

ANSWERS FROM THE  
*Whirlwind*



# Fairlington

Sunday, October 27, 2024



## Prayers from Sunday, October 20

John, David and Kim, Cathy and Tricia, Dennis and Barb, Emmy, Catherine and Wes, Alphonso, Sunny, Rocco, Grace, Gigi, Lynn, Kathy, Tom, Craig and Sandy, Donna, Kathleen and Debra, Cynthia, Flor and family, Mikey and family, Those affected by war, Sue and Gunter family, Breanne, Stacy and Debbie, Mandi and family, Chad and family, Walter and family, Sabra and family, Barry and Mary, Andrew, Jasna, Angie, Larry, Al, Macy's, Evette, Merton, Mikey and family, Margaret, Ted & Sarah Lyons, Those suffering from depression, Kellie and the Souza family, Janine, Jackie, Dave and family, McLenahan family, David, Ortega family, Kellie, Monique, Porter, Asher, The Babaran Family, Mel, Christy.

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](mailto:prayers@fairlingtonumc.org) or call 703.671.8557.



## Flower Dedications

**Flower Dedications:** Flowers in the narthex are given by Rolf Blank and Barbara Gomez in honor of our grandchildren and sons.

**Charge Conference:** Charge Conference will be Sunday, October 27 immediately following worship. We will meet in the chapel, all are welcome to attend.



**Heart of Generosity Campaign:** The heart of Fairlington United Methodist Church beats with the rhythm of fellowship, service, and unwavering faith. This year, as we embark on our annual Giving Campaign, we invite you to join us in a journey of generosity, inspired by our collective commitment to nurture our church family and extend our impact beyond our walls. We encourage you to reflect on how you can support our Giving campaign with a generous heart. Your commitment to giving will ensure that we continue to thrive as a beacon of hope and compassion in our community. You can submit your card in-person, online, or by mail. Please consider your commitment prayerfully and deliver your generosity card by the giving Sundays of October 20 and 27. **Our goal is to receive \$655,000 in pledged contributions, so far we have 31 total pledgers for a total of \$181,800.** [Submit your generosity commitment online.](#)

**All Saints Sunday:** On **Sunday, November 3 at 11 AM**, Join us for Fairlington's All Saints Communion service in memory of church members, family, and friends who have passed in the past year. Candles will be lit in honor of those loved ones as our Chancel and Seraphim Choirs, Julee An, piano, Erik Lundquist, euphonium and Dr. Louise C. Wilson, Director present *Ola Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass*.

You are invited to share the names of your loved ones in the following ways:

- Submit names via the [online form here](#)
- Write name in the Sanctuary Prayer Book, located outside the sanctuary
- Call or email the church office at 703-671-8557 [office@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:office@fairlingtonumc.org).





**Need a ride to vote?:** Do you have a voting plan?? The Church Office will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday November 5TH – but we want to make sure everyone gets to the polls! If you need a ride to vote send an email to [office@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:office@fairlingtonumc.org) and we will make a plan that works for you.

**Taizé Prayer Services:** Join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM, starting November 6, 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. The November 6 service will be centered around prayer after the Election, December 4: Advent Prayer, January 1: Prayer to begin the New Year, February 5: Midwinter Prayer, March 5: Ash Wednesday.



**Fairlington Chili Cookoff & Variety Show!** Join us November 16, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall, bring your favorite recipe chili for a cookoff potluck dinner starting at 6 PM. A variety show featuring acts from Fairlington will take place 7-9 PM. Calling All Acts! Do you want to perform? We're inviting you to be a part of the show! **Submit the following information:** Name of Your Act, Brief Description, Number of Participants, Approximate Length of Act. All ages and talents welcome! Free to attend and to participate. To register or if you have any questions, contact any one of the following: Andrew Hunter ([andrewhunter129@outlook.com](mailto:andrewhunter129@outlook.com)) or Ashley Moore ([amacwilson@gmail.com](mailto:amacwilson@gmail.com))

**Recycle your Pumpkins:** As a part of Caring for God's Creation please consider recycling your Halloween pumpkins so that they can contribute to local composting.

