



FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Welcoming. Nurturing. Serving.

Dear Fairlington Family,

We are aware of the growing concern about the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on our community. At this time, there are no confirmed cases in Alexandria, Virginia, or the D.C. region, however, the clergy, staff, and leaders at Fairlington want you to know that we are taking the following precautions.

1. We have 14 accessible bathrooms that will continue to be well-stocked with soap. Washing your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds (the amount of time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice) is one of the most effective ways to prevent getting sick
2. We are adding two additional touchless hand sanitizer stations, one in front of the parlor and one downstairs outside of the Fellowship Hall in front of the newly painted purple wall .
3. We have switched cleaning agents to disinfectants where that was not already the standard.
4. We are grateful for our custodians who are the front line of preventing illness by keeping our building clean, always working hard to disinfect bathrooms, floors, and high touch areas. They will be placing extra focus on disinfecting hand railings twice a week and door knobs, push plates, and light switches regularly.
5. Ushers will have personal tissue packs if you need them on Sunday mornings. We have also stocked all classrooms with tissues. This will allow you to cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
6. We are asking everyone who uses the building to leave lights on and leave doors open in the common areas, corridors, and stairwells, to the extent possible to minimize number of touches. Our custodians will turn lights out and close doors at the end of day.
7. If you aren't feeling well or have traveled to an area where you believe you may have been exposed to coronavirus, we encourage you to stay home. Remember that you can watch worship services on livestream ([click here](#)).
8. The Peace is a regular part of our worship service and we will continue to encourage you to share the peace with one another in ways that are comfortable to you. This may mean not touching one another, but sharing a verbal affirmation of peace.

We know that there is a lot of information circulating about COVID-19. For up to date information we have found the websites Virginia Department of Health ([click here](#)) and Center for Disease Control ([click here](#)) to be reliable and helpful.

Blessings,

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