

Clarendon Happenings

Welcome Two New Staff Members



CUMC is delighted to welcome **Amber Vincent** as our new Director of Children's Ministries. Amber has been serving our church for more than a decade and has been a member of CUMC for about 16 years. She shares that her goal in this role is to "bring the joy and peace of Jesus to the children and families of CUMC."

Amber holds a master's degree in education and brings extensive experience as a classroom teacher, instructional coach, and adjunct professor. She also loves teaching young children through the Music Together program, where she shares her passion for music and learning.

Amber and her husband, Adam, have four wonderful children: Opal, Micah, Caleb, and Pearl. When she's not teaching, planning lessons, or serving at church, her favorite thing to do is sing.

Please join us in welcoming Amber to this important ministry role. If you have any questions, feel free to contact her at amber@clarendonumc.org.



We are equally excited to welcome **Jennifer London** as our new Director of Spiritual Formation and Adult Ministries. A twenty-five-year member of CUMC, Jennifer has served in leadership roles since 2002, including Council Member, Lay Speaker, Lay Leader, Safe Sanctuaries Policy Developer, Worship Leader, Scripture Reader, Board Secretary, and Adult Small Group and Bible Study Leader. In addition, Jennifer was recently elected at Annual Conference to serve on the VAUMC Board of Discipleship.

A former attorney, Jennifer earned her law degree from the Emory University School of Law, a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology from Duke University, and most recently a Master's Degree in Christian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction from the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University of Chicago. Jennifer's core calling and passion is helping people come to know and experience themselves as God's beloved, and to grow and deepen their relationship with God and with God's community.

Jennifer and her husband Phil have three adult children who all were baptized and raised here at CUMC – Evan, a 3rd year medical student at UVA; Andrew, a music educator and member of the CUMC praise band; and James, a second-year at UVA focusing on psychology. Jennifer enjoys contemplative walking/hiking, reading, and making large vats of soup to share with family and neighbors. She looks forward to connecting and journeying with you in this new role, and invites you to contact her with questions, suggestions, or simply to say hello at jennifer@clarendonumc.org.

Save the Date

For Our Fall Kick-Off - September 13

- Uplifting Worship with Chancel Choir and Blessing of the Backpacks
- Special Cookie Coffee Hour with optional Cookie Challenge
- Fall Classes Begin and Students Age Up

Next Chance to Join the Summer Choir - September 13

Do you love to sing? Want to see what it's like to sing with the Chancel Choir at CUMC? All are invited to join our Summer Choir on September 13! We will meet in the choir room at 9 a.m. and learn a short (and easy) piece of music together to sing in worship. For more information, contact CJ Redden-Liotta (cj@clarendonumc.org).



Please see the Friday newsletter for more information and a sign-up for the Cookie Challenge.



Church office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, 10AM - 2PM 703-527-8574 or 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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