



Fairlington

Sunday, February 16, 2025



Prayers from Sunday, February 9

Margaret, Ted and Sarah, those affected by depression and chronic illnesses, Kitty and Molly, Mandi and Leann and families, Owen and family, Steve and family, Allen family, Sabra and family, Christy and family, Barbara and Caro, Breanne and Jeanine, Frances, Mikey and family, Wendy, Debra, Cynthia, Tony and family, Alphonso and family, Grace, Gigi, Craig and Sandy, Donna, Kathleen, Flor and family, Dana who lost her partner and her father, Nancy who lost her father, Monika & Joe, MaryBeth & Dean, Laura & Chadd, Mary in hospice, Wayne, Lorraine, Danielle, Gideon, Ethan, Adelyn, Vito and Joanne, George, Erin, Al, Maggie, Merton, Donald, Bobby, Erica.

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.

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.

Reconciling Sunday - Special Fundraiser: In honor of the Bishop, please help us meet our \$1,000 goal to support UMCOR's California wildfire recovery efforts by donating to FUMC (check or online), designated for California Wildfires.

RECONCILING
Sunday
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 11AM

Guest Speaker
VIRGINIA UMC BISHOP
SUE HAUPERT-JOHNSON

**FAIRLINGTON
PRESCHOOL**
Come and see how we play!

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 **Thursday, February 20** from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. For more information about the preschool, contact office@fairlingtonumc.org.

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

Food Mission Date Change!: Due to winter weather conditions, we **postponed our Food Mission event to next Wednesday, February 19** instead of the originally scheduled date. Volunteer shifts will remain the same at 3 - 5:30 PM and 5 - 7:30 PM, with food pickup available from 5 - 7:30 PM. If you or someone you know is in need of food before next week, please reach out to ALIVE! for information on their food hubs and other food distributions. 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.



Coffee with the Pastor: Janine will be holding “coffee shop hours” from **11 AM – 1 PM** at Alexandria Pastry Shop on **February 19**. Join her for some coffee, a delicious treat, and great conversations!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Join us for Shrove Tuesday on **Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a time for burning of last years palms, prayer, and of course... pancakes! Menu: Pancakes, sausage, vegetarian sausage, and beverages. Please help us plan ahead by RSVPing for the pancake supper by March 1. [RSVP HERE!](#)



Blood Drive: Fairlington Presbyterian Church is hosting a blood drive on **March 5 from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall, located at 3846 King Street, Alexandria, VA. Participants are encouraged to sign up to help save lives. For more information, contact Romelda Guglielmo at office@fpcusa.org or visit redcrossblood.org.



Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025: Begin your Lenten journey with us on Ash Wednesday, a time for reflection, prayer, and renewal. In the morning, stop by the church parking lot between **7:30–9 AM** to receive ashes and a moment of prayer as you start your day. In the evening, join us in the **sanctuary at 7:00 PM** for a contemplative Ash Wednesday Taizé Prayer Service, featuring meditative music, scripture, and silence. This special service is offered in partnership with Fairlington Presbyterian and St. Clement Episcopal Churches. All are welcome as we enter this sacred season together.



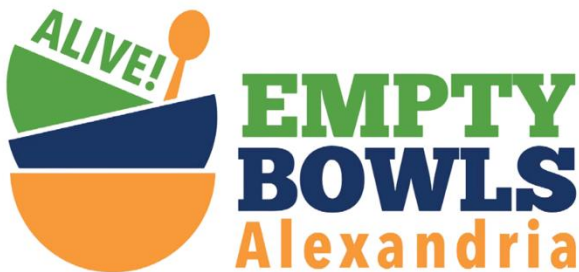
Lenten Study - The Hardest Part: Life is this strange, tender mix, isn't it? Joy and sorrow, love and loss, heartbreak and hope, all tangled together. This year, we invite you to embrace Lent as it is—raw, honest, and tender. This is the season that asks us to stop pretending we're holding it all together. It's a time to pause, sit, with what's fragile and unfinished, and let God meet us in the hardest parts of our lives. – Kate Bowler

You are invited to join us this Lent through study and reflection of Kate Bowler's newest Lent study, *The Hardest Part*. Kate Bowler is a New York Times bestselling author, award-winning podcast host, and Professor of Religious History at Duke University.

There are several opportunities for you to engage with this study:

1. **Individual Guide:** Sign up to receive a free daily devotional. Each devotional offers a scripture, reflection, thoughtful questions, and a closing blessing. Click below to download.
2. **Group Guide:** This 6-week group guide can be used by your small group or family. It offers a short introduction, scripture, conversation questions, and a blessing. Click below to download.
3. **Small Group Study:** Rev. Tura Gillespie, Deacon and proprietor of Teaching Cultural Compassion ([Teaching Cultural Compassion - About](#)) and Cantor/Worship Leader at Fairlington UMC will lead a 6 week group study on Tuesday mornings March 4th, March 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st and 8th in Room 110. (10:30-11:45AM). All are invited to join this study which will offer a scripture reflection, guided discussions, and a parting blessing.
4. **Virtual Small Group Study:** Rev. Gillespie will also offer a virtual session on Monday evenings March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and April 8th (7:00PM). All are invited to join this study which will offer a scripture reflection, guided discussions, and a parting blessing.

