



Fairlington

Sunday, April 21, 2024



Prayers from Sunday, April 14

Jo-Anne, Cathy, those suffering from depression and loneliness, Margaret, Ted, Sarah, Renee, Chris, Rae and family, Ben, Laurie and family, Walter and family, Kim and Rufus, Bev and LeVar, Bobby, Molly and Kitty, Merton, Maggie, Donna, Jill, Marilyn, Linda, Mary Beth and Dean, Pat and John, Susan and Charlie, Cindy, Anne Marie, Chadd and Laura, Jenny and family, Suzie and family, Tom and Joey, Val, Peace in the Middle East, The Bethel Family.

Each week in worship and in our church staff meetings we lift your prayer requests that were submitted. Please send your prayer for inclusion in the announcements to prayers@fairlingtonumc.org or call 703.671.8557.

Flower Dedications



Flower Dedications: A white rose has been placed in memory of Karalee Bechtol, sister-in-law to Janese Bechtol, who died suddenly on April 8, 2024. Flowers in the sanctuary this week are sponsored by Doug Brown in celebration of Fairlington's habitat restoration work in the Wilderness, and continued care of God's creation. Happy Earth Day!

Arbor Day Native Tree Donations: In honor of **Arbor Day, April 26**, you are invited to consider making a gift of a small tree in celebration of someone. Thanks to continuing removal of invasives we have space to install 2-3 native trees. If interested, please contact Anne Wilson to discuss. Wilsanne@gmail.com.



General Conference Resources: The United Methodist Church, with members from across the world, will gather April 23 - May 3 for General Conference. They will engage in holy conferencing to set the laws, organizational structure, priorities, and budget that will govern the denomination. There will be 862 voting delegates, including our very own Fairlington Member, Mark Elder. We invite you to follow along with General Conference, stay up to date with the legislative action, and be praying throughout the conference. Below is a list of helpful links:

- [Official Site](#) of General Conference
- [Agenda](#) for General Conference
- [Prayer Guide](#) for General Conference
- [Live Coverage](#) of General Conference

The United Methodist Church General Conference
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

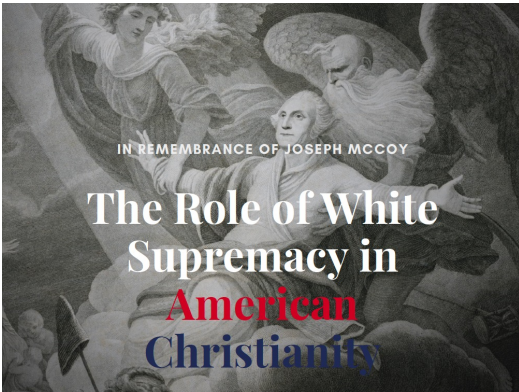


Pop-up Volunteers: Sign up to distribute food to our neighbors in need! Every month we partner with ALIVE! to host a food distribution pop-up in our upper parking lot. **We need a team of 10-12 each month to keep this mission going.** Our next food distributions are **April 20 from 7:30 – 10 AM**. The May food distribution will be held on Saturday, May 11. Sign up online to volunteer: [SIGN UP HERE](#)

More drivers needed! Thanks to all who are already providing transportation for her culinary training. **We are still hoping to identify drivers for the following days: April 22, April 25, May 1 morning and afternoon; April 23 and May 2 afternoon only; April 29 morning only.** If you can help with any of these dates, please sign up. She will need to be picked up from their apartment at 8:20 AM and should be picked up from class at 3:10 PM to return home. Drivers do not need to speak Spanish; in fact, it will be a great opportunity for her to speak more English! If you are able to help provide transportation for Wendy, [please sign up HERE](#) for a day and time slot. Please contact Anne with any questions wilsanne@gmail.com.



The Forever Family Group Study: The Forever Family (young adult group) announces a new small group study: Quitting Your Inner Treadmill! Feel like your life is running you to exhaustion? No time for yourself or others? Struggling with unmanageable expectations? God hears you! God wants you to have a healthy, fulfilling life. God wants you to have life giving, loving relationships. But what do we do when our lives are something else? Over the course of four Sundays, we will have discussion and reflections on living whole lives. And we will explore what the Bible has to say. Topics included will be: Comparing our lives to others, Making time for others, Slowing down, Self-imposed expectations. You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings, **April 21st, 28th, May 5th, and 12th** at 9:30AM in the Parlor. Please RSVP to Christian at christian@fairlingtonumc.org



The Role of White Supremacy in American Christianity: Join leaders from Alexandria's faith communities to explore the history of white supremacy and the role it has played in American religion and culture, **Sunday, April 21 at 3 PM in the Evans Room at Virginia Theological Seminary.** This presentation and discussion will feature the film God+Country and speakers Rev. Rob Schenck, Rev. Quardricos Driskell, and Dr. Sabrina Dent.

