



Fairlington

Sunday, February 2, 2025



Prayers from Sunday, January 26

Margaret, Ted & Sarah, Mikey and Jennifer, Madison, Diane, Margaret, Rob, Wendy, Mary, Cindy, Clara, Debra, Cynthia, Kathy, Tony and family, Alphonso and family, Grace, Gigi, Lynn, Craig and Sandy, Donna, Kathleen, Flor and family, Jenny's family, Suzie's family, Dennis' family, Margot, George, Joey & Tom, Dana, Monika & Joe, Chadd & Laura, Marybeth & Dean, Bill & Louise, Betty, Erin, Merton, Maggie, Karen, Linda, federal workers, Nelson and Naccereilli Family, Jean and Joe, Carol.

Each week in worship and in our church staff meetings we lift your prayer requests that were submitted. Please send your prayer for inclusion in the announcements to prayers@fairlingtonumc.org or call 703.671.8557.



Sanctuary Flowers: Sponsor a beautiful sanctuary flower arrangement in 2025!

Dedications for the flowers can be in honor of someone, in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a birthday or special occasion. To sign up to sponsor the altar flowers, please fill out the book in the Narthex or contact the church office (office@fairlingtonumc.org). The cost of the altar flowers is \$60 per Sunday, and you may take the flowers with you after worship.



Italian Cuisine Night: Join the youth on **Saturday, February 8 from 5:45-7:30 PM** for Italian Cuisine night in the Fellowship Hall. FUMC's youth group will transform the fellowship hall into an Italian Café. They will cook, host, and serve as waitstaff in one of their core fundraising activities of the year. The cost of the meal is \$10 per person, \$15 for two, and \$25 for any group of up to 6 people. The menu will consist of your choice of pasta (spaghetti, penne, gluten free, and zoodles), sauce (meat, marinara, pesto, alfredo), salad, desserts, and beverages. This is an evening you won't want to miss! [Please RSVP online HERE!](#)

Conversation with Bishop Sue on Immigration: Bishop Sue is convening a conversation about immigration and potential impacts on local churches and communities this **Saturday, February 1 at 5 PM**. Those connected to and/or impacted by the changes in immigration policy from around the Virginia Conference are invited to this meeting for information-sharing and conversation with conference and district leadership. You may [use this zoom link to access the meeting](#).

Taizé Prayer Services: Join us on the first Wednesday of each month at **7 PM**, in the Chapel at Fairlington UMC for a Taizé Prayer Service. This service is hosted by Fairlington UMC, Fairlington Presbyterian, and St. Clement Episcopal Churches. The service will include music, prayer, candlelight, and silence in the style of the Taizé community. Parking is free and available at both Fairlington UMC and Presbyterian lots. **February 5:** Midwinter Prayer, **March 5:** Ash Wednesday, **April 2, May 2.**



The Beatitudes Through a Fresh Lens: All are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings for a Bible study on the Beatitudes- words of wisdom with deeper meanings when studied carefully. Classes will be on **Tuesday mornings from 10:30AM until 11:45 in Room 110** and will begin on January 28th and conclude on March 4th. Classes will be facilitated by Anne Wilson, and no study guide is needed- we will be using a variety of Bible translations. For questions or to register contact Christian at christian@fairlingtonumc.org



Coffee with the Pastor: Janine will be holding "coffee shop hours" from **10 AM – 12 PM** at Alexandria Pastry Shop on **February 19**. Join her for some coffee, a delicious treat, and great conversations!

Reconciling Sunday February 23: Join us **Sunday, February 23**, when Fairlington UMC will celebrate its 12th year as a Reconciling Congregation. Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, episcopal leader of the Virginia Annual Conference, will preach. You are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall afterward. Wear your reconciling stoles on this Sunday or any Sunday during February.



Special Fundraiser: In honor of the Bishop, we are raising money to support a vital mission initiative. Our goal is to raise at least \$1,000 to support the Los Angeles Fire Recovery Fund, joining the California-Pacific Annual Conference in this effort. The Western Jurisdiction of the UMC has stepped up on many occasions to support disaster relief in the Southeast Jurisdiction, so the money FUMC raises is a small way we can step up to aid our UMC siblings in California and be in connection. To support this effort, please make your donation (check or online) to FUMC and designate it for California Wildfires.



