



Fairlington

Sunday, March 2, 2025



Prayers from Sunday, February 23

Suzie, Jenny, Vito, Joanne, John, Nancy, Kelly, Sheila, Ericka, Erin, Merton, Maggie, Dot, Gwen, Elvan, Mikey and family, Wendy, Debra, Cynthia, Tony and family, Alphonso and family, Grace, Craig and Sandy, Donna, Kathleen, Flor and family, Molly, Kitty and family, Kennedy, Erney and Allen families, Kim and Rufus, Beverly, Chad and family, Sabra and family, Marlo, Margaret, Pope Francis, Tura and her parents, Daniel, Sam and family, Katie and family, Debbie and family, Carol, Brittany.

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.



Flower Dedications

Flower Dedications: The red rose at the table is placed in celebration of the birth of Maxwell Joseph Theuerkauf, child of Seth and Katelyn Theuerkauf, sibling to Virginia, born on Monday, February 24, 2025. Please consider [signing up for the meal train](#) to support Seth and Katelyn as they settle into life as a family of four—it would be a huge help!



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!](#)

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.



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

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.

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:

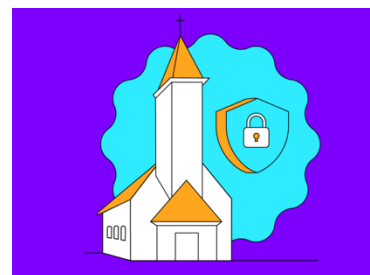
1. **Individual Guide:** Sign up to receive a free daily devotional. Each devotional offers a scripture, reflection, thoughtful questions, and a closing blessing. Click below to download.
2. **Group Guide:** This 6-week group guide can be used by your small group or family. It offers a short introduction, 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](#)

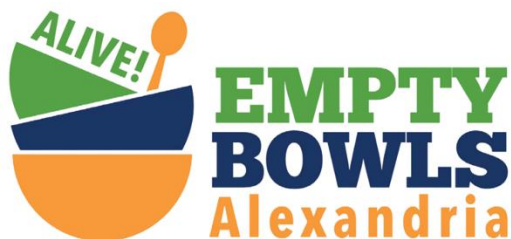


Lenten Creation Care Calendar: Download Virginia Interfaith Power & Light's 2025 Lenten Creation Care Calendar and join us in a season of reflection and action! This year's theme, "Rooted in Hope, Growing Justice," encourages us to care for our communities and the Earth through waste reduction, sustainable gardening, energy efficiency, and meatless recipes for Fridays. Use this calendar to guide your Lenten journey and inspire meaningful change. Share it with your congregation, friends, and family, and help spread the message of Climate and Environmental Justice. [Click HERE to download](#) your calendar or email the church office and we will make sure you get one.

Door Security Upgrades: In the coming weeks, a new door security system will be installed to replace the old system currently at the three main entrance doors. The fob system will be replaced with a keypad system whereby codes will be required to unlock the doors. The key fobs will no longer work. The upgrade also includes new cameras and a new software management system. Please stay tuned for more information as the install date gets closer. The Trustees and church staff are working to ensure a smooth transition when the changeover happens. Questions can be directed to Rev. Christian White at christian@fairlingtonumc.org or Lana Hurdle, Chair of Trustees, at lanahurdle@aol.com.



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: **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 jxjx@hotmail.com or call/text 240-475-5834.



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 Needed: 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. [CLICK HERE to sign up!](#)

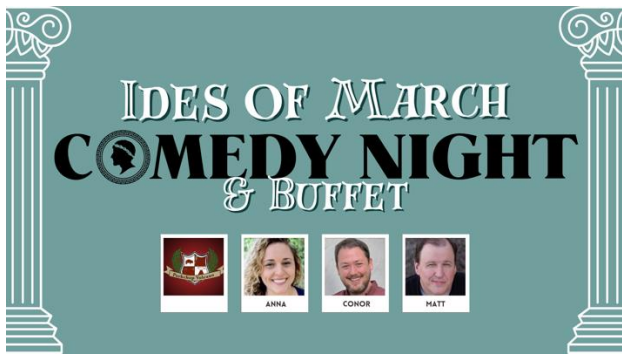


Why This Matters: When many people in Alexandria move into a new apartment, they sleep on the floor - sometimes for months - before they receive a bed. Many families juggle dinner on the sofa or floor until they receive a dining room table and chairs. Some of our neighbors have nowhere to sit except on the floor - until we bring them a sofa. It's powerful to be invited into people's homes and to bring them the furniture they need. We transform empty apartments into cozy homes.

What to Expect: Here's how volunteering with the ALIVE! Furniture Program works: We are looking for a team of 4-8 volunteers. The more, the merrier! Youth ages 15-17 years old can volunteer with a chaperone. Youth ages 12-14 years old must volunteer with a parent. We need people strong enough to help carry sofas and dressers, and people who are happy to hold doors and carry pillows. We meet at the ALIVE! warehouse at [801 S. Payne Street](#) at 8 am. Once we are organized with the roadmaps of our stops for the day, we drive our own cars to follow the ALIVE! furniture delivery truck from home to home to pick up or deliver furniture. We usually are finished at 1 pm. Believe it or not, moving furniture with a team is great fun!



Food Mission Sign Up: Our next Food Mission Distribution is **Wednesday, March 19**. Volunteer shifts are 3 - 5:30 PM and 5 - 7:30 PM, with food pickup available from 5 - 7:30 PM. To make this a success, we need 6-8 volunteers for each time block: [Sign up to volunteer HERE](#). Any questions, contact Meg Broadwell @ meg2mnts@gmail.com or 202-805-2160.



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 HERE!](#) 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.



Rise Against Hunger: Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 30 after service to package meals for Rise Against Hunger**. A pizza lunch will be served. We will package nearly 20,000 nutritious, dehydrated meals using an assembly line process to ship to hungry kids and individuals around the world. This event is suited to all ages. Please make a special donation to meet our goal of raising \$10,000 to cover meal packaging and shipping costs. Contribute to FUMC by check or online (memo: "Rise Against Hunger"). Let Lana Hurdle lanahurdle@aol.com Mark Elder markuselder@gmail.com know if you plan to help (watch for an on-line sign up). Plan to wear casual clothes and a hat, scarf or other head covering. Thank you for your support!



Rent Security Deposit Assistance Program: Fairlington's Rent Security Deposit Assistance Program (RSDAP) assists people in our community overcome the first barrier in securing and maintaining safe and affordable housing. For many, the inability to meet the security deposit requirements keeps them from securing a roof over their heads. Through the RSDAP we can offer one-time grants for our neighbors in need. This program operates on the generosity of our community. Thank you to those who are sending in their twice-yearly contribution to the RSDAP Fund! If you are interested in contributing to the fund or if you want to learn more about this program, [visit our page on the church website](#). For more information, please email Carolyn Devilbiss atsecdepositfumc@gmail.com.



Rent Security Deposit ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Community Events: On March 3, an interfaith conversation on immigration, job insecurity, and housing will bring together community leaders, with resources provided by the Legal Aid Justice Center and Tenants and Workers Together ([information can be found here](#)). Then, on March 10, a workshop on colorblind ideology and confronting whiteness will explore how we can foster deeper understanding and racial justice. Details and registration for the workshop can be found in [ACRP's newsletter](#). We encourage everyone to attend and be part of these vital conversations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- **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 & Pancake Breakfast
- **Thursday, April 17th** Holy Thursday worship
- **Friday, April 18th** Good Friday worship in the style of Taizé
- **Sunday, April 20th** Easter – 6:30 AM Sunrise Service & 10:45 AM Worship Service with King Street Brass

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This Week at Fairlington

Sunday, March 2		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 & Online
12:15PM - 1:00PM	Ring Tones	Sanctuary
12:00PM - 2:00PM	Troop 350 Meeting	Room 109/110/111
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Monday, March 3		Location
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Women's Small Group	Online
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Tuesday, March 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
6:30PM - 8:30PM	Shrove Tuesday	Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Troop Meeting	Rms 109-111 & 114
7:00PM - 9:00PM	Preschool Board Meeting	Parlor
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Wednesday, March 5		Location
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Wilderness (Rainsite: Room 114)
1:00PM - 2:00PM	Taizé Setup	Sanctuary
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary & Online
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Thursday, March 6		Location
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Sewing Class	Room 308
6:15PM - 7:25PM	Jubilate Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30PM - 7:30PM	Pack Meeting	FH, Rms 109-111, 210, 211, 309 & 310
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Friday, March 7		Location
12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall (FH)
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Saturday, March 8		Location
7:30AM - 1:00PM	ALIVE! Furniture Delivery	Parking Lot & Offsite
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Sunday, March 9		Location
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering	Parlor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Big Faith for Children	Room 211 & 309
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Forever Family Lenten Study	Chapel
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
12:15PM - 1:00PM	Ring Tones	Sanctuary
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308