



# News from the Pews

August 19, 2018

## THANK YOU TO VBS VOLUNTEERS!

A huge shout-out to all the artisans, shopkeepers, decorators, cooks, dancers, and leaders who made this year's Vacation Bible School a rousing success! The children learned all about Daniel and his adventures as King Nebuchadnezzar's captive in Babylon. They sang songs that reminded them of God's love and created a host of crafts to remember their time in Babylon.

## Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry

Wings of Caring provides life-saving services to the citizens of the Central Congo region. We support their vital work, and we have embarked upon a fundraising campaign to raise funds specifically to cover the cost of fuel for the aircraft, with the goal of being able to purchase a year's worth of fuel in advance.

Additionally, Pastor Tracy has been invited by the bishop of the Central Congo Annual Conference to travel to the Democratic Republic of Congo to visit the Wings of Caring operation and experience firsthand the work that is going on in the name of Jesus Christ. She will travel August 29–September 7.

We want to raise significant funding in advance of the trip to show how much we support them. To support the mission, please donate at our GoFundMe page: [www.gofundme.com/wingsofcaring](http://www.gofundme.com/wingsofcaring).

**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.*

**CULTURE CUISINE: Turkish Cuisine, Istanbul Grill on Wilson Blvd. 7:00pm.**

**CUMC YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BBQ: Sunday, August 26, 4:00pm**

The CUMC Young Professionals are gathering for a BBQ and Conversation at Kelly and Niels Poulsen's house. Please contact Kelly for more details at [kmpike@gmail.com](mailto:kmpike@gmail.com).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

***Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*** by J. D. Vance

Discussion: Tuesday, August 28; 7:30 pm

The book is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis – that of poor, white Americans. J.D. Vance lived this crisis and tells the story of what a social, regional and class decline feels like when you were born with it hanging around your neck. Growing up in Ohio and Kentucky, this deeply moving memoir has its share of colorful characters and humor and is the story of how upward mobility really feels. All are welcome.

**FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY: Sunday, September 9**

Save the date! It's the beginning of a new year with the return of Sunday School, choir and handbell rehearsals! More information to come...stay tuned!

**CLARENDON DAY: Saturday, September 22, 11:00am – 6:00pm**

Come support the church booth at the biggest block party in Arlington! The Annual Clarendon Day has tons of booths, food, and entertainment. Clarendon Day is one of Arlington's best loved and most diverse street festivals and CUMC has been a presence there for years. Sign up [here](#) or via our website by clicking on Clarendon Day under 'Events'.

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