



Interested in Scouts BSA?

Troop 350 is now enrolling **boys and girls** (age 11-14) in Scouts. Your son/daughter can sign-up in time for Summer Camp this year. The Troop as well as Cub Scout Pack 350 (age 6-10) are sponsored by Fairlington UMC Men. Questions? Contact Leaders **Tony or Jody Baker** scoutmastertroop350@gmail.com, or Scout Committee Chair **Elina Erickson** (committeechairtroop350@gmail.com).

Easter Lilies, Azaleas & Hydrangeas, Oh My!!

You are invited to purchase a flower or make a contribution to the Rental Deposit Assistance Fund in honor or memory of someone. We will print names and dedications in the Easter bulletin. You'll find the pink forms on the Connect boards in the narthex, outside the fellowship hall and at the green awning entrance. Leave the completed forms in the narthex or collection basket. Or go to www.fairlingtonumc.org, scroll down and click on the Easter Altar Flowers button.

Order Deadline is Monday April 8.

GROW NATIVE PLANTS 101

Margaret Fisher of Plant NoVa Natives will be at Fairlington UMC on April 10 at 7:00 pm to provide an overview of and helpful tips on selecting and caring for Northern Virginia native plants. A list of local native plant suppliers and public sales will be available to help you plan your spring garden. Co-sponsored by the Caring for Creation Committee and Fairlington United Methodist Women. Contact FairlingtonUMW@gmail.com for more information.

NEW! Earth Sangha has partnered with Fairlington UMW to offer five native flowering plants as part of our annual Bedding Plant fundraiser. Choose between Black Eyed Susan, red Columbine, white Beardtongue, Wild Sage and Blue Mistflower. Pre-orders due by April 15. Stop by our display in the Fellowship Hall between worship services or contact Sandy Millard at FairlingtonUMW@gmail.com.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

The pinwheels you may have noticed in front of our church are some of many pinwheel gardens planted throughout Virginia during the month of **April, Child Abuse Prevention Month**. Pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse prevention, symbolizing a happy, healthy childhood. They invite us all to consider ways we might strengthen families and our community by contributing to the safety and well-being of the children around us. In Alexandria, any concerned resident who suspects that a child is abused or neglected should call the CPS Hotline at 703.746.5800. In Arlington, the number is 703-228-150. In Fairfax, the number is 703-324-7400. Or you can call the Virginia Hot Line at



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.

This Week's Calendar
April 7 through April 14

Sunday April 7

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation - FH
- 10:30 AM Presentation: Plans for the Chapel - Chapel
- 11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Youth Lunch and Program - Youth Room
- 4:00 PM Handbell Concert - Sanctuary/FH

Monday April 8

- 7:00 PM Renovaré - Room 114
- 7:00 PM Cadette Girl Scouts - Room 110
- 7:00 PM Building Committee and Trustees - Room 113

Tuesday April 9

- 5:30 PM AA - Room 111
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop - Jr. Hi/309/310
- 6:30 PM Anger Management - Room 114
- 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Leader Training - Room 111

Wednesday April 10

- 10:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study - Room 109
- 6:00 PM Girl Scouts - Room 111
- 6:30 PM Cherub Choir - Room 106
- 6:30 PM Joyful Ringers - Room 112
- 7:00 PM Postpartum Support - Room 109
- 7:00 PM Native Plants of No. VA - FH
- 7:15 PM Chapel Choir - Room 106
- 7:30 PM OA - Room 110

Thursday April 11

- 2:00 PM Lazarus Ministries - FH/109/110
- 6:30 PM Jubilate Handbells - Room 112
- 7:00 PM OA - Room 110
- 7:45 PM Chancel/Seraphim Choir - Room 108

Friday April 12

Saturday April 13

- 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt - Playground

Sunday April 14 Palm Sunday

- 9:30 AM Confirmation Class - Room 303
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation - FH
- 11:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Companions in Christ - Room 114

Worship Attendance March 31: 211

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FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcoming. Nurturing. Serving.

April 7, 2019

Coming Together



Easter is still two weeks off, but resurrection is on our minds. Every time we come to a dead end or find ourselves in a struggle, we wonder whether there will be a way out. Sometimes the suffering and loss seems more than we can bear.

But then God sends the right person to listen, or someone to share our burdens. Or our prayers lead us to a helpful way of thinking and we see some new steps that provide life-giving options. Isaiah describes God's work this way: "I am about to do a new thing. . . I will make a way in the wilderness." In Christ, resurrection becomes a way from death to life, from loss to gain, moving from the past to a new future. Do you see the way through your wilderness?

~Pastor Mary Beth

*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 gifts 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.

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.

