



# Fairlington

Sunday, January 12, 2025



## Prayers from Sunday, January 5


Clarke, Betty, Jasna, Erin, Merton, Maggie, Sharon, Gideon, Jenny, Suzie, Ethan, Adelyn, Debra, Cynthia, Kathy, Tony and family, Alphonso and family, Grace, Gigi, Lynn, Craig and Sandy, Donna, Kathleen, Flor and family, Mikey and family, Kitty and Molly, Mandi and family, Sabra, David and family, The Cunningham family and friends at death of Susan, Bev and Jeremy, Kim and Rufus, the Allen family, Walter and family, Hannah and Jeff, Christy and family, Beth, Joe and family, Shirley

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:** A rose is placed in memory of Bruce Saylor who passed on January 8, 2025.

**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.

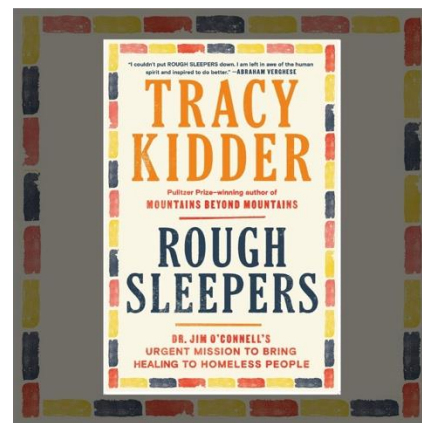
Martin Luther King, Jr  
Day of Service  
Monday, January 20  
10a - 2p

**MLK Community Day of Service:** Save the date – **January 20, 2025, from 10 AM – 2 PM**, for MLK Community Day of Service sponsored by FUMC and Fairlington Presbyterian. Start the day at Fairlington Presbyterian where we will gather for service activities. Choose from several different service projects (King Street Cleanup 10 AM, Stomping Group Baking Activity 11 AM, Letter Writing to Legislators 12 PM) and then close out the day with lunch at 12:30 PM at Fairlington United Methodist. [Sign up HERE!](#)

**Before or during the Day of Service,** bring full-size toiletry items for Fairlington UMC's monthly ALIVE! food distribution: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, lotion and lip balm.

**Upcoming FUWF Book Discussion:** All women of the church are invited to a discussion of Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People by Tracy Kidder on **Sunday, January 26**. Contact Carol Weldon, [cweldon2@verizon.net](mailto:cweldon2@verizon.net), 703/927-5904 if you have questions.



**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 109** 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](mailto:christian@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](mailto: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
- Sundays 12:15 – 1 PM, Room 112
- **Begins Sunday, January 19**

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**



**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.

**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 @ [meg2mtns@gmail.com](mailto:meg2mtns@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.



**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 @ [meg2mtns@gmail.com](mailto:meg2mtns@gmail.com) or 202-805-2160.

**Changes to Children's Ministry Program:** Our children's program continues to grow, and the needs of our children change. To ensure our programming meets the needs of all our children, we will be making some adjustments. On Sunday morning, we have two programs available for children:

**Big Faith (9:30 - 10:30 AM):**

- Primary Group (9:30-10:30AM): This group is for 0-5 years olds and will take place in the Room 211.
- Elementary Group (9:30-10:30AM): This group is for kids who are in 1st to 5th Grade and will be in Room 309.

**Children's Church (10:30AM-12:00PM):**

- Children ages 0-1st grade are invited to be dropped off in Room 212 beginning at 10:30AM for parents who are attending worship. Children who are in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade will be escorted into worship for Let the Children Come. After the story time, Pre K and K children will be escorted back to Room 212 for play time.
- Children 2nd – 5th grade are invited to join their parents in worship and then go to the front of the sanctuary for Let the Children Come. Parents are also invited to come forward with their children if they want. After the story time, children 1st to 5th grade will be escorted to Room 213 for a time learning and play.

We offer other programs for children and their families, such as Family Dinner Night, Easter Egg Hunts, Breakfast on the Playground, Outdoor adventures (camping, hiking, etc.), service projects, and other occasional events. Check out our website or contact Christian for more information.

**Clergy and Staff**

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## *This Week at Fairlington*

<b>Sunday, January 12</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>9:00AM - 9:30AM</b>	Morning Gathering	Parlor
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Big Faith for Children	Rooms 211 & 309
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Our Journey on the Way	Room 110
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Practical Faith	Room 109
<b>10:30AM - 12:00PM</b>	Children's Church	Room 212
<b>11:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary & Online
<b>Monday, January 13</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>7:30PM - 8:30PM</b>	Men's Fellowship Group	Offsite
<b>Tuesday, January 14</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>10:00AM - 11:00AM</b>	FUMC Staff Meeting	Library
<b>5:30PM - 6:45PM</b>	Safe Harbor	Room 110
<b>7:00PM - 8:00PM</b>	Troop Meeting	FH, Rooms 109, 110, & 111
<b>Wednesday, January 15</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>7:30AM - 8:00AM</b>	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Habitat (Rain: Room 114)
<b>5:00PM - 5:30PM</b>	Cherub Choir	Room 106
<b>5:30PM - 6:15PM</b>	Chapel Choir	Room 106
<b>6:15PM - 6:45PM</b>	Joyful Ringers	Room 112, Sanctuary
<b>7:00PM - 8:00PM</b>	Women's Small Group	Online
<b>Thursday, January 16</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>9:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	Sewing Class	Room 308
<b>6:15PM - 7:25PM</b>	Jubilate Handbell Choir	Room 112 or Sanctuary
<b>7:30PM - 9:00PM</b>	Chancel Choir	Room 108 or Sanctuary
<b>Friday, January 17</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>12:30PM - 2:30PM</b>	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall (FH)
<b>Saturday, January 18</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 19</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>9:00AM - 9:30AM</b>	Morning Gathering	Parlor
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Big Faith for Children	Rooms 211 & 309
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Our Journey on the Way	Room 110
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<b>11:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary & Online
<b>12:15PM - 1:00PM</b>	Ring Tones	Room 112 or Sanctuary