- IN ALEXANDRIA: Take pumpkins to the Resource Recovery Station composting tables at any one of these Alexandria Farmers Markets: Old Town, Four Mile Run, West End, and Del Ray. Make sure candles, wax, foil, etc., are removed, and check this site for dates and times: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/FarmersMarket>. MOMS groceries will also take them.
- IN ARLINGTON: From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 6, Arlington residents can drop off their pumpkins at 4300 S. 29th Street. The county's Solid Waste Bureau will then compost the pumpkins. Please remove all decorations, candles, paint and other inorganic materials from pumpkins before dropping them off.

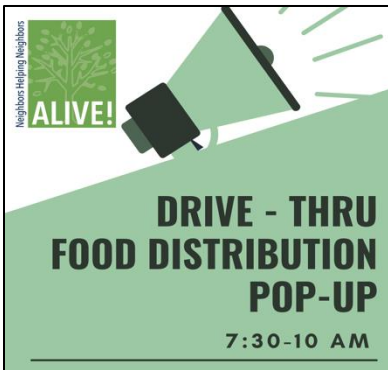


**Handel's Messiah Sign-Along:** Join Fairlington UMC for the 21st Annual Handel's Messiah Sing-Along, **Sunday December 8, 2024, at 4 PM!** This premier musical event is a highlight of the Christmas season in Northern Virginia that you don't want to miss, with guest soloists and Sing-Along Chorus led by Fairlington's Choir, under the direction of Dr. Louise Wilson. Admission to the Messiah sing-along and parking are FREE to all. You are invited to bring your own Messiah score or you may purchase a G. Schirmer edition for \$9.00 at the door.



**Hiring Preschool Director:** The Fairlington Preschool Board of Directors announces that it will be accepting applications for the position of Director of Fairlington Preschool for the 2024-2025 school year. Please see job announcement for more information. [Learn more HERE.](#)

**Furniture Delivery Volunteers Needed:** We need at least 6 volunteers to help with furniture delivery every month on the **second Saturday of each month**. We will meet in the FUMC parking lot at 7:30 AM and will finish up by 1 PM. Folks will need to wear comfortable closed toe shoes and bring water. We'll need a volunteer to drive the truck and someone to drive their car with other volunteers to follow the truck to our deliveries. Please contact Mike Souza (mmabuc85@gmail.com) or Meg Broadwell (meg2mnts@gmail.com) for more information and [CLICK HERE to sign up!](#)



**Pop-up Volunteers:** Sign up to distribute food to our neighbors in need! Every month we partner with ALIVE! to host a food distribution pop-up in our upper parking lot. **We need a team of 10-12 each month to keep this mission going.** Our next food distribution is **November 16 from 7:30 – 10 AM**. Sign up online to volunteer: [SIGN UP HERE](#)

**Documentary Film on the Bible and Homosexuality:** Join us in the Chapel to watch the 2023 documentary 1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture. There are two offerings: 1) **Sunday November 17 at Noon**, immediately following worship, and 2) **Wednesday night November 20 at 7pm**. The 90 minute documentary examines how mistranslations of the term homosexuality in Biblical texts starting in 1946 fueled LGBTQ discrimination and bias among Christians. The film includes commentary from scholars and opposing pastors. FUMC has not offered a discussion on the Bible and homosexuality since we became a reconciling congregation in 2013. This documentary offers a unique opportunity to explore Biblical understanding of sexuality, which may be helpful for newer as well as long-time members. Given the stance of our denomination post-General Conference, it is also timely to reacclimate ourselves to Biblical interpretations that are consistent with an inclusive church. Light snacks will be available at each viewing! For those interested, there will be a few minutes available to discuss the film.



**Order Your Nuts and Chocolates Today!** Need nuts or chocolates before Thanksgiving? Order by November 14! Fairlington UWF is offering Terri Lynn nuts and boxed candy again this year for your baking and gift-giving needs through our online store with Terri Lynn (<https://fairlingtonUWF.terri Lynn.com>). This is a great way to continue sharing nuts and candy with family and friends if you are not able to be together during the holidays. All proceeds support local and national missions working with women, children, and youth. Questions? Email [fairlingtonumw@gmail.com](mailto:fairlingtonumw@gmail.com).

