



June 2: Graduation Sunday

If you or a family member is graduating or has graduated from high school, college or technical school since last May, please fill out a form (from the Connect Boards) and place it in a basket in the Narthex or return it to the church office by **May 26**. On June 2, all graduates will be recognized during worship and their names listed in the bulletin. We invite all graduates to attend a service and the reception at 10:30.

Disaster Relief

Starting May 5 through June 2, Fairlington United Methodist Women will be collecting monetary donations and items for school and hygiene kits for the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**. When a disaster strikes and there's no ready access to essential supplies these kits help sustain everyday life for people in the United States. We will have containers in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall for you to drop off your donations. Please give monetary donations to a UMW Rep. **UMCOR is very specific regarding what supplies they will accept, so please adhere to this list of items.** Take it with you when you go shopping!

For more information, contact **Katie Courlander** (katiecourlander@gmail.com) or **Marcy Lewis** (JEKmom3@gmail.com).

Hygiene Kit:	School Kit:
Hand Towel (No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber)	Blunt scissors (round tip only; no plastic)
Washcloth	One Subject Notebooks (no composition books)
Comb (sturdy and at longer than 6")	Loose Leaf paper (up to 200 sheets)
Metal Nail Clippers	Hand held pencil sharpener (1" or longer)
Bath-size soap (No Ivory or Jergens)	12" Ruler
Toothbrush (in original packaging)	\$1.00 per kit for shipping
Band-aids - 3/4 to 1" size	
One-gallon re-sealable plastic bags	
\$2.00 per kit for toothpaste and shipping	NOTE: No advertisements, religious, patriotic or military symbols allowed.

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 May 5 through May 12

May 5, 2019 Sunday

8:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive -- FH
 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
 12:15 PM Five by Five Handbells -- Room 112
 5:30 PM Youth Vocal Ensemble -- Room 108
 6:00 PM Youth Program -- FH and Youth Room
 6:30 PM Companions in Christ -- Room 114
 7:00 PM Bible Study -- Room 109

May 6, 2019 Monday

10:00 AM Board of Lady Managers -- Parlor
 5:00 PM United Methodist Men Dinner -- FH
 6:30 PM Worship Planning -- Room 109
 7:00 PM Renovaré -- Room 114
 7:00 PM Cadette Girl Scouts -- Room 110

May 7, 2019 Tuesday

5:30 PM AA -- Room 111
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop -- FH/309/310
 7:00 PM Young Adult Planning -- Room 109

May 8, 2019 Wednesday

6:00 PM Family Dinner -- Playground or FH
 6:30 PM Educ. Comm. -- Christian's office
 6:30 PM Cherub Choir -- Room 106
 7:00 PM Postpartum Support -- 109
 7:00 PM Transition Committee -- Room 114
 7:15 PM Chapel Choir -- Room 106
 7:30 PM OA -- Room 110
 7:30 PM Reconciling Committee -- Room 111

May 9, 2019 Thursday

9:00 AM Pastor Devon's Conversation, etc.
 Alexandria Pastry
 10:00 AM Kneeful Knitters -- Parlor
 2:00 PM Lazarus Ministries -- FH/109/110
 7:00 PM OA -- Room 110
 7:45 PM - Chancel/Seraphim Choir -- Room 108

May 10, 2019 Friday

12:30 PM Muslim Prayers -- FH
 7:00 PM Meet the Bishop -- Fairfax UMC

May 12, 2019 Sunday MOTHER'S DAY

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
 7:00 PM Bible Study -- Room 109

Worship Attendance April 28: 247

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FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcoming. Nurturing. Serving.

May 5, 2019



Holding On When the Ask Is Big

"Please don't pick up!" That silent plea played out in my head an uncountable number of times growing up whenever I had to make phone calls. I was shy (which may be a big surprise to you), and it always seemed easier to leave a message and invite someone else to call me and start the conversation than for them to answer in that moment.

That feeling that I got when making a phone call can be a scaled down feeling of how we respond when the "ask is big." There may be a silent plea that plays out in our head, "not me, please not me," hoping that someone else may take responsibility for what is asked.

What is the biggest ask that you have gotten? Was it to step into a job that would require a lot? Was it an ask to be present with someone in a vulnerable moment? Was it an ask that would require you to step out of your comfort zone to do something new? Was it an ask to take a stance and stand up for something important? Was it an ask that would require your time and resources?

Jesus had a BIG ask for Peter. Three times he asks do you love me? And after those asks he gives Peter the big asks, three similar commands: "Feed My lambs, Tend My sheep, and Feed My sheep." An ask to carry out Jesus' ministry when he is no longer physically on the earth with Peter. I wonder how Peter felt in those moments. Yet that is not the end of the story. Those asks are followed by encouragement and a reminder that in the midst of big asks, we are not alone.

~Pastor Devon

*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.

The White Rose on the Altar celebrates the life of Thelma "Betty" Beckwith, who passed away April 24. She is Erica Yurasko's grandmother and the great-grandmother of Will and Michael Yurasko.

