



Honoring Our Graduates

High School

Elizabeth Adams: graduates from Central High School, Norton, VA.

Jacob E. Dudash: graduates from T.C. Williams High School and plans to attend Pennsylvania State University–Harrisburg in the fall.

Mia Larsen: graduates from Wakefield High School and plans to attend James Madison University in the fall.

Beck Moniz: graduates from T.C. Williams High School and plans to attend Montana State University in the fall

Kate Sapp: graduates from T.C. Williams High School and plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall.

Janae Schnur: graduates from T.C. Williams High School and plans to attend the University of San Diego in the fall.

Sierra Shuman: graduates from South Lakes High School and plans to attend University of Virginia – School of Engineering in the fall.

Meaghan Smiley: graduates from Edison High School and plans to attend Kent State University in the fall.

University

Grace Bahler: graduates with a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University.

Joshua E. Baker: graduates from Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts in Film Production . He will begin an Internship in Los Angeles.

Ken Griffin: graduates from George Mason University with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Computer Science/Game Design.

Daniel Guenther: graduates from Chandler School of Theology at Emory University with a Master of Divinity. He will continue his studies toward ordination in the United Methodist Church and work at a church in Chesapeake VA.

Tyler Souza: graduates from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill receiving a BS degree in Environmental Science and a BA degree in Economics. He will be working for the National Park Service in Boston.

Graduate School

Homer F. Baker IV: earned a Master of Science degree in Electrical/Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University. He works for Tesla in Mountain View, CA.

This Week's Calendar

June 2 - 9, 2019

June 2 Ascension Sunday -- Graduation Sunday

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee & Conversation -- FH
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship -- Sanctuary
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM Five by Five Handbells -- Room 112
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Ethiopian Church -- Chapel/211
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM CCC & JP Planning Mtg -- Rooms 304/306
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth - Senior Send Off -- Youth Rm
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Companions in Christ -- Room 114
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study -- Room 109
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM UMC Next -- FH

June 3 Monday

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Board of Lady Managers -- Parlor
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Worship Committee -- Room 109
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Renovaré -- Room 114
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Trustees -- Clint Stretch's home
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Cadette Girl Scouts -- Room 110

June 4 Tuesday

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Ramadan Worship Tentative -- FH
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM AA -- Room 111
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop -- FH/309/310
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wakefield HS Madrigal Recital -- Sanctuary

June 5 Wednesday

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Girl Scouts -- FH
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM OA -- Room 110

June 6 Thursday

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Ramadan Worship Tentative -- FH
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Pastor Devon's Office -- Alexandria Bakery
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Lazarus Ministries -- FH/109/110
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM OA -- Room 110

June 7 Friday

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Muslim Prayers -- FH
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Girl Scout Cadettes FH

June 8 Saturday

7:00 AM - 12:30 PM Down Syndrome Families -- various
4:30 PM or approx. 5:30 PM DC Capital Pride Parade

June 9 Confirmation Sunday

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Reception for Our Newly Confirmed -- FH
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Worship -- Sanctuary

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Celebration for Pastor Mary Beth -- FH

Worship Attendance May 19: 205

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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.



FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcoming. Nurturing. Serving.

June 2, 2019



While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

-Luke 24:51

Ascension Sunday 2019

Graduation Sunday

*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.

Card Sending Ministry Do you know an individual or family in our church who is celebrating a birth, suffering with illness, or grieving because of loss? With your input we can send cards to encourage and support them. Be sure and stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall between services and sign your name to cards that will send healing. If you want to have a card sent, please call us or email office@fairlingtonumc.org or speak with a Pastor.

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.

John and family, Steve, June and Joe, Sharon, Connie and Jane, William, Jane, Darlene, Rucker, Shaun, Jennifer, Rich, Beth, Scott, Brynne, Beverly, Rocky, Gloria, Bucky, Jeff, Andy, Ms. Penny, Christina and Kris, Katie, Lee, Charlie, Ciara, Betsy, Tim, Marion and family, Jean, Bev, Kim, Ron, Candy and Dan, Adam, Brian, John, Rita, Bethany, Kathy, Claudia, Jenni, William, Kristie, Hector and Angela, Alex, Timothy, Andrew and Min-Ji, Jane, Donna, Cora, Toni, Patrick, Naomi, Bill and the Briggs family, Kevin, Karl, Ellen, Andy, Patricia, Steve, Bob, Janet, Aubree, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Charles, Alex, Penny, Stephanie, Mary Ann, Alan, Steve, Janet, Isabelle and David, Julie and Gary, Evert and Elisabeth, Janet, Rhonda, Michael, Daniel, the Bolden family, Parker, the Lipicka family, Bill, the Plank family, Venezuela.