**Looking for District-At-Large Delegates to 2025 Annual Conference:** Please consider filling out a [nomination form](#) to be a Northern Virginia (NoVA) District-At-Large delegate to the 2025 Virginia Annual Conference. Nomination forms are due October 20, 2024. There is District meeting on November 2 to elect at-large delegates. The 2025 Annual Conference is particularly significant as there will be a critical vote to ratify Regionalization legislation that was passed at General Conference. Regionalization is important to the future of our denomination as it creates an equitable governance structure across global regions of the church and allows different parts of the world to carry out ministry in their cultural context. It would be very beneficial to boost the number of regionalization supporters voting at Annual Conference. NoVA at-large lay delegates help to ensure an equal number of lay and clergy delegates required at Annual Conference, balancing out clergy who are retired or in extension ministries. The 2025 Annual Conference will be held in Roanoke from Thursday June 12 to Saturday June 14. The District will pay a stipend that covers most costs. If you apply and go in 2025, you can always apply in future years! Questions about Regionalization or the Annual Conference experience? Contact Mark Elder at [markuselder@gmail.com](mailto:markuselder@gmail.com) [P.S. Wray and Roma Sexson also serve as at-large District delegates!]



**White House Ornament Fundraiser:** The 2024 White House Historical Association Carter Christmas Ornaments have arrived! The 2-sided ornament honors President Jimmy Carter's service in the United States Navy and highlights historic moments from his life and presidency. Fairlington UWF is selling them for \$25 each (for 1-9 ornaments) or \$24 each if you purchase 10+ ornaments. Email [Fairlingtonumw@gmail.com](mailto:Fairlingtonumw@gmail.com) to arrange pick up or delivery of your ornaments. Your check payable to Fairlington United Methodist Women is due when the items are delivered.

#### Clergy and Staff

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Cantor: Rev. Tura Foster Gillespie

## ***This Week at Fairlington***

<b>Sunday, October 27</b>		<b>Location</b>
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering	Parlor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Big Faith for Children	Room 211, Room 309
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Our Journey on the Way	Room 110
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Practical Faith	Room 109
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Youth Small Group	Room 306
10:30AM - 12:00PM	Children's Church	Room 212
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00PM - 2:00PM	Charge Conference	Chapel
<b>Monday, October 28</b>		
<b>Tuesday, October 29</b>		<b>Location</b>
10:00AM - 11:00AM	FUMC Staff Meeting	Library
10:30AM - 11:45AM	Tue AM Bible Study	Room 109
5:30PM - 6:45PM	Safe Harbor	Room 110
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Troop Meeting	FH, Rooms 109, 110, & 111
<b>Wednesday, October 30</b>		<b>Location</b>
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Wilderness (Rm 114 rain)
10:00AM - 11:00AM	Janine @ ALX Pastry Shop	Offsite
5:00PM - 5:30PM	Cherub Choir	Room 106
5:30PM - 6:15PM	Chapel Choir	Room 106
6:15PM - 6:45PM	Joyful Ringers	Sanctuary
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Women's Small Group	Zoom
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, October 31</b>		<b>Location</b>
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Sewing Class	Room 308
2:30PM - 5:30PM	West End Lazarus Financial Ministry	FH, Rooms 109, 110, & 111
<b>Friday, November 1 - All Saints' Day</b>		<b>Location</b>
12:00PM - 3:00PM	Youth Lunch & Service Project	Room 306
12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall.
<b>Saturday, November 2</b>		<b>Location</b>
9:30AM - 1:30PM	All Saints Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, November 3 - All Saints Sunday (observed)</b>		<b>Location</b>
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
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Youth Small Group	Room 306
10:30AM - 12:00PM	Children's Church	Room 212
11:00AM - 12:00PM	All Saints' Sunday Worship	Sanctuary & Online