Days of Remembrance: Join the City of Alexandria for the 35th Annual Ceremony of Commemoration for the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust on **May 6, 2024, at 12 noon**, in Market Square (301 King Street). This is a great way to show our support to our Jewish neighbors. [Visit the Alexandria.gov website for more information.](#)



ESL Informational Meeting: Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Three Northern Virginia churches started "English as a Second Language and Immigrant Ministries" (ESLIM) in 1989. Since that time, it has grown to serve many communities in the area. West End Alexandria is not currently served, and we are exploring the possibility, in conjunction with Fairlington Presbyterian, of establishing a site in our neighborhood. If you are curious, or interested in becoming involved, please plan to attend. A zoom link will be published ahead of time. Here is the link to ESLIM <https://eslim.org/> if you wish to learn more. Please contact Janine if you have questions, janine@fairlingtonumc.org.

FUWF Upcoming Book Discussion, May 19: Fairlington United Women in Faith (FUWF) invites all women of the church to join a discussion of *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. "An epic novel rooted in the unlikely real-life friendship between two fathers - one Palestinian and one Israeli - both connected by grief and working together for peace." Sunday, May 19 in the Fellowship Hall. Brown Bag Lunch 12:30 pm Discussion 1-2 pm. Contact Carol Weldon (cweldon2@verizon.net) if you have questions.



Family Fun Day: Save the date for Family Fun Day! Join us at Pohick Bay Park **Saturday, May 18 from 11 AM – 7 PM**. We will be at picnic shelter #1. There will be fun, food, and fellowship. Families can come and go as their schedule allows. The park has lots of activities for everyone! Please RSVP to Christian (christian@fairlingtonumc.org) by May 1. [Check out more information about the park HERE.](#)

Thank you: Thank you to the 17 FUMC "Habitat Ninjas" who cleared more than 35 bags full of invasive vines and plants and refreshed the paths on Saturday. Thanks to their diligent efforts the new native tree grove is beginning to take shape. You are invited to come and enjoy this restive space as spring erupts.



Order Your Nuts and Chocolates for Spring Activities! Mother's Day, Graduation, Memorial Day, and Father's Day are just around the corner! Time to stock up on delicious nuts and chocolates for these special celebrations. Order soon to ensure timely delivery from Fairlington United Women in Faith's online store with Terri Lynn (<https://fairlingtonUWF.terrilynn.com>). All proceeds support local and national missions working with women, children, and youth. Questions? Email fairlingtonumw@gmail.com.

Relational Small Groups: Our community of faith has a number of small groups that meet throughout the week. The purpose of the small group ministry is to connect people with one another, develop holy friendships, and learn more about God and God's Word. All small groups are always ready to welcome new members. If you would like to learn more about the Relational Small Groups, or if you would like help joining a group, please contact Rev. Christian White, Minister of Congregational Family Life at christian@fairlingtonumc.org



Fairlington Kitchen Update: The FUMC Kitchen Team is pleased to report that equipment has begun arriving and is being installed. We are grateful to FUMC member Al Ross' estate for contributing the original gift amount of \$84,852.64! Since that time FUMC has secured a loan in the amount of \$300,000. The FUMC pre-school has given a gift of \$25,000 and other FUMC members and friends have given a total of \$44,704.50 We have a gap of \$175,310. We invite you to consider giving a gift in any amount to honor someone or something that has fed your spiritual journey at FUMC. We are excited about continuing and new outreach opportunities the renovated kitchen will support. *Select "Renovation Fund" when you give online or note your gift "Kitchen" if you give via check.*



Clergy and Staff

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Janine Howard: janine@fairlingtonumc.org
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 Cantor: Rev. Tura Foster Gillespie





SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Contact Meg Broadwell (meg2mtns@gmail.com) for more information on ALIVE!

Spring 2 Action: ALIVE! serves roughly 20,000 people each month in the City of Alexandria who need essential grocery items! ALIVE! is more than just Alexandria's food bank. We are proud to have helped Alexandrians in the following ways: Distributed more than 3 million pounds of food since the pandemic; provided shelter, virtual learning, and childcare to ALIVE! House shelter residents; supported 1,500 households with financial and rental assistance; launched the Alexandria Eviction Prevention Partnership to deliver over \$500,000 of direct rent relief to Alexandrian residents; provided housewares and furniture to Alexandrians coming from shelters and new refugee families. ALIVE! Is requesting donations in their Spring 2 Action campaign to continue providing these services to our community. Give online today!

