



## You Have a Gift



Sisters and brothers, we are not dismissed.  
 We are not just free to go. Christ sends us!  
 Go home. Make welcome the stranger in your midst!  
 Go work. Create spaces of justice and mercy!  
 Go learn. Sharpen the talents God has given you!  
 Go play. Rejoice in the wonder of God's creation!  
 Go in the power of the Spirit  
 to love and serve the Lord.  
 Go to help and heal in all you do.

**Christ sends us!**

**Thanks be to God!**

*~from Worship in Daily Life*

## This Week's Calendar

January 27 through February 3, 2019

### Sunday, January 27

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship - Sanctuary  
 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee & Conversation - FH  
 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Letter-writing to General Conference Delegates - FH  
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship - Sanctuary  
 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM Five by Five Handbells - Room 112  
 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM UMW Book Discussion/Lunch - Sue Gunter's home  
 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Memorial Service for Addie Hebert - Sanctuary  
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Podcast Group - Room 109  
 6:30 PM Companions in Christ - Room 114

### Monday, January 28

6:30 PM United Methodist Men Dinner  
 7:00 PM Cub Scout/Boy Scout Committee - Room 109  
 7:00 PM Alive! Committee - Room 110  
 7:00 PM Cadet Girl Scouts - Room 111  
 7:00 PM Renovare - Room 114

### Tuesday, January 29

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Furlough Luncheon - Alexandria Pastry Shop  
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM AA - Room 111  
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop - FH/309/310  
 7:00 PM Finance Committee - Room 113  
 7:30 PM Band of Mothers - Parlor

### Wednesday, January 30

10:30 AM - Noon Adult Bible Study - Room 109  
 6:30 PM Alive! Meeting - FH  
 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Cherub Choir - Room 106  
 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Joyful Ringers - Room 112  
 7:15 PM - 8:00 PM Chapel Choir - Room 106  
 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM OA - Room 110

### Thursday, January 31

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Furlough Luncheon - Royal Restaurant, Alexandria  
 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Lazarus Ministries - FH/109/110  
 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 350 Leaders - FH  
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Jubilate Handbells - Room 112  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM OA - Room 110  
 7:45 PM - 9:30 PM Chancel/Seraphim Choir - Room 108

### Friday, February 1

6:00 PM Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby - FH/302/304/309/3/10

### Saturday, February 2

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby - FH  
 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM ALIVE Housewares - Basement  
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Adult English Conversation - Room 111/114

### Sunday, February 3

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship - Sanctuary  
 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee & Conversation - FH  
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship - Sanctuary  
 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM High School Youth Lunch & Program - Youth Room  
 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM LUNCH & LEARN: REDUCE, REUSE, REDECORATE - FH

**Worship Attendance January 20: 244**

### Fairlington United Methodist Church

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[www.facebook.com/FairlingtonUMC](http://www.facebook.com/FairlingtonUMC)

**Public Wi-Fi Network:** "FUMC-Access" (password: open3900)

**Donate:** [bit.ly/Donate2FUMC](http://bit.ly/Donate2FUMC)

**Text your donations to (703)454-8702.**

*Fairlington UMC is a Reconciling Congregation  
with open hearts, open minds, and open doors.*

*We proclaim and welcome every person as a beloved child of God  
regardless of age, race, physical or mental ability,  
sexual orientation, gender identity, family structure, faith history,  
or life experience.*

## Fairlington Youth Group

Presents Their 2019 Mission Trip Fundraiser

# Italian Cuisine Night

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Seatings at 5:30pm and 6:30pm - Fellowship Hall

Ticket presales: Contact [christian@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:christian@fairlingtonumc.org)

**\$10 per adult**  
**\$6 per child**  
 (4 & under eat free)  
**\$30 per family**



Families with  
 children are  
 encouraged to  
 attend.  
 This is a child-  
 friendly event.

### ~ Menu ~

*Delightful Tossed Salad - Delicious Pasta*

*Delectable Sauces*

*Divine Desserts - Drenching Drinks*

Service & Entertainment by FUMC Youth Talent

Proceeds support youth mission programs.

Questions?

Contact Rev. Christian White (703)671-8557 [christian@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:christian@fairlingtonumc.org)

### Clergy and Staff

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District Superintendent: Rev. Jeffrey Mickle; Bishop: Rev. Sharma Lewis



Fairlington United Methodist Church  
welcomes all to a nurturing faith community  
that serves God by serving others.

**We're Glad You're Here!** We invite all worshipers to sign the red **Friendship Pad** that is at the end of each pew and pass it down your row. Prayer requests may be listed on the **yellow** pew cards. Pass them to the inside aisle for collection during the first hymn.

**Is This Your First Visit with Us?** We have a gift for first-time worshipers on the Welcome Table in the Narthex (foyer). Ushers can provide **large print hymnals** and **hearing devices**. Ask them for a **Kid's Pack** and **Children's Bulletin** as well as directions to the **Nursery**, or to our **Family Room** in the balcony.