A Charge Conference has been called for the purpose of approving the new lead pastor salary. It will be held on **Sunday, June 23 at 12:15 in the chapel** and led by our District Superintendent Jeff Mickle. The Church Council members are voting members but all are welcome to attend.

Serving This Morning

<i>Acolytes</i>	9:30:	Maddie Yee	11:00:	Calvin Yee
<i>Children's Church</i>		Leslie Casson-Stevens,		Debbie Grant
<i>Nursery</i>		Sabine Pandey		
<i>Readers</i>		Amelia Jones, Olivia Kamber,		Thomas McLenahan
<i>Communion Servers</i>		Ava Miller, Olivia Kamber		Thomas McLenahan, Ashlynn Prisby
<i>Ushers</i>	9:30:	Stan Beall, Jeff Barnes, Steve Davis		Linda Hauenstein, Glenn McLoughlin
	11:00:	Alvin Mason, Randy Nuckolls,		Sarah Laryea, David Gray, Laurie Willshire
<i>Sound Techs</i>	9:30:	Kevin Wagner	11:00:	Kent Smiley



See Washington's Soccer Team in Action at their new stadium next to Nationals Park. The Fairlington United Methodist Men is organizing a group outing to see DC United play Toronto **Saturday, June 29 at 8pm**. For ticket info contact **Rolf Blank** at rolfb444@gmail.com.

Welcoming

Congratulations to Our Graduates.

*All Graduates Will Be Recognized During Worship This Morning.
We Will Hold a Reception at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall*



Sunday, June 9: Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

The Power of Words

Preacher: Pastor Devon

You are invited to join us to celebrate our young people who will be joining the church. At both services, we will celebrate their time of study and reflection, share their gifts that God has given them, and confirm them for ministry in God's church. Please keep them in your prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare.

**Amelia Jones ❖ Olivia Kamber ❖ Thomas McLenahan
Ava Miller ❖ Ashlynn Prisby**

We also thank God for the Mentors who have generously given their time, shared their faith, and guided our young people during this time.:

**Meg Broadwell, Meredith Caskey, Steve Glomb,
Brenda Mason, and Sarah Laryea.**

We will honor our newly confirmed members with a reception at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

If you speak another language and would like to participate in worship on June 9, please email Pastor Devon, devon@fairlingtonumc.org. That day, we will have scripture read in different languages to celebrate Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit filled the people gathered and they "began to speak in other languages" (Acts 2:4).

Nurturing...

Sunday, June 9 Celebration to Honor Pastor Mary Beth

Please join us on **Sunday, June 9th after the 11:00 service** as we honor Pastor Mary Beth and her years of ministry. There will be food, drinks, treats and a time to recognize her service to Fairlington and the United Methodist Church. Please contact **Ashley Moore, amacwilson@gmail.com**, with any questions. **Although the celebration is on June 9, Pastor Mary Beth's last Sunday worship with us will be June 16.**

Love Offering for Pastor Mary Beth To celebrate Pastor Mary Beth's 38 years of ministry in the United Methodist Church, we are collecting a love offering. You can contribute to this offering: a) by making a check or cash donation to FUMC and denoting "Mary Beth Love Offering" in the memo line, or b) by e-giving by selecting Other on the on-line menu and denoting "Mary Beth Love Offering." Please note that donations to this love offering are not tax deductible. For questions, contact **Mark Elder markuselder@gmail.com**.

Send Pastor Mary Beth a Postcard! We know that many of you would like an opportunity to thank Pastor Mary Beth for her service to Fairlington. You are invited to send her a personal post card by filling out one of the blank cards in the specially marked baskets in the Narthex. Completed cards should be placed in one of the "Special Delivery" mail boxes beside the baskets. We will assemble these into an album for her as a gift from the Congregation. Thank you in advance for your help in making this a memorable gift! Questions? Contact Lana at lanahurdle@aol.com.

Young Adult Get-Together

Monday, June 10 @7pm Trivia at Del Ray Pizzeria (2218 Mt Vernon Ave) Trivia is back! Come see what random knowledge you have as we form teams, compete, and enjoy dinner together. Come early for happy hour specials and to order dinner before trivia begins.

Aged to Perfection Trip Coming Up!!

