



# News from the Pews

January 28, 2018

## CHAT N CHEW 2.0

*A Listening Session with Bishop Lewis*

**Saturday, February 24, 8:30am – 2:00pm**

Bishop Lewis will host a listening session at Ebenezer UMC in Stafford VA. This event is for both laity and clergy from the Alexandria, Arlington, Rappahannock River, and Richmond Districts. It will focus on the work of *The Commission on the Way Forward* regarding unity and human sexuality, allowing lay and clergy voices across the conference to engage directly in this important conversation. Registration ([eiseverywhere.com/chatnchew2](http://eiseverywhere.com/chatnchew2)) for this event is required.

## 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 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. 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 is **partnering with thirty-seven other churches** to raise \$70,000 by April 1, 2018. CUMC's goal is to raise \$2,000. We are almost there! 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 hosted 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.*

**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)

**SUPERBOWL SUNDAY LUNCHEON: Sunday, February 4, 12:15pm, Corry Hall.**

Join us for a hot bowl of homemade soup and fellowship after the 11:00am service on Super-Bowl Sunday. If you have a favorite soup or chili recipe, side salad or side dish, please bring it to share with others. Crockpots are especially good for this event.

**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. Please contact Diane Smith if you would plan to attend.

**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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