

# Clarendon Happenings

## Meet the Pastors

Come to Coffee Hour following today's service and meet the Pastors. They would love to get to know you and share a little about Clarendon UMC.

## Membership 101 - January 21st

Membership 101 is for *anyone* considering becoming a member of our church, now or in the future. It provides an excellent opportunity for a deeper understanding of Methodism and becoming a Methodist in our congregation. On Sunday, January 21, immediately after the service, Pastors Tracy & Nilse will guide attendees through the levels of Methodism, starting with our local church. (Please note that you are not required to join Clarendon once you have taken this class.)

Details:

- Meet in the 1st Floor Youth Room immediately following the service. (Down the hall toward the parking lot.)
- Skip the line in Corry Hall! Refreshments will be available in the Youth Room.
- Completion of this hour-plus program gives you the information you need to become a contributing member of Clarendon UMC.

Pre-registration is requested, though not required. To register, please visit

<https://clarendon.churchcenter.com/people/forms/365052>

Our next New Member Sunday will be Sunday, January 28.

## Leadership Board Update

Our Board is off and running after the prayerful installment during last Sunday's worship service. They will have their first official meeting today at 11:30 in the Praise Room. Board meetings are open for members of the congregation to attend and observe, except for closed portions dealing with staff-parish relations and other sensitive topics.

## January Dinner Groups

Start the year off right by celebrating with friends! Sign up for January dinner groups using the instructions below.



1. Go to <https://www.clarendonumc.org/connect/groups/>
2. Click on the button "Find Your Group"
3. Click on the words "Small Groups"
4. Click on the picture for "Dinner Group A" or "Dinner Group B". Both groups will be meeting Sunday, January 28 at 6PM.
5. Click on the button "Join" and complete the form to sign up.

## Reconciling Ministries Book Group - It's not too late to join

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 16-February 13.

This study is for people who want to learn more about these "Clobber" passages, for those whose loved ones are a member of the LGBTQ+ community and want to be better allies, for those who are members of the LGBTQ+ community, or for those who just love to study the bible.

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 [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!

## 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. Rehearsal is today from 11:15 to 11:45AM in the choir room. You don't have to attend rehearsal 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.



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.



Facebook - @ClarendonUMC



Instagram - @ClarendonUMCVA



Church Center app



[www.clarendonumc.org](http://www.clarendonumc.org)



Youtube - Clarendon UMC

AmplifyMedia.com - Church code: **WSRTF**