



Holy Week at Fairlington 2021

*Stations of the Cross in the Van Dorn Wilderness**
On View Sunday, March 28 through Easter Sunday, April 4
**next to the upper parking lot across the street from the Church.*

The Stations of the Cross is a walking prayer devotional focused on the last hours of Christ's life. The fifteen stations are visually depicted by artist Monica Welch of Rockland, Texas and are on view in the wilderness throughout Holy Week. They are most appropriately experienced on Good Friday. Each station is accompanied by an audio recording that includes scripture, reflection, and a prayer or can be followed along with a written version of the stations. There is also a child-friendly audio recording available so that children can experience the walking prayer journey as well. **Download the audio mp3 versions and/or the written version at www.fairlingtonumc.org.** Our pastors will be present in the wilderness area for personal prayer between Noon and 3:00pm on Good Friday.

*Palm/Passion
Sunday
March 28*

Pick up your genuine palms this weekend so you can have them for the service! They are in a plastic tub in the breezeway at the front of the church. Come up the steps or ramp and look to your left. The service includes special music from the Jubilate Handbell Choir. Discerning questions from our youth. Online Worship Service At 11am. Log on at www.fairlingtonumc.org.

*Holy Thursday
April 1*

Outdoor Communion Service at 5:30pm in the Wilderness
Bring your own communion elements: bread, wine/juice, chair & mask.
Go to our website to download the program.

Online Worship: A Brief Service at 7:30pm Logon at our website.

*Good Friday
April 2*

Private Prayer Outdoors in the Wilderness - All Day
Noon to about 3pm: Our pastors will be present in the Wilderness to pray with you.

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Jesus

Celebrate Our Traditions

April 4

Decorate the Christ Cross outside the Church
Bring greenery and flowers.

All Day

6:30am

Communion Service in the Wilderness
Bring your own communion elements: bread, wine/juice
chair & mask. Find the program on www.fairlingtonumc.org

11:00am

Easter Service streaming live from the Sanctuary
with the King Street Brass Quintet
and the Jubilate Handbell Choir
Continue the tradition! Sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* (Messiah) along with
the virtual combined choirs of FUMC and Westminster Presbyterian Church.





Bi-District Forms Workgroup to Focus on Race, Ethnicity and Culture

From the Alexandria District Newsletter

by Maureen Allison alexandriadistrict@vaumc.org

"Do No Harm": An Open Letter to the United Methodist College of Bishops of the Northeastern, Southeastern, North Central, South Central and Western Jurisdictions of the United States of America

[CLICK HERE](#)

Several months ago, one of our clergy, Rev. Chenda Lee, associate pastor at Fairlington UMC, created a Facebook challenge called the dangling earrings challenge (#danglingearringschallenge) to speak out against the constant barrage of sexism against clergywomen at the hands of other clergy and recently she took

an even bolder step and penned an open letter, "Do No Harm" (click on the picture). Her letter has circulated to every Bishop in the Southeast Jurisdiction and currently has over 1,300 signatures and several responses from Bishops. The Bi-District chose to respond to the points Rev. Lee raised in the open letter by creating the **Do No Harm Workgroup**. This workgroup, made up of clergy and laity from the Bi-District will focus on issues of race, ethnicity and culture that challenge our Conference and our denomination. **The workgroup is comprised of four task forces that will focus on:** Race, racism, and social justice

1. Inclusion, diversity, equity, access (I.D.E.A)
2. Cultural competence and cultural humility
3. Cross-cultural /cross racial (CC/CR) ministry

Initially, the Workgroup will be forming a CC/CR ministry taskforce in order to respond to point #3 in the open letter. Because we are in the midst of the appointment season, we have the unique opportunity to focus immediately on cross-cultural/cross-racial ministry for those transitioning to and currently in CC/CR appointments.

Prior to these recent events, the Bi-District had already augmented the Pastor Transitions Workshop to include a session for incoming pastors and SPRC chairs in CC/CR ministry. In addition, we wanted to expand the training to those receiving congregations, so that on July 1, both the pastor and the congregation are aware of and understand the important work of CC/CR ministry. We want to emphasize that while equipping pastors and SPRC for CC/CR ministry is helpful, there is opportunity for growth and engagement at the congregational level as well. After July 1, the taskforce will begin offering leadership training for those pastors and congregations currently in CC/RR ministry appointments in a train-the-trainer model. The workgroup will continue to expand as it creates task forces to respond to all four areas of focus.

If you have an interest in or expertise with any of the four areas, and would like to join the workgroup, please contact **Michelle Holmes Chaney**, michellechaney@vaumc.org.

Our Audio/Visual Tech Fund Almost 75%



Help us improve and sustain our online experience and our upcoming in-church experience. Fairlington UMC is asking for much needed additional financial gifts. Improvements will cost in the vicinity of \$65,000 (includes installation). These items are not in the 2021 budget. For more information, please contact the Integrated AV-IT Task Force, office@fairlingtonumc.org

You are invited to give at fairlingtonumc.org/give/donate. When you do, please list your donation on the line: Other: AVTech. If mailing a check indicate AVTech on the check memo line. Thank you for your help!