Saving Grace: Elizabeth Mitchell and Janine Howard will be facilitating "Saving Grace", a United Methodist curriculum to help participants learn about managing their finances and achieving their goals, all based on our faith tradition's principles. [You can read more about it at this link.](#) **Sessions begin February 10th, via Zoom, through March 17th.** A sign-up link will be provided next week. You may purchase your own Participants book or request one from the church. Those details will be included in next week's communication. For more information contact janine@fairlingtonumc.org.

Participate in FUMC's Food Mission w/ALIVE! Monthly, 2nd Wednesdays from 3-5:30 PM & 5-7:30 PM. We are transitioning our early Saturday morning 'Pop Up' food service in the parking lot to a Wednesday afternoon-evening service in the building where we'll provide our community a more choice-driven food selection in a respectful, hospitable process. As available, we'll also offer some toiletries for those who need them. We have many Spanish speaking neighbors, and we'd really like to be able to communicate well. So, all Spanish speakers are welcome to join us, even if all the volunteer slots get filled up! Any questions, contact Meg Broadwell @ meg2mnts@gmail.com or 202-805-2160.



To make this a success, we need 6-8 volunteers for each time block: [Sign up to volunteer HERE](#)

- **3-5:30 PM:** set up tables, food, and directional signage outside the church and in parking lot.
- **5-7:30 PM:** sign people in, replenish food items, assist community members, and facilitate outside traffic.



Fairlington Preschool Open House: The Fairlington Preschool is getting ready for next year with an Open House. Prospective families are invited to come to the open house on Wednesday, February 12 from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. For more information about the preschool, contact office@fairlingtonumc.org.



Music Ministry: Join in one of Fairlington's Music Programs in 2025! There are music groups for children, youth, and adults. Check out the [Music Ministry page on our website](#) for detailed information on each group with practice time information. Contact Dr. Louise Wilson for more information: Louise@fairlingtonumc.org or text: (703) 963-6722.

Children

CHERUB CHOIR: *Age 4*– Grade 1*

- Wednesdays 5 – 5:30 PM, Room 106
- **Begins Wednesday, January 15**
- ** Following the guidelines for VA Public Schools, a child will have reached their 4th birthday by Oct. 1.

CHAPEL CHOIR: *Grades 2-5*

- Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:15 PM, Room 106
- **Begins Wednesday, January 15**

THE JOYFUL RINGERS: *Grades 2 – Adult*

- Beginner/ Intermediate Intergenerational Level Handbells
- Wednesdays, 6:15 – 6:45 PM, Room 112
- **Begins Wednesday, January 15**

Adult

RING TONES: *Grades 6 – Adult*

- Intermediate Intergenerational Handbells
- Wednesday 7 – 7:30 PM, Room 112
- **Begins Wednesday, January 22**

CHANCEL CHOIR: *Adults & Youth*

- Sings during 11 AM Worship Service
- Thursdays 7:30 – 9 PM, Room 108
- **Begins Thursday, January 9**

JUBILATE HANDBELL CHOIR

- Advanced Level Handbells for Adults
- Rings during 11 AM Worship Service approx. 7-8 times per year
- Thursdays 6:15 – 7:25 PM, Room 112
- **Begins Thursday, January 9**



Participate in FUMC's Furniture Delivery: Every other month on the 2nd Saturdays @ 7:30 AM-1 PM [CLICK HERE to sign up!](#) Our commitment is to staff a **team of 4-5 people** each month so that we're able to staff a truck. Men, women, and youth can all participate in this gratifying mission; it's always useful to have a 2-3 men to help with the heavier items. (FYI, no sofa beds are accepted!) ALIVE! now has 3 trucks that can be used to make pick up and deliveries - donations and requests are already here too. We only need volunteers to make it work! Please consider making this community service a recurring commitment on your calendar - monthly or every other month. Any questions, contact Meg Broadwell @ meg2mnts@gmail.com or 202-805-2160.

New Year, New Generosity Commitments: It's a new year and time to start your Generosity Commitments. If you haven't submitted your generosity card, there is still time! **Our goal is to receive \$655,000 in pledged commitments, so far, we have 97 individuals, totaling \$584,060.** You can email Holly Sapp, (holly@fairlingtonumc.org) with your instructions, or you can submit an online giving form on our website, www.fairlingtonumc.org. There are also generosity cards at the church you can complete and place in the offering baskets.



