



Palm Passion SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Prayers from Sunday, April 6

John, Eleanor, Rob, Kevin, Brown family, Elvan, Mikey and family, Carol, Sam and family, Katie and family, Debbie and family, Wendy, Cynthia, Tony and family, Alphonso and family, Grace, Craig and Sandy, Donna, Kathleen and Debra, Flor and family, Kelly, Erin, Jasna, Donald, Phil, Dianne, Merton, Maggie, Loretta, Chadd & Laur, Dana, Susan & Charlie, Monika & Joe, Christy, Tom, Amelie, Harper, Jack, Bill, Kellie, Rebecca, Laura, Laurie, Joel, Cindy, MaryBeth and Dean, Daniel, federal workers/contractors and their families, all affected by severe weather.

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 is placed in celebration of the birth of Susie Joanne Taylor, on March 21, 2025, to Michela and Ben Taylor.

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** (gluten free pancakes will be available), 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!



Easter Flower Cross: Help us decorate the Christ Cross on Easter Sunday. Bring your own greenery and flowers to fill in the cross. We will have some flowers available for those who need them. Be sure to take your Easter pictures with the Cross and share them with us!



Toiletry Donations Needed: We need to restock our supply of toiletries for our monthly ALIVE! distribution. Donations of full-size toiletry items would be greatly appreciated: shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, lotion and lip balm.

Fairlington Presbyterian Good Friday Kids Camp: Fairlington Presbyterian Church invites children ages 4 to 11 to attend the Good Friday Kids Camp on April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This special morning will include music, art, and storytelling focused on the Easter story. The camp will be held at 3846 King Street in Alexandria, Virginia. To learn more or to sign up, please visit www.fpcusa.org.



Annual Easter Tote Bag Preparation: We are coordinating our annual Easter Tote Bag project on Palm Sunday, **April 13 in the Chapel 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!

*Easter
tote bag donations*

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 @ meg2mnts@gmail.com or 202-805-2160.



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

Days of Remembrance: Join the City of Alexandria for the 36th Annual Days of Remembrance Ceremony honoring the victims of the Holocaust on **Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 12:00 PM** at Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA. Since 1988, this civic ceremony—organized by a committee of Alexandria residents—has served as a powerful moment of reflection and remembrance and was the first local government-sponsored Holocaust commemoration in the Washington metro area. This event is free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the City Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of City Hall. For parking, please review city maps and guidance at alexandriava.gov/Recreation.





Rise Against Hunger Update: Thanks to the ~120 volunteers who helped with the meal packaging event or with set up. We met our target of packaging 20,000 meals, and FUMC hit a milestone of preparing a cumulative total of 200,000 meals over all the Rise events we have hosted over the years. We exceeded our fundraising goal of \$10,000, collecting \$2,500 extra which we will dedicate to local hunger needs. Here is some information to answer some questions that came up about the event:

- **6 Meals Per Bag:** The bags mainly go to feed hungry children in other countries. 6 meals per bag are possible either because children experiencing malnutrition typically eat smaller portions as their bodies adapt to receiving routine nutritious food (and/or) the bags are combined with local native foods.
- **Meal Cost:** Of the \$2 cost per meal, 87% goes toward ingredients, supplies & shipping, and the remaining 13% goes to staff and outreach costs.

Family Fun Day: Join us on **Saturday, May 3rd from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at Pohick Bay Park (Picnic Shelter #1) for a day of fun, food, and fellowship. Families are welcome to come and go as their schedules allow, and the park offers a variety of activities for all ages. Fairlington will provide the main course for both lunch and dinner, and we ask everyone to bring a side dish to share. To learn more about the park, visit <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/pohick-bay-regional-park>. **Please RSVP by April 23rd** to christian@fairlingtonumc.org. Families who would like to camp overnight are welcome to do so on their own. If you're interested in camping, let Christian know and we'll help coordinate a planning group for those participating.



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!



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. Our next Prayer Service is **May 7**.

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!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- **Saturday April 12th** 10 AM – 12 PM Easter Egg Hunt Fairlington Playground
- **Sunday, April 13th** Palm Sunday Worship 11 AM & Free Pancake Breakfast (gluten free pancakes available) 9 AM
- **Wednesday, April 16th** Food Distribution with ALIVE!
- **Thursday, April 17th** Holy Thursday worship 7:30 PM
- **Friday, April 18th** Good Friday worship in the style of Taizé 7 PM
- **Sunday, April 20th** Easter – 6:30 AM Sunrise Service & 10:45 AM Worship Service with King Street Brass
- **Saturday, May 3rd** Family Fun Day at Pohick Bay Park
- **Wednesday, May 7th** 7 PM Tazié Prayer Service
- **Sunday, May 11th** Rev. Devon Earl preaching in Sunday Worship
- **Sunday, May 18th** Youth Sunday
- **Sunday, June 15th** Summer Worship Schedule Begins & united Methodist Men Lead Worship

Clergy and Staff

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This Week at Fairlington

Palm Sunday, April 13		Location
9:00AM - 10:30AM	FUMM Pancake Breakfast	Fellowship Hall / Kitchen
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	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	Palm Sunday Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00PM - 1:00PM	FUWF Easter Tote Project	Chapel
Preschool Closed 4/14 - 4/21		
Monday, April 14		Location
8:00AM - 5:00PM	Girl Scout Camp Discovery	FH, Playground, Rooms 10-111, 210, 211, 309 & 310
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Women's Small Group	Online
7:30PM - 8:30PM	Men's Fellowship Group	Offsite
Tuesday, April 15		Location
8:00AM - 5:00PM	Girl Scout Camp Discovery	FH, Playground, Rooms 10-111, 210, 211, 309 & 310
10:00AM - 11:00AM	FUMC Staff Meeting	Library
5:30PM - 6:45PM	Safe Harbor	Room 110
Wednesday, April 16		Location
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Wilderness (Rainsite: Room 114)
8:00AM - 5:00PM	Girl Scout Camp Discovery	FH, Playground, Rooms 10-111, 210, 211, 309 & 310
3:00PM - 7:30PM	Food Mission	Fellowship Hall (FH)
Holy Thursday, April 17		Location
8:00AM - 5:00PM	Girl Scout Camp Discovery	FH, Playground, Rooms 10-111, 210, 211, 309 & 310
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Sewing Class	Room 308
6:15PM - 7:00PM	Jubilate Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
7:00PM - 7:30PM	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
7:30PM - 8:30PM	Holy Thursday Worship	Sanctuary
8:30PM - 9:30PM	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Good Friday, April 18		Location
12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall (FH)
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Good Friday Taizé Worship	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 19		Location
9:30AM - 1:00PM	Easter Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Easter Sunday, April 20		Location
6:30AM - 7:30AM	Easter Sunrise Service	Wilderness (Rainsite: 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
10:45AM - 12:15PM	Easter Sunday Worship	Sanctuary & Online