[West End Lazarus](#)
[Amazon Grocery List](#)



Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Glass Cleaner & Disinfectant Sprays

STILL A BIG NEED FOR THE CLIENTS OF *WEST END LAZARUS*

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*.

Virginia Roots, Race, and Discipleship

*A video series designed to engage clergy and laity in authentic conversations about race and reconciliation. This week we discuss *The Untold Story: Civil War/Lost Cause* (<https://vimeo.com/500901473>). Watch the video and then join in a zoom discussion **Wednesday, March 31 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.*

**THE UNTOLD
STORY:
CIVIL WAR
LOST CAUSE**

Online Classes for Senior Citizens and Caretakers

If you would like to be on the senior news email list, contact Vicki Stones stones5@comcast.net

Courses Offered by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Program, open to all Virginia residents.

Demystifying Utility Bills (English), Tuesdays, April 13, & May 11, 7:30-8:30 pm.

Volunteers will present examples of common utility bills and explain its elements. [Register here.](#)

Energy Bingo: Thursday 5 - 6 pm on 4/15. Join us for free, fun bingo events suitable for the whole family and get tips to make your home more comfortable, information on how to reduce your energy and water bills, and ideas to protect our environment. **Prizes include \$25 Visa gift cards and LED light bulbs.** Each session will be conducted in English and Spanish. [Register online.](#)

Demystifying Utility Bills in Spanish: el 24 de Marzo y 26 de Mayo 6-7pm ¿Necesitas ayuda para comprender las facturas de servicios públicos? En estas clases también tenemos información sobre ayuda financiera.

Registración: <https://tinyurl.com/utilitybillspanish>

Retirement Planning: Tues April 6 from 6-8pm. Learn about setting goals, spending realities during retirement, and types of retirement income. Register at <https://forms.gle/B11TAvGa2LwbMVpf9>

Investing Basics: Tues April 13 from 6-8pm. Learn about setting financial goals, the benefits of saving and investing, and types of investments. Register at <https://forms.gle/B11TAvGa2LwbMVpf9>

How to Cool Your Home. Are your cooling bills high? Learn cheaper alternatives and tips to save on costs.

English class: **Tues, April 20 6:30 7:30pm.** [Register HERE](#)

Spanish class: Aprenda a mantener su espacio fresco. **Jueves, 29 de abril 6:30-7:30pm.** [Registrarse AQUI](#)

Senior Services of Alexandria's Virtual Spring Senior Academy in April – Register Now!

Senior Services of Alexandria will be hosting a Virtual Spring Academy beginning **Wednesday, April 7 – 10 - 11:30am** and continuing Wednesday morning during the month of **April – 14, 21 and 28**. This four-week course will feature overview from city officials and departments on how the city operates with an emphasis on programs and services for older adults. It is a free session via zoom. Click on [Register Now for April "Virtual" Senior Academy - Senior Services of Alexandria \(seniorservicesalex.org\)](#).

Sun, March 28 - Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

ALL WEEK: Stations of the Cross on Display in the Wilderness

10:00am - 11:00am	Our Journey on the Way via Zoom	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
11:00am - 12:00pm	SUNDAY Worship ONLINE	janine@fairlingtonumc.org

Mon, March 29

Tues, March 30

Wed, March 31

7:30am - 8:00am	Men's Morning Prayer Group - Wilderness (FH rain)	clint.stretch@gmail.com
7:30pm - 8:15pm	FUMW Discussion Group: In the Beginning God: Old / New Word Roots	KarleneMasters@hotmail.com

Thurs, April 1 – Holy Thursday Find programs and zoom access at www.fairlingtonumc.org

5:30pm: Communion Service in the Wilderness

7:30pm: Online Service via Zoom

Fri, April 2 - Good Friday Traditional day for meditating on the Stations of the Cross
Clergy available noon to about 3pm for prayers in the Wilderness.

Sat, April 3

Sun, April 4 - Easter Sunday Find programs and zoom access at www.fairlingtonumc.org

6:30am Early Morning Outdoor Service in the Wilderness.

11am Live Streaming Service via zoom

10:00am - 11:00am	Our Journey on the Way via Zoom	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
5:30pm - 7:00pm	FUMC Young Adults	chenda@fairlingotnumc.org

Fairlington United Methodist Church

3900 King Street / Alexandria VA / 22302 / 703.671.8557
info@fairlingtonumc.org<https://www.fairlingtonumc.org>
www.facebook.com/FairlingtonUMC

Clergy and Staff

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Janine Howard, janine@fairlingtonumc.org
Associate Pastor: Rev. Chenda Innis Lee, chenda@fairlingtonumc.org
Minister of Congregational Family Life: Rev. Christian White, christian@fairlingtonumc.org
Director of Music: Dr. Louise Wilson, 703.671.4057 louise@fairlingtonumc.org
Cantor: Rev. Tura Foster-Gillespie A/V Production Support: Jacob Souza
Youth Programs: youth@fairlingtonumc.org
Office Manager: Michelle Tello, michelle@fairlingtonumc.org
Calendar/Building Use: office@fairlingtonumc.org
Assistant for Publications: Eileen Joyner, eileen@fairlingtonumc.org
Preschool Director: Carol Keller, 703.671.3939 preschool@fairlingtonumc.org
Custodian: Yosias Hagos