**Coffee and Conversation** All are welcome to the **Fellowship Hall** (directly below the Sanctuary) at 10:30am every Sunday between services, to get to know others in a casual setting.

**The White Roses on the Altar Celebrate the Lives of:**  
**Mark Caskey**, who passed away January 11. He is the father of Meredith Caskey.

**Adeline "Addie" Hebert**, who passed away January 17. She is the mother of Gerry Hebert, mother-in-law of Victoria Hebert, grandmother of Marlea Diberardinis, Josh Hebert, Christy Przystawik, Brooke Harris and Greta Gordon; and great-grandmother of Amelie, Annika, Gunter and Harper Przystawik; Abram Diberardinis, Bailey Gordon, Brigid Gordon, Adrian Harris, Tyler Harris and Sadie Mae Harris. There will be a celebration of Addie's life this afternoon at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary.

**Remember with Prayers** Each week in worship and at our church staff meetings we lift up the prayer requests that are submitted. You may also contact the church office with your prayer requests.

Kitty, Mildred, Jane, Guido, Gregory, Brooke, Paige, Donna, Bill and The Briggs Family, Jim and Paula, Ellen, Fred and Tracy, Myrta and Ricardo, Mary, Anne, Lisa, The Turan Family, The Meyer-Davis Family, Dan, Betsy, Jean, The Hebert Family, Bev, Shawn, Laurel, Carol, Glenn, Caroline, Joseph, Maria, Amy, Bill, Beverley, Tom, Lauren, Andria, Dana, Randy, Christian, Pam, Julie, Pete, Evert and Elisabeth, Julie and Gary, Mary and Bob, Janet, The Plank and Casey Families, Jake, Chuck, Sharon, Linda, Ana, The Buck and McGuire Families, Brian, Bethany, Robert, Mac, Brittany, Barbara, Katie, Eloise, The Arthur Family, Robert, Roberta Beall, Alex, Mary and Melanie, Don, William, Jane, Scott, Brynne, Shaun, Jennifer, Darlene, Rucker, Rich, Beth, Gloria, Bucky, Beverly, Mrs. Denny, Sharon, Freida, Myrta, John, Walter, Jon, Bob, Jerry, Sam, Howard, Jane, Charles, Daryl, Patricia, Richard, Nicolas, Linda, Larry and Candy; For our government's leaders, for furloughed employees, for those who are living on the streets, for taxpayers everywhere, and for the end of the government shutdown.

### Serving This Morning

**Acolytes** 9:30 Maddie Yee 11:00 Taryn White

**Children's Church** Clarke Ansel, Karen Palmer

**Nursery** Sabina Pandey

**Greeters** 9:30 Fred Geisler, Caren Eirkson

Gayle Reuter 11:00 Caren Eirkson

**Ushers** 9:30 **Stan Beall**, Jeff Barnes,  
Christine Pollack, Steve Davis, Jim Knaell

11:00 **Randy Nuckolls**, Laurie Willshire,  
Susan Batchelder, Jim Brown, Carol Varney

**Readers** 9:30 Karlene Masters, Molly McCabe

11:00 Jerry Ruel, Jim Brown

**Sound Techs** 9:30 Kevin Wagner 11:00 Dave Porter

**Greeters Are Needed for the New Year** for both the 9:30 and 11am services. Please sign up online: <http://bit.ly/FUMCgreeter>. Or for contact **Fred Geisler** at [fredgeisler@comcast.net](mailto:fredgeisler@comcast.net) or (703) 578-1731.

Welcoming . . .



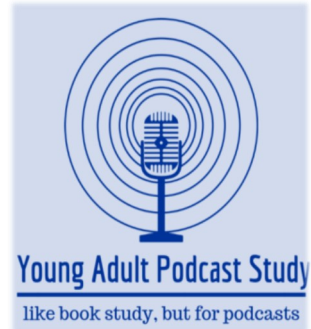
## Sermon Series

January 27 – You Have a Gift

February 3 – You Have a Purpose

Nurturing . . .

**Special Workshop This Morning at 9:30am.** Theron Fuller will demonstrate the use of icons as a spiritual practice during the 9:30 Sunday school hour in Ken Chadwick's class - Room 110. All are welcome to attend.



## YOUNG ADULT PODCAST STUDY

Everyone in their 20s and 30s is invited. Listen to the Podcasts before you come! We will have dinner together and then discuss. Childcare is provided!

**This Evening from 5-7pm in Room 109**

*Bible Binge Podcast: Adam and Eve*

**Sunday, February 3, 5-7pm/Room 109**

*Bible Binge Podcast: Noah*

### Next Sunday ► Lunch & Learn: Reduce, Reuse, Redecorate

February 3, 12:15pm to 1:15 in the Fellowship Hall

Do you crave an uncluttered, "reNewed" space for the New Year? Whether you love interior design or don't know where to begin, you are invited to a fun discussion with very practical ideas. Christy Schwengel, a design enthusiast who works at Green America, will explain how home design that is focused on sustainability can be more stylish, unique, and affordable than traditional options. Children's quiet activities will be provided.

