



NEWS from the PEWS

August 5, 2018



Wings of Caring Aviation Ministry

On Sunday, June 24th, Jacques Umembudi, missionary to Central Congo Wings of Caring, spoke at both worship services about the important work that Wings of Caring is providing to the citizens of the Central Congo region. With less than 1,000 miles of paved road in an area that is roughly equal to three times the size of the State of Texas, the services that the mission plane provides—transporting medicine to the people that need it and transporting people to hospitals in emergency situations—are truly critical.

CUMC supports Jacques' 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, as the specific fuel is becoming more and more difficult to obtain.

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. Our original donation page was hosted by YouCaring, and we raised **\$4,200**, but now YouCaring has merged with GoFundMe. Thank you to those who have already donated!

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 or calling the church office.*

CULTURE CUISINE: 4th Thursdays at 7:00pm.

This summer we will be exploring restaurants of different ethnicities and cultures. All are welcome to join us. We will offer carpooling from the church parking lot. Please contact Jane Dixon (jdixon580jd@gmail.com) if interested.

Thursday, August 23, 7:00 pm - Turkish, TBD

GENERAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING: Wednesday, August 8, 7 - 8:30pm.

St. George's United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030

Martha Stokes, the VAUMC General Conference delegation leader, will be available to help participants understand the Called General Conference process as well as the plans being presented by the Way Forward Commission in this General Conference Briefing. Register here: <http://www.novaumc.org/general-conference-briefing/>

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.

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