

LENT

A SEASON OF PREPARATION

Fairlington

Sunday, March 23, 2025



Prayers from Sunday, March 16

Jenny & family, Suzie & family, John, George's family, Margot, Danielle, Diane, family of Marlo Kay Ivey, family of Mary Fall on, Suzanne, Lorraine, Wayne, refugees, 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, Erin, Kelly, Dianne, Erica, Merton, Maggie, Sabra and family, victims/survivors of natural disasters affecting the US, federal employees and their families, Wray, Christin, Orlando, Neil, Sandra.

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.

Rise

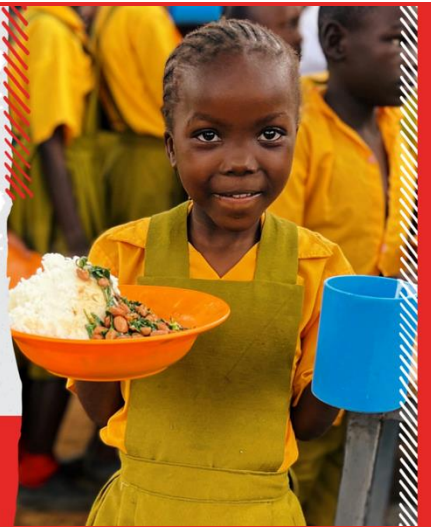
AGAINST HUNGER

EXPERIENCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

after worship

Join the movement!



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 intergenerational event is suited to ages 5+. 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"). As of 3/18 we have raised \$2,700! Plan to wear casual clothes and a hat, scarf or other head covering. Thank you for your support! [Click HERE to Register](#) or go to the church website. Contact Lana Hurdle lanahurdle@aol.com or Mark Elder markuselder@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Team Leader Training:

Fairlington UMC is hosting a United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Team Leader Training on **Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 9 AM to 2 PM**. This training is for those who have participated in at least one UMVIM trip and are ready to lead mission teams. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. with light refreshments, and training runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lunch provided. The cost is \$20, and the registration deadline is March 28. A training manual is available online at [UMVIM Team Leader Handbook](#). To register, visit [this link](#). For questions, contact Janine (janine@fairlingtonumc.org).



Fairlington Preschool Supports Federal Workers: Many families in our area are facing uncertain futures regarding their employment status. On March 10th, 2025, the Fairlington Preschool Board of Directors approved a financial support plan for families of federal government employees or contractors who want to place their children in a supportive and caring learning environment at Fairlington Preschool.

1. All federal employees and contractors will have their application fee waived.
2. If a federal employee or contractor loses their job after they have submitted an application for their child to attend Fairlington Preschool, their deposit will be refunded.

For more information about these two programs or to learn more about Fairlington Preschool, please contact the preschool office at 703-671-3939.



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., **April 2 and May 2.**

Native Habitat Garden Workday: Join us for a Native Habitat Garden Workday on **Saturday, April 5, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon.** This is a great opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and exercise while giving back to the environment and connecting with others. We'll be installing new benches, doing some much-needed spring cleaning, and tending to the native habitat to keep it thriving. No experience is necessary—just bring your enthusiasm, work gloves if you have them, and a willingness to help. Come be a part of this rewarding morning of environmental stewardship and fellowship.



Spring Treats from Terri Lynn: Many Spring celebrations are just around the corner: Easter, Mother's Day, Graduation Day, and Father's Day! If you need delicious premium snacks, nuts or confections, please support Fairlington United Women in Faith with your purchase through our online store: <https://fairlingtonumw.terri Lynn.com/> All proceeds support FUWF's missions with women, children, and youth. Thank you!

Easter tote bag donations

Annual Easter Tote Bag Preparation: We are coordinating our annual Easter Tote Bag project on Palm Sunday, **April 13 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11am worship service.** We will be preparing 120 totes for local organizations, including Rising Hope, and Patrick Henry Shelter. We will have various items included in the totes from coloring books and crayons to playdough and candy treats. **If you would like to donate edible treats including small packages of Goldfish crackers and gummy candies, we can add those to the totes on the day of the event.** Please contact Denise Taylor at 703/400-3677 or hokies91@cox.net for any questions. Many thanks for your support!

HOLY WEEK Easter & Sunday

Join us for a meaningful Holy Week and Easter celebration at Fairlington United Methodist Church!

- **PALM PASSION SUNDAY (April 13):** Start the day with a Free Pancake Breakfast from **9:00 to 10:30 AM**, followed by a Worship Service at **11:00 AM**.
- **HOLY THURSDAY (April 17, 7:30 PM):** A special service to reflect on the Last Supper.
- **GOOD FRIDAY (April 18, 7:00 PM):** Experience a Taizé Worship Service, a meditative and contemplative time of prayer and song.
- **EASTER SUNDAY (April 20):** Celebrate the resurrection with two services:
 - **6:30 AM** Sunrise Service in the Wilderness Habitat Area.
 - **10:45 AM** Worship Service with Communion, featuring inspiring music from King Street Brass, organ, timpani, Jubilate Handbell Choir, and the Chancel Choir.

All are welcome to join in this sacred and joyous time of worship and community at Fairlington United Methodist Church!

Food Mission Sign Up: Our next Food Mission Distribution is **Wednesday, April 16**. 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 @ meg2mtns@gmail.com or 202-805-2160.



Housing Student this Summer: Devon Earle is looking for housing help for a student leader this summer. One of their students has been accepted into an AmeriCorps fellowship at a middle school in the Wharf and is in need of housing from **June 12th to August 1st**. She is passionate about educational policy and excited to spend the summer in DC. If anyone from Fairlington might be open to hosting her or has suggestions for housing options, Devon would love to hear from you (devon@wesleyatuva.org).



Coffee with the Pastor: Janine will be holding “coffee shop hours” from **10 AM – 12 PM** at Alexandria Pastry Shop on **March 26, April 9 and 23**. Join her for some coffee, a delicious treat, and great conversations!

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!](#)



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 atsecdepositfumc@gmail.com.

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, 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 23		Location
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering (No Janine)	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
11:00AM - 2:30PM	Fairlington Youth Lunch & Fun	Room 306
12:15PM - 1:00PM	Ring Tones	Sanctuary
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Monday, March 24		Location
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Women's Small Group	Online
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Tuesday, March 25		Location
10:00AM - 11:00AM	FUMC Staff Meeting	Library
10:30AM - 11:30AM	"The Hardest Part" - Lenten Study	Room 110
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 26		Location
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Wilderness (Rainsite: Room 114)
5:30PM - 6:15PM	Cherub & Chapel Choir	Room 106
6:15PM - 6:45PM	Joyful Ringers	Room 112
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Thursday, March 27		Location
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Sewing Class	Room 308
6:15PM - 7:25PM	Jubilate Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Friday, March 28		Location
12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall (FH)
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Saturday, March 29		Location
9:00AM - 3:00PM	Teens Opposing Poverty	Fellowship Hall (FH)
7:00PM - 10:00PM	Tamunt Social Club	Room 308
Sunday, March 30		Location
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering	Parlor
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