

Suffering God cares, period.

Fairlington United Methodist Church

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February 28, 2021

How do I find help in enduring the injustice, pain, and illness in my life? In the face of suffering, how can I really believe that God cares about me?

Suffering. God cares. Period.

Anger, frustration, shame, and feeling betrayed by a “silent heaven” are some of the experiences that we have when suffering. Suffering is a complex topic and understanding it (better) and pursuing an encounter with the living God and God’s people can make a difference.

During Lent FUMC is offering a free in-depth look at the mysteries of suffering and how to make better sense of them. Whether your present concerns involve emotional injuries rooted in the past, experiences of injustice or illness, or unfulfilled longings in the here-and-now, this group will help you to experience perspective and hope.

Join David and Christian on a journey to understand better how to respond to suffering. Learn how the biblical writers responded in all the ways that humans do and discover how we as Methodists have learned to care for ourselves in the process of pain and confusion.

Our study will be led by FUMC member **David Bissette** with the assistance of **Christian White**. David's doctorate in clinical psychology includes a minor in theology, and his work experience includes 10 years in Christian work prior to his career in psychology.

The text for this course is **Where is God in all the suffering?** by Amy Orr Ewing. The course will involve purchasing the book for yourself (available at Amazon for \$8.99 /Kindle or \$13.71/ paperback). Please direct questions and express interest in participation to Christian@FairlingtonUMC.org or david.bissette@gmail.com.

Sunday, February 28
Online Worship Service
at 11am Log on at
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Second Sunday in Lent Unburdened
Rev. Janine Howard will be leading the service.
Suggested Readings: Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

Tuesday, March 2
7:30pm Online Study
All are welcome!

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For the zoom coordinates contact christian@fairlingtonumc.org

Sunday, March 7
Online Worship Service
at 11am Log on at
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Third Sunday in Lent Rev. Chenda Innis Lee will be leading the service.
Suggested Readings: Exodus 20:1-7 Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 14
Online Worship Service
at 11am Log on at
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Fourth Sunday in Lent Rev. Christian White will be leading the service.
Suggested Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3 & 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14

Sunday, March 21
Online Worship Service
at 11am. Log on at
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Fifth Sunday in Lent Rev. Janine Howard will be leading the service.
Suggested Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33



ALIVE! HOUSEWARES UPDATE

Although we *do not* accept individual houseware drop offs at church, ALIVE! held a one-time drive-by donation day at FUMC. On Feb. 6 we collected dozens of boxes of new and gently used housewares. People were so generous that we are NOT ACCEPTING ANYMORE HOUSEWARES until we process this batch. In fact, we can use help sorting and organizing all the goods we received. if you have a little time to spare, please contact **Victoria Hebert**, vhebert1955@gmail.com. **If you know someone in dire economic straits or moving out of a shelter and settling into an apartment contact housewares@alive-inc.org for their houseware needs.**

[West End Lazarus Amazon Grocery List](#)

[This week: laundry pods and laundry detergent](#)

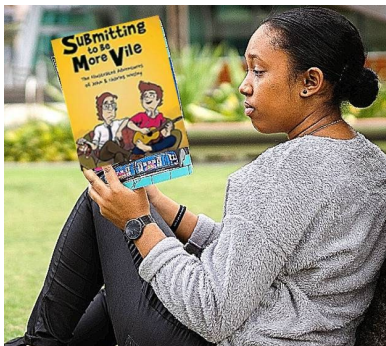
ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK FOR THE CLIENTS OF WEST END LAZARUS

Let us keep a Holy Lent by caring for our neighbors.

This week we invite you to purchase laundry detergent pods and liquid laundry detergent (small bottles, 40oz).

You can make your purchases and delivery through their Amazon wish list by clicking on the smile logo or clicking on <https://amzn.to/3b0diH8>.

You are also welcome to do your own shopping. Please take the items to Back Door Entrance/Trinity UMC/ 2911 Cameron Mills Rd, Alexandria, VA 22302.



MEET FAIRLINGTON YOUNG ADULTS ONLINE SUNDAY, MARCH 7 @ 5:30PM [DOWNLOAD OUR CALENDAR](#)

We will be reading the book: “Submitting to be More Vile: The Illustrated Adventures of John & Charles Wesley” by Charlie Baber from now through June. There will also be a bi-monthly social gathering, beginning in March. For more information, contact chenda@fairlingtonumc.org


THANK YOU!
2021 Stewardship Campaign
131 pledges = \$636,040.12

Thank you very much for your support to Fairlington! The Stewardship Committee is very grateful to those who have pledged to the 2021 budget and all who give of their gifts, tithes, and offerings to support Fairlington’s ministries and missions. Under our Celebrating Connections campaign, we received 131 pledges for a total of \$636,040.12. Your gifts this year will enable Fairlington to continue to minister to our church family and community virtually and in-person and serve those who have been adversely impacted by the pandemic. ~Christine Pollack, Stewardship Chair



Virginia Roots, Race, and Discipleship

A video series designed to engage clergy and laity in authentic conversations about race and reconciliation. Watch the video *Native Americans: Old World/New World Roots* anytime (<https://vimeo.com/485629844>). And then join in a zoom discussion **Wednesday, March 3 from 7:30 to 8:15pm**. Contact Karlene Masters for the zoom invitation karlenemasters@hotmail.com. This discussion series is sponsored by Fairlington United Methodist Women and all are welcome.

Sun, Feb 28		
10:00am - 11:00am	Our Journey on the Way via Zoom	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
11:00am - 12:00pm	SUNDAY Worship ONLINE	janine@fairlingtonumc.org
1:30pm - 2:30pm	FUMW Business Meeting via Zoom	karleneMasters@hotmail.com
Mon, March 1		
Tues, March 2		
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Lenten Study via Zoom	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
Wed, March 3		
7:30am - 8:00am	Men's Morning Prayer Group - Fellowship Hall	clint.stretch@gmail.com
10:30am - 11:45am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study via Zoom	wilsanne@gmail.com
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Trustees zoom or 114	clint.stretch@gmail.com
7:30pm - 8:15pm	FUMW Discussion Group: In the Beginning God: Old / New Word Roots	karleneMasters@hotmail.com
Thurs, March 4		
7:30pm - 8:30pm	Missional Ecclesiology Zoom	janine@fairlingtonumc.org
Sat, March 6		
9:30am – 10:30am	Zoom Membership Meeting FUMC Men	alexander.holder7@gmail.com
Sun, March 7		
10:00am - 11:00am	Our Journey on the Way via Zoom	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
11:00am - 12:00pm	SUNDAY Worship ONLINE	janine@fairlingtonumc.org
5:30pm - 7:00pm	FUMC Young Adults	chenda@fairlingtonumc.org

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