To RSVP to the Tuesday morning or Monday evening study or if you have any questions, please contact Christian at christian@fairlingtonumc.org [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



Empty Bowls 2025 – Fighting Food Insecurity in Alexandria: The Empty Bowls 2025 event will take place on **Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM** at Beth El Hebrew Congregation (3830 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304). This special evening raises funds and awareness for families facing food insecurity in Alexandria. Attendees will enjoy delicious food from local restaurants, live music, a handcrafted bowl to take home, and the opportunity to bid on silent auction items. Tickets start at \$95 per person, and sponsorship opportunities are available. More information can be found at alive-inc.org/emptybowls or by contacting (703) 837-9300 | info@alive-inc.org.

Furniture Delivery Volunteers! Our congregation will be picking up and delivering gently used donated furniture with ALIVE! on **Saturday, March 8, from 8 AM - 1 PM**. It's a ministry that changes lives. Each piece of furniture delivered represents more than just comfort—it offers dignity, stability, and hope to families who need it most. We need a team of 4-5 people to help - [CLICK HERE to sign up!](#) Any questions, contact Meg Broadwell @ meg2mnts@gmail.com or 202-805-2160.



Volunteers Needed to Provide Meals for Carpenter's Shelter: Fairlington United Methodist Church (FUMC) is looking for generous individuals and groups to help provide meals for residents at Carpenter's Shelter in Alexandria, VA. Volunteers are needed to prepare and deliver dinner for 30-40 residents on the following dates in 2025: **February 22, June 28, October 25, and December 27**. Volunteers cover the cost of ingredients, prepare the meal, and drop it off by 5:30 PM (with the option to stay and serve). Your support makes a meaningful difference! To sign up, contact Jackie Gage-Mercado at jxlxj@hotmail.com or call/text 240-475-5834.

IDES OF MARCH COMEDY NIGHT & BUFFET



Comedy Night: Don't pass on this opportunity of fun, food, and fellowship! **March 15, also known as the "Ides of March," at 6PM** come to the Fairlington Fellowship Hall for a special fundraiser event. It's a Comedy Buffet featuring the short form improv stylings of Porkchop Volcano. In the words of DCMetroTheaterArts.com: "With clearly defined characters and an uncanny chemistry within the group, Porkchop Volcano are a force to be reckoned with." They frequently perform corporate and private shows at the DC Improv, Brightbox Theater, and elsewhere. They've been lauded by the Washingtonian, DC Theatre Scene, and CBS DC as the show to watch. You won't want to miss this hilarious evening raising funds to support the FUMC Capital Campaign! The cost will be \$20 per adult and \$10 per child. In honor of the Ides of March, Caesar Salad and "Et Tu" Brewed Tea (and other light beverages) are provide for the buffet, bring your favorite covered dish addition! All proceeds and financial donations received will go towards the Fairlington's Capital Campaign. RSVP Coming Soon! Email office@fairlingtonumc.org any questions.

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.

- **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 7:30- 9 AM, Evening service in the style of Taizé at 7:00 PM)
- **Wednesday, March 12th** 5:45 – 7 PM Family Dinner Night
- **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)
- **Wednesday, April 9th** 5:45 – 7 PM Family Dinner Night
- **Saturday April 12th** 10 AM – 12 PM Easter Egg Hunt Fairlington Playground
- **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

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 Cantor: Rev. Tura Foster Gillespie



This Week at Fairlington

| Sunday, February 16 | | Location |
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| 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 & Online |
| Monday, February 17 - Presidents' Day | | |
| ALL DAY | Preschool & Church Office Close | |
| Tuesday, February 18 | | Location |
| 10:00AM - 11:00AM | FUMC Staff Meeting | Library |
| 10:30AM - 11:45AM | Tue AM Bible Study | Room 110 |
| 4:00PM - 8:00PM | FUMM Dinner | Fellowship Hall & Kitchen |
| 5:30PM - 6:45PM | Safe Harbor | Room 110 |
| 7:00PM - 8:00PM | Troop Meeting | Rooms 109-111 & 308 |
| Wednesday, February 19 | | Location |
| 7:30AM - 8:00AM | Men's Morning Prayer Group | Wilderness Habitat (Rainsite: Room 114) |
| 3:00PM - 7:30PM | Food Mission | Fellowship Hall (FH) |
| 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 or Sanctuary |
| 7:00PM - 8:00PM | Women's Small Group | Online |
| Thursday, February 20 | | Location |
| 9:00AM - 12:00PM | Sewing Class | Room 308 |
| 6:15PM - 7:25PM | Jubilate Handbell Choir | Room 112 or Sanctuary |
| 6:30PM - 7:15PM | Preschool Open House | Chapel |
| 6:30PM - 8:30PM | Den Meeting | FH, Rooms 109-111, 210, 211, 309 & 310 |
| 7:30PM - 9:00PM | Chancel Choir | Room 108 or Sanctuary |
| Friday, February 21 | | Location |
| 12:30PM - 2:30PM | Muslim Brotherhood Prayers | Fellowship Hall (FH) |
| Saturday, February 22 | | Location |
| 9:30AM - 3:00PM | Merit Badge Class | Rooms 109-111 |
| Sunday, February 23 | | 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 | Reconciling Sunday Worship | Sanctuary & Online |
| 12:00PM - 2:00PM | Luncheon with Bishop Sue | Fellowship Hall & Kitchen |