Steve, Laura, Jack & family, Stevie & family, Lynette, Robert, Sharon, Julie, Patrick, Bob, Bethany, Judith, William, Mike, Claudia, Jesmi, Marie, The Steel family, Myron, Marilyn, Lance, The DeCorps, The Spencer family, Bob, Ashley, Jeanetta, Bill, Elcheua, Matthew, Guido, Don, Darlene, Rucker, Rich, Beth, Shaun, Jennifer, Brynne, Scott, William, Jane, Bucky, Gloria, Beverly, Rocky, Ms. Penny, Sharon, Freida, Mary, Lynn, Teddy, Bill & the Briggs family, Kevin & Karl, Ellen, Jim, Fred, Ellie, Tracy, Ruby, Myrta, Jeff, Randy, Philibin family, Hebert family, Plank and Casey family, Jack, Anne, Lisa, Betty, Dorothy, Jane, Connie, Sharon, Linda, Betsy, Tim, Jean, Susan, Beverly, Shawn, Marion, Alicia, Evert & Elisabeth, David & Jeannette, Julie & Gary, Myrta, Janet, Rhonda, Fred, Bill, Jane & Connie, Nicolas, Elizabeth, Patricia, Charles, Jose, Patty, Carol, Barb, Bev, Dana, Andrea, Donald, Melania, Ivanka and Jared, Robert, Katherine, Deann, Brian, Monilya, church unity and those suffering from mental illness, a family seeking reconciliation.

Serving This Morning

<i>Acolytes</i>	9:30 Morgan Kamber 11:00 Olivia Kamber
<i>Children's Church</i>	Leslie Casson-Stevens, Debbie Grant
<i>Nursery</i>	Sabina Pandey, Carol Counselman, Kimberly Hanna
<i>Readers</i>	9:30 Carol Hunter, Charles Raasch 11:00 Jim Brown, Brad Yost
<i>Ushers</i>	9:30 Stan Beall , Jeff Barnes, Linda Hauenstein, David Hauenstein, Glen McLouglin 11:00 Alvin Mason , Wray Sexson, Sarah Laryea Joan Bready, Laurie Willshire
<i>Sound Techs</i>	9:30 Kevin Wagner 11:00 Dave Porter

Clergy and Staff

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Welcoming . . .

Saturday, April 13: Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt
10am - 12pm in the Playground
Rain Date: Sunday, April 14, 1:30-3:30pm

Palm Sunday, April 14: Preparing

Preacher: Rev. Devon Earle
8:00 - 9:30am: Free Pancake Breakfast
Fellowship Hall - sponsored by the United Methodist Men
(gluten-free pancakes available)

9:30 & 11am: Worship and Procession with Palms
Combined Adult and Children's Choirs

April 18: Holy Thursday

6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
Recalling the Last Supper

All are invited to a FREE intergenerational meal. We will remember what happened over 2,000 years ago, on the night before Jesus died. Dinner will conclude with Holy Communion.

April 19: Good Friday

A Tenebrae Service
7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Tenebrae, dating to the 12th Century, is a service of shadows. Led by the Chancel Choir, we will hear the story of Jesus' last hours, ending with the Sanctuary enveloped in darkness.

April 21: Easter Sunday: Believing

Preacher: Rev. Mary Beth Blinn

Our joyful Easter celebration will feature music by our Chancel, Seraphim, and Jubilate Handbell Choir, The King Street Brass Quintet and organ, concluding with congregational participation in the singing of G.F. Handel's Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah. You are invited to bring cut flowers to decorate the cross on the church lawn as we rejoice in Jesus' resurrection.

Nurturing . . .

Members of Fairlington's **LTGTQ+ community** are invited for dessert, conversation and sharing on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 pm. This will be held at the home of Mary Beth Blinn (church parsonage) at 1317 Juliana Place, Alexandria. For more information contact marybeth@fairlingtonumc.org.

Your Lenten Offering Today . . .

will support the missions of our church, including our missionary in Cambodia, Clara Biswas, as well as Just Neighbors, Rising Hope, FUMC Rental Deposit Assistance and Caring for God's Creation ministries. Please mark "Lent" on your check or envelope. You may also make your Lenten donation online at bit.ly/Donate2FUMC, or text a donation to (703) 454-8702. Thank you for your generosity!

Moving Forward

To address the congregation's strongly-felt need for more effective gathering space, the Building Committee and Trustees are considering an exciting plan to convert the chapel into a welcoming, flexible gathering and meeting space. This renovation, which can be done quickly, is consistent with or larger vision for the building. We envision a multi-purpose space that, in addition to use as a gathering space after worship, can be used for is everything from worship and fellowship hours to youth and children activities, yoga classes and community. You can find more information on this project in April's Steeple Talk. **If you are able, please come and meet with members of these committees in the chapel after the 9:30 AM or 11:00 AM service today**

Serving . . .

