

# Clarendon Happenings

## 53rd Annual Messiah Sing-Along

Sunday, December 1, 2024, 7:00PM

Handel's *Messiah* is indeed for *all* people, and we would love for you to join us for the 53rd Annual Messiah Sing-Along! Heather Adelsberger (Georgetown Chorale) will be at the podium to conduct us through Part I and the Hallelujah Chorus. The event starts at **7:00PM** with an engaging pre-concert experience that includes a vocal warm-up and peek inside Handel's marvelous score. At 7:30PM the sing-along will begin, showcasing fabulous soloists and accompanied by chamber orchestra. A delightful reception will cap off the evening. **We are once again highlighting area choral ensembles and giving away pairs of tickets to some of the best local choral events!**

You can bring your own score or borrow one of the ones provided, and there will be a free-will offering accepted to help CUMC keep events like this going. The sing-along will also be live-streamed, so share our YouTube page with friends and family.

The annual Messiah Sing is a fantastic opportunity to practice our gift of hospitality! If you are able to help, please follow the link in the Friday newsletter or contact CJ Redden-Liotta at [cj@clarendonumc.org](mailto:cj@clarendonumc.org).



## Clarendon UMC Annual Charge Conference Announcement

Charge Conference will be held in person on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 1:00PM in the Praise Room. There will not be an online/Zoom option.

Leadership Board members are the only voting members of the Conference, however, the meeting is open to all members of the church.

The conference documents will be emailed to Board members prior to the meeting and they are encouraged to bring their electronic devices to view the reports. A limited number of printed documents will be available. If you plan to attend and need a hard copy of the reports, please contact Fran at [office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org).



## Women's Cookie Exchange

The 2024 Women's Cookie Exchange & Christmas Program will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 6 PM in Corry Hall. Gathering 6PM; dinner 6:30; festivities, program, music and singing at 7:15, and take-home cookie choosing 7:40-9:00 PM. Mark your calendars! Coming soon – the Signup Genius for RSVP and to contribute to our shared soup & salad meal.

## Buy Your Christmas Tree and Help the Homeless

You can now order your Christmas tree online! We have 275 beautiful firs available for sale this year—*coming to us from Canada!* Trees will be available for pickup starting Saturday, November 30th. Profits from the sale will benefit New Hope Housing and will also support Undue Medical Debt. You are not just buying a gorgeous tree; you are helping our neighbors facing homelessness. For more information and to place your order visit our website at: <https://clarendonumc.org/events/christmas-trees/>. Feel free to share the link with your friends and neighbors.



## Volunteers Needed to Help With Tree Sales

We also need volunteers to help on the tree lot. You can sign up here: <https://bit.ly/clarendon-tree-lot> or by using the QR code. We need help unloading the trees from the truck and setting up the lot on Nov. 23, as well as sales on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 7 and Dec. 8. Reach out to Emily Brown or Sally Gabler with any questions. Thank you!



## NOVA District Training Day, January 11, 2025

NoVa District Training Day is an annual event designed to equip, encourage, and empower clergy and laity in their ministry. This year's theme is Go! Make Disciples! Transform the World! and features keynotes from Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson (Virginia Conference Bishop) and Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. (North Carolina Bishop) as well as an afternoon workshop with Michael Beck. Training Day will be held at Floris UMC, Herndon and virtually. Please visit <https://2025.novatrainngday.com/> for more information and to register.

## Receive CUMC News via Email

Each Friday we send out an email at 3PM with the weekly announcements. Sign up to receive the e-newsletter by visiting <https://www.clarendonumc.org/connect/contact/>. Please note, if you've been missing your Friday e-news, you may find it in your spam or "promotions" tab.

We also have a Google group email that is perfect for you to use if you need to recruit help for a church event, want to let people know about some tickets you can't use, share about a special opportunity or other such things. Please let the office ([office@clarendonumc.org](mailto:office@clarendonumc.org)) know if you'd like to join the Community Google group email.



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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