Thursday, June 20 @ 10:30 am. You are invited to a Guided Tour of River Farm Gardens, home of the American Horticultural Society. Lunch at Cedar Knoll Restaurant. RSVP: **Marilyn Stephenson, (703) 751-0568.**

Saturday June 22



A great way to spend time with your family and get to know other families who spend time at Fairlington. Activities begin at **11am on June 22nd** and end after the campfire at 7pm. Or, if you want to extend the adventure, overnight camping is available at a designated campground with breakfast on the 23rd.

FEES: Individuals for Family Day: \$35 Children age 5 & under: FREE.

Families with more than 4 people over age 5: \$130

Overnight camping and breakfast-\$20 per person

REGISTRATION: <http://bit.ly/FamilyFun19> or leave a check for **Christian White** made out to FUMC.

For more info: **Christian White christian@fairlingtonumc.org.**

UMC Next: Special Meeting Tonight, June 2 7pm in the Fellowship Hall

UMC Next is a gathering of 600 centrist and progressive United Methodists who are discerning a response to the Traditional Plan passed at the 2019 Special General Conference. They are envisioning a Methodist movement where All God's Children are included. FUMC member **Mark Elder** and members of the Virginia Conference will share their experiences at the gathering and discuss next steps. There will also be time for conversation and soliciting feedback from those who attend. Light refreshments and childcare will be provided. There will also be activities for older children. For more info, contact markuselder@gmail.com.

Serving...

Capital Pride Parade - Saturday, June 8 Join over 100 United Methodists from VA, DC and MD who will march in the Capital Pride parade celebrating an inclusive church. Plan to come to the meeting location near 22nd and P Streets NW. Contact **Mark Elder** for the exact location. Given the current friction within the denomination, we are hoping for a larger than average crowd this year to demonstrate that United Methodists in the DC metro area love All God's Children! No need to RSVP, just show up! Questions? Contact **Mark Elder** at markuselder@gmail.com or (571) 258-9984.

UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF - The Home Stretch

Thanks to your generous donations, Fairlington United Methodist Women are very close to meeting their goal for 110 school kits. We are still looking for items for hygiene kits as well as monetary donations so that we can purchase any items needed to complete the kits. We will be collecting items and monetary donations through **June 9** with collection boxes in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall. Checks should be made out to **FUMC** with **UMCOR** on the Notes line. **UMCOR is very specific regarding what they will accept; please see below for a list of items that are still needed.** For more information, contact **Katie Courlander, katiecourlander@gmail.com** or **Marcy Lewis JEKmom3@gmail.com.**

Hygiene Kit - items to finish up the kits:	
Hand Towel (No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber)	
Washcloth	
Comb (sturdy and at longer than 6")	
Metal Nail Clippers	
Bath-size soap (No Ivory or Jergens)	
Toothbrush (in original packaging)	
Band-aids - 3/4 to 1" size	
\$2.00 per kit for toothpaste and shipping	
School Kit - items to finish up the kits:	
One Subject Notebooks (no composition books)	
\$1.00 per kit for shipping	

NOTE:

No advertisements, religious, patriotic or military symbols allowed.

The Order of Worship

June 2, 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

✠ 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 IV. *Méditation (Suite Médiévale)* Jean Langlais

Words of Welcome

Celebration of Our Graduates

✠ **Call to Worship Hymn 557**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds DENNIS
(Please pass prayer cards to the center aisle)

Ascension Day Prayer of Preparation

Ever-living God, your eternal Christ once dwelt on earth, confined by time and space.

Give us faith to discern in every time and place the presence among us of him who is head over all things and fills all, even Jesus Christ our ascended Lord. Amen.

To Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 [NT p.260]

The Word of God for God's People. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Reflection TFWS 2076 *O Blessed Spring*

✠ **Gospel Reading** Luke 24:44-53 [NT p. 91]

The Word of God for God's People. **Thanks be to God!**

A Disciple Reflects on the Ascension

Clarke Ansel, Disciple

Children's Church (11:00)

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

Message It's a Good Thing He Left!
Rev. Christian White

To Respond with Joy

Call to Prayer Hymn 503 *Let It Breathe on Me*

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

✠ **Passing of the Peace**

Offering *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* H.W. Friedell
Chancel Choir (11:00)

✠ **Dedication of Gifts Hymn 95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH

The Great Thanksgiving (*Responses in the Hymnal pages 9-10*)

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 Music Louise Wilson, organ

And Scatter to Serve

✠ **Hymn of Praise 327** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

✠ **Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude V. *Acclamations (Suite Médiévale)* Jean Langlais