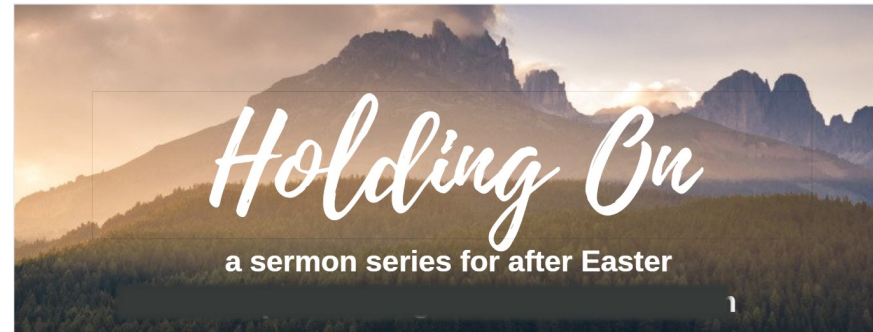
Remember with Prayers Each week in worship and at our church staff meetings we lift up the prayer requests that are submitted. You may also contact the church office with your prayer requests.

Betsy, Kitty, Jane, Louise and Ted, Elizabeth, Allan and Chrissy, Ron, Candy and Dan, Steve and Family, Bob, Pat, Peter, Erin, Jane, The McNichol Family, Jane, Connie, Sharon, Don, William, Jane, Darlene, Rucker, Shaun, Jennifer, Scott, Brynne, Rich, Beth, Gloria, Bucky, Beverly, Rocky, Ms. Penny, Sharon, Freida, Andy, Jeff, Emily, Barb, Andrea, Dana, Pat, Gavin, Barbara, Jane, Mary Ann, Jeff, Randy, Jane, Chris, Thomas, Victoria, Adrienne, Patti, Corey, Jane, Connie, The Felt Family, Amira, Evert, Bill and Briggs Family, Brady, Tyler, Jake, Pat, Sharon, Karen, Patrick, Julie, The Miller Family, Sissy, Dick and Mary Jane, Mary, Judy and Pete, Hector and Angela, Deb and Sandy, Katie, Jane, Connie, Julian, Carmen, Laura, David, Kathy, Claudia, Jenni, Bethany, Mike, Kristie, Susan, Patricia, Charles, Nicolas, Elizabeth, The Murphy Family, Deborah, Marilyn, Lance, Bill, Parker, Billy, Debbie, Betsy, Tim, Jean, Bev, Debbie, Robert and Joan, John, Lise, Jaily, Jordan, Mikah, Karen, Jeff, Suzanne, Steve, all college students during finals, victims of violence and marginalization, victims of hate crimes, and those who feel lonely or depressed.

Serving This Morning

<i>Acolytes</i>	11:00 Jakob Mensinger
<i>Children's Church</i>	Heather Viehl-Yee, Kristen Gilley
<i>Nursery</i>	Sabina Pandey, Anne Hancock
<i>Readers</i>	9:30 Beth Conord, Janese Bechtol
	11:00 Kevin Wagner, Daphne Miller
<i>Ushers</i>	9:30 Stan Beall , Jeff Barnes, Linda Hauenstein, David Hauenstein, Christine Pollack
	11:00 Alvin Mason , Wray Sexson, Sarah Laryea, Laurie Willshire
<i>Sound Techs</i>	9:30 Kevin Wagner 11:00 Kent Smiley

Welcoming You to Fairlington!



Sunday, May 5
"Holding On When the Ask Is Big"
Preacher: Devon Earle
Blood Drive: 8 am-1 pm
Sunday Evening Bible Study: 7pm

Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day
"Holding On When the Valley is Dark"
Preacher: Mary Beth Blinn;
Witness: Ann Hancock
United Methodist Women Special Recognition
Sunday Evening Bible Study: 7pm

Sunday, May 19—Youth Sunday
"Look, Know, Love"
Witnesses: Mia Larsen, Beck Moniz, Kate Sapp,
Janae Schnur, and Meaghan Smiley.
New to Fairlington Orientation & Lunch
Sunday Evening Bible Study: 7pm

Sunday, May 26*
"Growing Older and Living Fully"
Preacher: Mary Beth Blinn

* In preparing for her sermon on growing older and living fully, **Pastor Mary Beth** would like to hear from you. What has surprised you about growing older? What brings you joy? Contact her at marybeth@fairlingtonumc.org or (703) 671-8557.

Nurturing. . .

Bishop Pete Weaver Invites Us to Meet

The Bishop invites clergy and laity of the Virginia Conference to join him in Eastertide district gatherings. We will share communion, seek to care for each other, and look at the meaning of the Judicial Council decisions. The Alexandria/Arlington District meeting will be on **Friday, May 10, 7pm** at Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Ave, Fairfax 22030. If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Mary Beth, marybeth@fairlingtonumc.org.