DID YOU KNOW?
ALIVE!
provided
1,392,140
meals in 2023

Neighbors Helping Neighbors
ALIVE!
More than a food bank

Celebrating 14 Years
Spring2ACTION
Alexandria's Giving Day
Presented by ACT for Alexandria

Community support helps us keep our safety net strong, and it takes everyone working together!
Support ALIVE! during
Spring2ACTION
April 24, 2024

Spanish, Dari, and Pashto language skills are needed at all ALIVE! Food Distribution locations. 6 Translators are needed at each location. Many drivers and many more food distribution volunteers are also needed. Saturday activities start at 7:15am and we generally wrap up around 11:30 am. The next 2 opportunities are April 27th and May 18th. [Sign up to volunteer](#)



ALIVE! Furniture Delivery: Our list of families who want to donate furniture and those who need furniture continues to grow. We are now scheduling for dates in April, May, June, and July. Mike Souza (mmabuc85@gmail.com) has volunteered to lead FUMC's Furniture Delivery with ALIVE!. It does not need to be a daunting task to find volunteers; please reach out to Mike to get involved! So far in 2024, the Furniture Program has served 127 families – picking up 278 furniture items from 69 families and delivering them to 58 families.

ALIVE!'s Family Assistance Program needs help!: Starting in May, Family Assistance needs drivers in the afternoon to help deliver bags of groceries. You can use your own car. Please share this with people you may know who are looking for a volunteer job or with your congregation. We are hoping for 1-4 people who can volunteer on a regular basis. Reach out to Karl directly if you have someone in mind, would like more information, or want to do this yourself- kbach@alive-inc.org.

Volunteers Needed in Del Ray and the West End Food Hubs: Help clients select grocery items in a mini-grocery-store like environment! Since these locations are open five days a week, they give clients greater flexibility for when they seek food assistance and the choice model for selecting items ensures clients are picking up the items they can use. This is a great activity if you are looking for weekday volunteer hours, speak languages other than English, want to help restock shelves, or are just are excited about helping people find food and other support resources. Space is limited at these locations, so be sure to reserve your volunteer shift in advance. 1hr to 2.5 hour shifts available and a longer shift on Saturdays. [View the available volunteer shifts and reserve one that works for you using our online volunteer scheduling tool.](#)



This Week at Fairlington

Sunday, April 21

9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering - Parlor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	"Find Your Own Practical Faith" Small Group - Rm 109 & Online
9:30AM - 10:30AM	"Our Journey on the Way" Small Group - Rm 110 & Zoom
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Celebrate Wonder - Rm 211 & 309
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Confirmation Class - Rm 303
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Forever Family Small Group - Parlor
10:30AM - 12:00PM	Children's Church - Rm 212
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary & Online
12:15PM - 1:00PM	Ring Tones - Sanctuary
6:30PM - 8:00PM	Companions in Christ - Zoom

Monday, April 22

7:30PM - 9:00PM	Leadership Meeting - Chapel
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Tuesday, April 23

10:00AM - 11:00AM	FUMC Staff Meeting - Library
5:30PM - 6:45PM	Safe Harbor - Rm 110
6:30PM - 9:00PM	Troop Meeting - FH & Rm 109/110/111

Wednesday, April 24

7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group - Wilderness (Rm 114 rain)
5:00PM - 5:30PM	Cherub Choir - Rm 106
5:30PM - 6:00PM	Chapel Choir - Rm 106
6:15PM - 6:45PM	Joyful Ringers - Sanctuary
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Women's Small Group - Zoom

Thursday, April 25

2:30PM - 5:30PM	Lazarus - Rm 109,110,111 & FH
6:15PM - 7:25PM	Jubilate Handbell Choir - Sanctuary
7:00PM - 8:30PM	Pack 350 Committee Meeting - Rm 109
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Chancel Choir - Rm 108

Friday, April 26

12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers - FH
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Saturday, April 27

9:00AM - 11:00AM	Troop Speaker - FH
6:00PM - 9:00PM	Asanteman Association - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 28

9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering - Parlor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	"Find Your Own Practical Faith" Small Group - Rm 109 & Online
9:30AM - 10:30AM	"Our Journey on the Way" Small Group - Rm 110 & Zoom
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