A New Roof for Fairlington in 2025! The roof that protects our Fairlington church building is very old, poses future risk, and is in need of replacement very soon. Our insurance company has flagged this as a concern for immediate action. Over the past year, the Trustees have been working with the Finance Committee and the Leadership team to prepare for the roof replacement project in 2025. Our quarterly reports have highlighted this and a separate line item to track costs associated with this project has been included in the church budget for 2025. On a positive note, we have recently learned about a new grant opportunity offered by the Northern Virginia District of the United Methodist Church for infrastructure projects. The grant may cover a significant portion of the cost to replace the roof. FUMC is already in the process of applying for a grant. If our grant application is approved, FUMC will be required to provide 15% of the total costs of the roof replacement project. As you plan on how you will direct your financial resources for 2025, we hope you will consider how a new church roof will enable us to continue our many ministries, support our preschool, and provide a safe and reliable space for us to worship God together.



Upcoming Book Discussion: All women of the church are invited to a discussion of *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot*, a novel by Marianne Cronin, on **Sunday, March 23 from 1 to 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Contact Carol Weldon if you have questions: cweldon2@verizon.net, 703/927-5904.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar now for some of these upcoming events. More information and details will be shared as we approach each event.

- **Wednesday, February 5th** at 7:00 PM Taizé Worship
- **Saturday, February 8th** Italian Cuisine Night 5:45-7:30 PM
- **Sunday, February 23rd** at 11:00 AM Reconciling Sunday worship with Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson. A luncheon will follow afterward in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Tuesday, March 4th** at 6:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and burning of palms
- **Wednesday, March 5th** Ash Wednesday (Ashes and Prayer at the Green Awning beginning at 7:30 AM, Evening service in the style of Taize at 7:00 PM)
- **Saturday, March 15th** 6 PM Ides of March: Comedy Night & Buffet
- **Sunday, March 30th** after the 11 AM worship Service – Rise Against Hunger Event
- **Saturday, April 5th** United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Team Leader Training at FUMC (details forthcoming)
- **Sunday, April 13th** Palm Sunday worship
- **Thursday, April 17th** Holy Thursday worship
- **Friday, April 18th** Good Friday worship in the style of Taizé
- **Sunday, April 20th** Easter services

Clergy and Staff

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Janine Howard: janine@fairlingtonumc.org
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 Cantor: Rev. Tura Foster Gillespie



This Week at Fairlington

Sunday, February 2		Location
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering	Parlor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Big Faith for Children	Rooms 211 & 309
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Our Journey on the Way	Room 110
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Practical Faith	Room 109
10:30AM - 12:00PM	Children's Church	Room 212
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, February 3		
Tuesday, February 4		Location
10:00AM - 11:00AM	FUMC Staff Meeting	Library
10:30AM - 11:45AM	Tue AM Bible Study	Room 110
5:30PM - 6:45PM	Safe Harbor	Room 110
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Troop Meeting	FH, Rooms 109,110, & 111
Wednesday, February 5		Location
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Wilderness Habitat (Rainsite: Room 114)
1:00PM - 4:00PM	Taizé Setup	Chapel
5:00PM - 5:30PM	Cherub Choir	Room 106
5:30PM - 6:15PM	Chapel Choir	Room 106
6:15PM - 6:45PM	Joyful Ringers	Room 112 or Sanctuary
7:00PM - 7:30PM	Ring Tones	Room 112
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Taizé Prayer Service	Chapel
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Women's Small Group	Online
Thursday, February 6		Location
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Sewing Class	Room 308
6:15PM - 7:25PM	Jubilate Handbell Choir	Room 112, Sanctuary
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Chancel Choir	Room 108, Sanctuary
Friday, February 7		Location
12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall (FH)
Saturday, February 8		Location
7:30AM - 1:00PM	ALIVE! Furniture Delivery	Parking Lot / Offsite
5:30PM - 7:30PM	Italian Cuisine Night	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Sunday, February 9		Location
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering	Parlor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Big Faith for Children	Room 211 & 309
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Our Journey on the Way	Room 110
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Practical Faith	Room 109
10:30AM - 12:00PM	Children's Church	Room 212
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:00PM - 2:00PM	Private Lunch	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen