



Fairlington

Sunday, March 9, 2025



Prayers from Sunday, March 2

Ethan, Gideon, Adelyn, Sue Helsel, KC, Joan, Kelly, Erin, Donald, Merton, Maggie, Family of Marlo Kay Ivy, Lorraine, Danielle, Wayne, Suzanne, Rob, Kevin, Brown family, Elvan, Mikey and family, Wendy, Debra, Cynthia, Tony and family, Alphonso and family, Grace, Craig and Sandy, Donna, Kathleen, Flor and family, Ukraine, Marilyn, John, Family of Catherine "Kitty" Dunn (Melanie Chadwick's Mother, who died on Wednesday, March 5, 2025).

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.

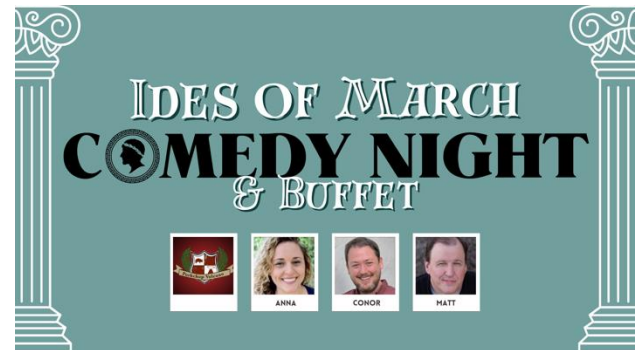


Flower Dedications

Flower Dedications: The white rose is placed in memory of Catherine "Kitty" Dunn, mother of Melanie Chadwick, who died on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

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.



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!



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.

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 jxlxj@hotmail.com or call/text 240-475-5834.



Rent Security Deposit Assistance Program

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 at atsecdepositumc@gmail.com.

Food Mission Sign Up: Our next Food Mission Distribution is **Wednesday, March 19**. The volunteer shift is 4 - 6:30 PM, with food pickup available from 5 - 6:30 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.



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 Carl Weldon if you have questions: cweldon2@verizon.net, 703/927-5904.

Furniture Delivery Volunteers Needed: Our congregation will be picking up and delivering gently used donated furniture with ALIVE! on **Saturday, May 10, 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!

Community Events: 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.



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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, 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

Clergy and Staff

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This Week at Fairlington

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	Fairlington Youth Small Group	Room 306
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
Monday, March 10		Location
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Women's Small Group	Online
7:30PM - 8:30PM	Men's Fellowship Group	Offsite
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Tuesday, March 11		Location
10:00AM - 11:00AM	FUMC Staff Meeting	Library
5:30PM - 6:45PM	Safe Harbor	Room 110
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Troop Meeting	FH & Rms 109-111
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Wednesday, March 12		Location
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Wilderness (Rainsite: Room 114)
5:30PM - 6:00PM	Cherub & Chapel Choir	Room 106
5:45PM - 7:00PM	Family Dinner Night	Fellowship Hall (FH)
6:15PM - 6:45PM	Joyful Ringers	Room 112
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Thursday, March 13		Location
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Sewing Class	Room 308
10:30AM - 12:30PM	Kneeful Knitters	Parlor
6:15PM - 7:25PM	Jubilate Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Friday, March 14		Location
12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall (FH)
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Saturday, March 15		Location
6:00PM - 8:30PM	"Ides of March" Comedy Night & Buffet	FH & Kitchen
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Sunday, March 16		Location
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering	Parlor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Big Faith for Children	Room 211 & 309
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Fairlington Youth Small Group	Room 306
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
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