

# Clarendon Happenings

## New Church Business and Accounting Manager (CBAM)

We are pleased to announce that Stephanie Burge (Stef) has joined our staff team this past week as the new CBAM. Stef is a highly qualified individual with experience in the full spectrum of bookkeeping, accounting, and business/facility management, to include working at another church in the past. She will continue to use the CBAM email address ([cbam@clarendonumc.org](mailto:cbam@clarendonumc.org)). Stef and her family live in Fairfax, VA. Welcome aboard!

## 2024 Leadership Board

Our new Leadership Board became effective on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> as part of our transition to the Simplified Accountable Structure, or "SAS." Today we officially introduce and install the Leadership Board, while we also recognize the successful efforts of the Church Council and associated committees last year. Our Board is made up of ten voting members and three non-voting members as follows:

Voting: Jon White (chair), Michael Bannach, Emily Brown, Elijah Furtado-Gilliam (youth representative), Pam Gibert, Dana Jackson (Lay Leader), Whitney Maine, Jamie Seward, Laura Watson, Judy Yolles

Non-voting: Pastor Tracy McNeil Wines, Jennifer London (Secretary), Fran Underwood (Treasurer)

Please stop by the Coffee Hour after service to congratulate our church leaders. Several Board members will be available to answer any questions. You may also contact the chair, Jon White, at via the office ([office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org)).

## Reconciling Ministries Book Group

Join us for a new book group which studies about LGBTQ+ issues and how they relate to faith. Our inaugural book will be [Unclobber](#) by Colby Martin. Meetings will be online only, Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45 PM, January 9-February 13. You don't need to be a member of the LGBTQ+ community or a member of CUMC to participate, you just need to commit to being in a safe space. Please sign up using the Church Center app on your phone and pressing "Groups" at the bottom or by visiting the Clarendon UMC web page. ([www.clarendonumc.org](http://www.clarendonumc.org) Connect > Groups>Find Your Group>Small Groups)



## One-Year Bible Reading Plan

Pastor Nilse invites you to read the Bible in one year, starting January 8th. Join other Clarendon UMC friends in reading Scripture daily. Join the reading on Bible.com. Just create an account and start reading!

## Dinner Groups Are Back

Start the year off right by celebrating with friends! Sign up for January dinner groups. Head over to our website and choose a day/time to attend. Sign up on our website.

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## Join the Women's Ensemble for the January 21 Anthem

We'd love to have you join us in singing "Carry the Light" on Sunday, January 21. Rehearsals are today and next Sunday, January 14 from 11:15 to 11:45AM in the choir room. You don't have to attend rehearsals but do have to commit to learning the song on your own. If you are interested, please see Fran, send her an email ([fran@clarendonumc.org](mailto:fran@clarendonumc.org)) or just come to rehearsal today. The Women's Ensemble is open to all youth and adult women.

## Lost and Found

Are you missing a water bottle? Is your child missing their coat? Please check the Lost and Found table by the water fountain at the sanctuary side entrance. All unclaimed items will be donated or thrown away on January 22.

## Update Your Church Center Profile and Giving

Clarendon UMC uses the Church Center app to help you navigate and participate in church activities. We need your help to keep your data up-to-date as we continue to grow in membership.

Please take a few minutes to log into your Church Center app, either on your mobile device or on a computer. You can update your (and your family's) profile and upload a photo. You do it right in the app! What else can you do in the app?

- Give a one-time donation and manage your recurring giving
- Sign up for a small group
- Register for an event (see signups under "more")
- Check the church calendar
- See what tasks you've been assigned in worship

Instructions on how to update are in last Friday's email. **Need more help? Please contact Fran at [office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org).**



Church office hours: Mon - Thurs, 9AM - 2PM 703-527-8574 or [office@ClarendonUMC.org](mailto:office@ClarendonUMC.org)

Items for the Friday email/Clarendon Happenings are due by Noon on Wednesday.

Please submit all calendar and room requests to Fran Underwood at the office email.



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