**You are Invited to Study Jesus' Parables - Wednesdays, 10:30am, Room 109.** Jesus' parables can be elusive to modern listeners, and while much has been written about these story-lessons, taking the time to explore them in depth can be enriching. Our Wednesday morning Bible study will explore the parables of Jesus through a new lens. Class will extend through mid-April. All adults are invited to join this group at any time. Facilitator: **Anne Wilson**

### United Methodist Men Steak Dinner & Celebration - Tomorrow

All men are invited to celebrate the success of the Christmas tree sales, **tomorrow night at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.** We will enjoy dinner in the social hall, celebrate, and decide how to use the funds raised to serve our community. \$5 per diner and **free for newcomers!** RSVP with **Alex Holder** [alexander.holder7@gmail.com](mailto:alexander.holder7@gmail.com).

**Book Discussion Today** All are invited to discuss *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery over a pot luck lunch this afternoon from **12:30 to 2:00 pm** at Sue Gunter's home. See Carol Weldon at church for details.

Serving . . .

**Government Shut-Down Assistance** If you would like to help those affected by the government shutdown you can give at [bit.ly/Donate2FUMC](http://bit.ly/Donate2FUMC) or write a check to Fairlington UMC, writing "government shutdown" in the memo line.

If you are affected by the shutdown and need assistance, please reach out to one of our pastors at (703)671-8557. We have also posted a resource list on our website: [bit.ly/furloughhelp](http://bit.ly/furloughhelp).

Serving . . .

**By Popular Demand: Impacted by the Shut-Down? Have Lunch on Us!** We stand in support of unpaid federal employees, contractors and others affected by the partial shutdown. We also acknowledge there are many local restaurants and retail stores losing revenue due to a decrease in business. To offer our support, we have partnered with Washington Street UMC, Roberts Memorial UMC and Fairlington Presbyterian to host luncheons at locally owned restaurants. Our churches will pick up the lunch tab for all furloughed, essential unpaid workers, and unpaid contract workers.

**Tuesday, January 29 from 11:30am - 1:30pm at the Alexandria Pastry Shop** Bradlee Center 3690 King St. Alexandria

**Thursday, January 31, from 11:30am - 1:30pm at the Royal Restaurant** 730 N St Asaph St. Alexandria

**Letter-Writing Campaign to Our Virginia Conference Delegates** *Between February 23-26 in St Louis, there will be a special meeting of the United Methodist General Conference, our denomination's worldwide legislative body. They will decide the future structure of the denomination, centered on the issue of our church's position on issues of human sexuality.*

We encourage FUMC members to write letters to the Virginia delegates who will attend this General Conference, encouraging them to vote for a plan for the denomination's future that supports full inclusion of all God's children and ends discriminatory practices against our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. Information on writing these letters, including addresses, will be available in the **Fellowship Hall between services** and in the narthex for the next three weeks. Letter writing information is also available on-line at <http://bit.ly/FUMCletter>. Virginia Delegates' addresses are at <http://bit.ly/VAdellegates>.

You are invited to write your letters with us in the Fellowship Hall, or you may take the info sheets and addresses to write your letters from home. Questions? Contact **Mark Elder** at [markuselder@gmail.com](mailto:markuselder@gmail.com), or (703) 212-8528.

**You can make a difference following the disaster created by Hurricane Florence.** So far 10 of us are going to Tarboro, NC, **February 15-18** (Presidents' Day weekend) to help repair the homes devastated by flooding. Check out our Missions page on the FUMC website: <http://fairlingtonumc.org/serve/missions>. We have photos, forms and background info there. Whether you are a member of Fairlington or not, you are welcome! Contact **Mike Moss** at [amos18554@aol.com](mailto:amos18554@aol.com).

### Be a Senior Ambassador to the FUMC Community

Senior Services of Alexandria has many programs that benefit members of our church and community. They are looking for an Ambassador who can share information with our church about what's going on. If you would be interested in knowing more about this volunteer position, contact **Mary Anne Beatty**, Director of Community Outreach: (703)836-4414 x113 [communications@seniorservicesalex.org](mailto:communications@seniorservicesalex.org).

**Dear Fairlington Family:** It's hard to believe that 6 months ago I started on this journey that I never thought would end the way it did. I am eternally grateful to my Fairlington family for the love and prayers that helped guide and support us as we moved through the darkness. Your cards, visits and delicious meals certainly kept the Light of God shining during the most difficult days. It is now 2 months post-surgery and I am slowly venturing out as able. I hope to see you soon.

With heartfelt love and gratitude,  
Myrta and Ricardo