Last Chance for Plant Preorders: Today

Pre-orders are accepted between services in the Fellowship Hall or by contacting **Donna MacPherson**, dcmtfb@aol.com. Forms are on the Connect bulletin boards or download one from the church website or Facebook group. Delivery is on **May 3**. Public sale is **May 4**.

Thanks to Our Congregation's Generosity. . .

✚ We helped raise over \$700 for UMCOR Sunday.

Help Fill 96 Easter Boxes for Shelter Kids!

The Band Of Mothers and Fairlington United Methodist Women are collecting items for *96 Easter boxes for children in homeless shelters*. Please purchase individual-sized snacks of goldfish, granola bars, graham crackers, pretzel and animal crackers. We are also hoping to include a pair of socks and a few fun toys in the boxes. Monetary donations happily accepted; write *Easter Boxes* in the memo line. Donations needed by **April 7**; please bring to the Narthex. Assembly of boxes will be **April 14 after the 11:00 service in room 109**. Questions? Contact **Laura Daub** laurabug2@yahoo.com, (703) 587-6234.

Alive! Food Collection

Thank you to our Boy Scouts, Cubs and Girl Scouts who are pitching in. We've have empty food collection boxes upstairs by the Nursery, near the green awning entrance as well as in the Narthex/foyer entryway. **ALIVE! Furniture Team** You are invited to join our FUMM furniture pick-up and delivery team **Saturday, April 13**. Contact **Rolf Blank**, rolfb444@gmail.com, for more information and sign-up. To check on other ALIVE! programs involving FUMC, go to <http://fairlingtonumc.org/serve/missions>.

Fairlington UMC's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 to noon (rain date 1:30pm April 14)

The annual FUMC family and neighborhood celebration

♥Free moon bounce ♥ face painting ♥ balloons ♥
♥refreshments ♥and an Easter Bunny ready for family photos.

There are many opportunities for you to serve during this event. We are expecting a very large crowd again this year, and we want to provide as much hospitality that we can to our children and their parents. You are invited to take a few minutes and see where you can help- go to this link <http://bit.ly/FUMCegg hunt>. And see what is available, or email Christian at christian@fairlingtonumc.org. He will help you find a way to give.

The Order of Worship

April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent

✠ Congregation is invited to stand if able.
Congregation reads the **bold print**.
Hymn or Hymnal = United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS = The Faith We Sing Hymnal

We Gather in Praise

Prelude *Cleansing Fountain* Gilbert Martin

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Call to Worship

God is about to do a new thing;
It's springing forth, do you see it?
**God is making a way in the wilderness,
Not the old way but a new way.**
Christ is our way to new life.
Return to the Lord with all your heart!
May this be a day of new beginnings!

✠ **Hymn 383** *This is A Day of New Beginnings* BEGINNINGS
(Please pass prayer cards to the center aisle)

Opening Prayer

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen
-Upper Room Worship Book

To Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:16-21 [OT p. 672]

Anthem (11:00) *Trust in the Lord* Daniel E. Gawthrop
Chancel Choir

New Testament Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 [NT p. 198]
The Word of God for God's People. **Thanks be to God!**

Children's Church (11:00)

Children ages 3-7 are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 210

Message Making a New Thing
Rev. Mary Beth Blinn

To Respond with Joy

Call to Prayer TFWS 2164 *Sanctuary*

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Holy God, we confess that our wilderness is more marked by wandering than moving forward faithfully. Forgive us of the ways we have hurt you by hurting others and ourselves. Forgive us for not paying attention to the needs of the world around us. We have so often focused on the past instead of what you are doing now. Help us pay attention to the new things at work in our lives, in our church, and in our world.

(Silent Prayer.)

Hear the Good News! God is making a way in the wilderness of our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

Offering *Dove of Peace* Gilbert Martin

✠ Dedication of Gifts Hymn 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal p.17

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

The bread and juice will be shared in the pews today. All are welcome to receive communion. When the basket of gluten-free bread is offered to you by your neighbor, take a piece and then pass the basket on with these words: The Body of Christ. When you are offered the cup, dip your bread in it and eat. Then offer it to your neighbor with these words: The Blood of Christ. If you are serving a child when you offer them the bread and juice say, This means Jesus loves you.

Communion Music Louise Wilson, organ

And Scatter to Serve

✠ **Hymn 399** *Take My Life, and Let It Be* MESSIAH

✠ Benediction

Postlude Allegro in E flat Major J.G. Albrechtsberger