Continues Tonight>Adult Bible Study on 2 Corinthians
Tonight, also 5/12, 5/19, and 6/2
7-8:30pm in Room 109

All are welcome to join us for this short term study facilitated by **Glenn McLoughlin**. What is *2 Corinthians* all about? Paul's second letter to the Corinthians explores the meaning of the cross in terms of personal suffering--his own, and that of all the Messiah's people. If in Galatians he is angry, if in Philippians he is joyful, in this letter his deep sorrow and the raw wounds of his own recent suffering are very apparent. Yet Paul is determined to view all of his suffering and all of the troubles of the world through the lens of the gospel. These studies by author Tom Wright on this powerful epistle point us toward the strange comfort to be found in the suffering, death and resurrection-life of Jesus, the Lord of the world. RSVP contact **Christian White** christian@fairlingtonumc.org.

**This Wednesday
FAMILY DINNER**

Family Fun for Everyone!

Family Dinner Night
Cookout on the Playground
Wednesday, May 8 6pm
Reservations due **TOMORROW, May 6**
\$10 per person/\$25 per family

We will have a cookout, followed by a brief prayer service and mini-sermon on the *5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. RSVP to **Christian White**, christian@fairlingtonumc.org

SAVE THE DATE for Family Fun Day at Camp Highroad
Saturday, June 22 - More Info Coming Soon!
Canoeing, Archery, Swimming, Hayride, and a Campfire with S'mores!

Tonight!! FREE YOUTH DINNER

Dinner and Program at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will eat together, play together, and talk about God. If you have never been and want to know more, contact **Rev. Christian White** at christian@fairlingtonumc.org.

Share a Little Tea with Pastor Devon

Devon's Coffee and Conversation Community Office Hours are back! This **Thursday, May 9**, Pastor Devon will be at Alexandria Pastry Shop (3690 King Street). Drop by anytime between **9 and 11am**. Grab a tea, coffee, or pastry, and chat. There is no agenda, just a time to check in, connect, or meet about anything that has been on your mind. Questions? Contact **Pastor Devon** at devon@fairlingtonumc.org.

Fairlington United Methodist Women Book Discussion

All women of the church are invited to discuss *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah over a potluck lunch, **Sunday, May 19, 12:30 to 2:30pm**. RSVP to **Carol Weldon**, cweldon2@verizon.net.

Serving. . .

FUMC member Mark Elder has been selected as one of 10 people to represent the Virginia Annual Conference at a meeting at Resurrection UMC in Kansas City, May 20-22, organized by Rev Adam Hamilton and other moderate UMC leaders. The purpose of the meeting is to begin to explore what may come next for UMC churches including those that are already reconciling congregations. We are very pleased that Mark's longstanding leadership is being recognized and that FUMC will have a voice at the table. Mark will be using annual leave to participate. Our FUMC Reconciling Ministries Committee is pleased to provide support for Mark's travel expenses to this important meeting. If you would like to support this Reconciling Ministries initiative please make your donation no later than **May 19, 2019** and mark your contribution - *Reconciling Ministries*.

Clergy and Staff

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The Order of Worship

May 5, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter

✠ 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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *In the Garden* Douglas E. Wagner
Jubilate Handbell Choir

✠ Call to Worship

Children of God, do you love the God
who hovered over the face of the deep
and called the world into being?

Yes, you know that we do.

Then feed God's children.

Children of God, do you love the God
who was revealed in the life, death,
and resurrection of Jesus the Christ?

Yes, you know that we do.

Then take care of God's children.

Children of God, do you love the God
who breathes new life into us even as we gather this day?

Yes, you know that we do.

Then feed God's children.

~Evangelical United Church of Christ

✠ **Hymn 173** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON
(Please pass prayer cards to the center aisle)

Statement of Faith

The World Methodist Social Affirmation Hymnal 886

To Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading Psalm 30 [OT p.505]
The Word of God for God's People. **Thanks be to God!**

Act of Praise (9:30)

All Things Bright and Beautiful Arr. M. L. Thompson
Joyful Ringers

✠ **Gospel Reading** John 21: 1-19 [NT p. 115]
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 Rm 210.

Message Holding On When the Ask Is Big
Rev. Devon Earle

To Respond with Joy

Call to Prayer TFWS 2038 *Father, I Adore You* MARANATHA

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Lord, save us from ourselves.

**We continue to do the same things over and over,
expecting different results.**

Lord, save us from doing too much.

**We go fishing every day,
not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach.**

Lord, save us from doing too little.

We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep.

Lord, save us from ourselves.

Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me."

Passing of the Peace

Offering (9:30) *Meditation* Alan Bullard
(11:00) *Christ, Our Passover* Healey Willan
Chancel Choir

✠ Dedication of Gifts Hymn 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUN

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

*All are welcome to receive communion. Receive a piece of bread in your
extended hand, then dip it into the cup of juice. Inform an usher if you
would like communion to be carried to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are
available. Offerings left at the altar are used to help those in need.*

Communion Hymns

TFWS 2254 *In Remembrance of Me*

Hymn 640 *Take Our Bread*

TFWS 2165 *Cry of My Heart*

And Scatter to Serve

✠ **Hymn TFWS 2130** *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

Reception of New Member (11:00) Hymnal 38

Gwen Pursel Plummer

✠ Benediction

Postlude *I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength* B. Marcello
Psalm XVIII