



Fairlington
UMC



September 12, 2021

New Worship Schedule

9:00am Eucharist in the Chapel
Bring your own bread & juice

11:00am Worship in the
Sanctuary & Online
at fairlingtonumc.org

Prayers from September 5

Kathleen and Debra, Flor and family, Mary, Sandy, Herb and Grace, Mikey and Leo, Marilyn, Betsy and family, Tim and Bryan, Breanne and family, Benay, Karen, Susan, Patty, Beverly and Jeremy, Shawn, Kim, Kathy, Brad, Carol, Sam, Richard and the Taylor family, Bill and the Briggs family, Kevin and Karl, Ellen and family, Greg, Julie, Marlene, Afghani refugees, families struggling in Louisiana and Haiti, Tracy and Ruby, Audrey and Wendy in their time of loss, Ashley and Angel, Sabrina, Michelle, that Warren has recovered from his surgery.

Each week in worship and in our church staff meetings we lift up prayer requests that were submitted the previous Sunday. Please send your prayer requests by 8am Sunday for inclusion in the announcements to prayers@fairlingtonumc.org or contact the church office or your pastors with your prayer requests 703.671.8557.

MISSION MOMENT: FUMC'S RENT SECURITY DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We welcome Carolyn DeVilbiss to our Sunday Worship to highlight our mission to overcome homelessness by helping to pay security deposits for prospective tenants. You can help by joining the RSDAP Club – see the attached info sheet.

WHIRLWIND AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT Thank you to everyone who has donated towards welcoming our new neighbors. You filled our major donation needs in less than 12 hours. Your generosity is amazing! We have a few additional needs that you can sign up to provide and, of course, your monetary donations will always be of good use. The sign-up sheet is found here. Be sure to check back to see if new items have been added <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FADA622A1F5C16-home>.

DESTINATION FREEDOM Join Fairlington UMW Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 8:15pm as we listen to and discuss the recordings of civil rights journalist Richard Durham, whose weekly radio program *Destination Freedom* (1948-1950) educated its listeners on the image of African American society and generated counter-narratives to existing stereotypes. Contact Karlene Masters (fairlingtonumw@gmail.com) for Zoom information. Coming up: **September 15** – The Long Road [Mary Church Terrell, 1863-1954] - <https://bit.ly/2W9dnVo>
September 22 – Echoes of Harlem [Duke Ellington, 1899-1974] - <https://bit.ly/386cAY5>.

THE SEPTEMBER ALIVE! NEWSLETTER is available. [Click Here](#)

JOIN THE CHURCH PEW PATROL Pew organizers are the volunteers who replenish the envelopes and prayer cards, sharpen and replace pencils and redistribute hymnals in the pews. The job only takes an hour once a week and can be done during the day, evening – whenever the church is open. Children can help, too, with parental supervision. With a few more volunteers we can set up a rotation so that each volunteer helps out once a month. Sign up by contacting **Michelle Tello**: michelle@fairlingtonumc.org or 703.671.8557.

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The FUMC Rent Security Deposit Assistance Program

In 2020, FUMC spent \$34,070 helping 118 households move into affordable, safe and secure homes.

As you can guess, the pandemic and the quarantine made many bad situations worse for our neighbors. Here are but a few of the stories behind the numbers.

A man living on disability income struggled with both the loss of his childhood home and the death of his mother and stepfather from covid. He had saved \$900 toward the \$1550 needed for the security deposit. RSDAP grant helped him to move into his own Section 8 subsidized apartment, "...the only bright thing in my life right now."

Last September a home health aide and her child moved into a subsidized apartment. Recently management sent her a pay-or-quit notice stating she still owed \$100 on her security deposit. By then she had no funds and was unable to return to work, having caught Covid. Her unemployment benefits ended as well.

A disabled woman was in the hospital receiving cancer treatment. Meanwhile, her landlady sold the house she was renting, forcing the woman to move right away. Fairlington UMC collaborated with Bridges for Independence to help with housing applications and security deposit assistance.

A phlebotomist from Missouri was in Alexandria working on contract, living in a residence hotel and sending money home for live-in child care. Her husband was in a long-term nursing facility back home and was unable to care for the children. All of a sudden her child care provider quit and abruptly sent her four children out here to live with their mom. She found her family an apartment she could afford but could not swing the \$1700 security deposit. Our funds and our links with community agencies helped her meet the challenge.

**Many of our neighbors are trying to cope with
limited or no income
medical and health problems
the pandemic and quarantine
sudden life events and transitions
scarcity of affordable housing
limited availability of rent subsidies.**

All these challenges can result in a financial crisis, forcing people into precarious, unstable living environments.

Our stories provide just a few examples of the ways in which Fairlington's *Rent Security Deposit Assistance Program (RSDAP)* collaborates with community service agencies to help families overcome the first barrier to securing and maintaining safe and affordable housing.

The inability to meet the \$1,000 to \$2000 market-rate security deposit requirements means our neighbors can't take advantage of housing vouchers or subsidized rentals. and may quickly result in eviction if delayed payments are not made on time.

Through your gifts to the church and to the FUMC *Rent Security Deposit Assistance Program* we are able to offer one-time grants of up to \$300 toward a security deposit to help homeless and low-income persons move to housing that they can afford in Alexandria and Arlington.

So far in 2021 RSDAP has offered grants to 79 households for a total of \$22,832 — already well ahead of the pace of requests last year. The requests from our community partners continue to come in at record pace while the struggle to find affordable housing continues to grow.

In order to assist during the coming Fall and Winter, we need the continued strong mission response, generosity and commitment of our church family and we need your help now.

How Can You Help?

