.**

We reflect on our Lord's sacrifice and journey to the cross during a service led by our youth and Pastor Tracy.

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