Join the Club! To help sustain this mission with a consistent source of funding, make a commitment for twice-yearly contributions to the RSDAP fund. We will send reminders twice a year in March and September. Find the sign-up brochures on the Connect boards or sign up [on-line](#). **Designate your contribution for RSDAP Club.**

Make a donation to the RSDAP fund. Simply write a check to FUMC with **RSDAP in the memo line**. Or make a one-time contribution online at fairlingtonumc.org/give/give.

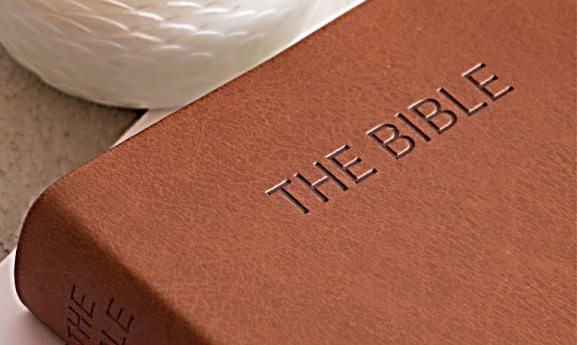
Give by Text: Text "GIVE" to 205-TXT-FUMC (205-898-3862).

Make a donation at Worship September 12. All special donations (both in-person and online) on September 12 will be dedicated to the RSDAP Fund.

Whenever you are paying your rent or mortgage, consider writing a check or text a donation for RSDAP each month. Or add \$10 or more to your monthly pledge, and allot it to RSDAP. Ask the church office how.
~Carolyn DeVilbiss SecDepositFUMC@gmail.com

Reading your bible with

INTENTION



Sermon Series & Bible Study Begin September 12

Alongside the sermon series is a new Bible study following the book *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart. More information to follow.

Study of the Bible is critical to our discipleship and growth in our faith journey. But understanding the Bible isn't for the few, the gifted, or the scholarly. The Bible is accessible. It's meant to be read and comprehended by everyone. A few essential insights into the Bible can clear up a lot of misconceptions and help you grasp the meaning of Scripture and its application to your twenty-first-century life. A personal study guide also will be available.

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| Sunday, Sept. 12 11am | Reading Your Bible with Intention: Evil and Injustice
Speaker: Rev. Janine Howard |
| Sunday, Sept. 19 11am | Reading Your Bible with Intention
Speaker: Rev. Janine Howard |
| Wednesday, Sept. 22 10:30am | Weekly Wednesday Morning Bible Group (in person)
Leader: Ms. Anne Wilson Room 109 (9/22 – 11/17) |
| Sunday, Sept. 26 11am | Using Scripture as a Weapon
Speaker: Ms. Jackie Weavill |
| Sunday, Oct. 3 11am | Reading Your Bible with Intention
Speaker: Rev. Christian White |
| Sunday, Oct. 10 11am | Reading Your Bible with Intention
Speaker: Rev. Janine Howard |
| Sunday, Oct. 17 11am | Reading in Poverty
Speaker: Rev. Keary Kincannon |

For More Information Contact: Rev. Christian White, christian@fairlingtonumc.org
Minister of Congregational Family Life



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Sun, Sept 12		
9:00am - 12:00pm	Kids Club on the Playground	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
9:00am - 9:45am	Morning Eucharist - Chapel	janine@fairlingtonumc.org
9:30am - 10:30am	Our Journey on the Way - zoom	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
10:00am - 10:45am	Find Your Own Way - Room 114	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
10:00am - 11:00am	Practical Faith Room - 109	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
11:00am - 12:00pm	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary & Online	janine@fairlingtonumc.org
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Ring Tones - Sanctuary	louise@fairlingtonumc.org
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Companions in Christ – Wilderness (Rain Rm. 114)	cweldon2@verizon.net
Mon, Sept 13		
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Women's Small Group via Zoom	hokies91@cox.net
7:30pm - 8:30pm	Men's Small Prayer Group - Offsite	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Racial Justice Group - Online	amacwilson@gmail.com
Tues, Sept 14		
8:30am - 10:30am	ALIVE! Gardeners and Wilderness Workers	wilsanne@gmail.com
5:30pm - 6:45pm	Alcoholics Anonymous - Women Rm 110	annlstone525@gmail.com
7:30pm - 9:00pm	Staff Parish Relations - zoom or 114	valbarlva@aol.com
Wed, Sept 15		
7:30am - 8:00am	Men's Morning Prayer Group - Wilderness (FH rain)	clint.stretch@gmail.com
5:30pm - 6:15pm	Joyful Ringers - Sanctuary	louise@fairlingtonumc.org
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Trustees Meeting - offsite	clint.stretch@gmail.com
7:30pm - 8:15pm	FUMW Discussion Group: Destination Freedom - zoom	karlenemasters@hotmail.com
Thurs, Sept 16		
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Jubilate Handbell Choir Sanctuary	louise@fairlingtonumc.org
7:45pm - 9:45pm	Chancel Choir Sanctuary (temporarily)	louise@fairlingtonumc.org
Sun, Sept 19		
9:00am - 12:00pm	Kids Club on the Playground	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
9:00am - 9:45am	Morning Eucharist - Chapel	janine@fairlingtonumc.org
9:30am - 10:30am	Our Journey on the Way - zoom	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
10:00am - 10:45am	Find Your Own Way - Room 114	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
10:00am - 11:00am	Practical Faith - Room 109	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
11:00am - 12:00pm	Sunday Worship Sanctuary & Online	janine@fairlingtonumc.org
12:00pm - 2:00pm	Youth Program Rm - 306/FH	christian@fairlingtonumc.org
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Ring Tones - Sanctuary	louise@fairlingtonumc.org
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Companions in Christ - Wilderness (Rain Rm. 114)	cweldon2@verizon.net

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