



# Fairlington

Sunday, January 28, 2023



## Prayers from January 21

The family of FUMC member Peggy Thomas. Kendra, Joe, Rob, Kathy, Tom, Fran, Rob and Sharon, Alphonso, Craig and Sandy, Donna, Kathleen and Debra, Cynthia, Flor and family, Sayaphon and family, Mikey and family, Kelly, Jenny and family, Suzie and family, Ted, Paul, John, Margot and Peaches, the family of Keri Sanchez, the family of Samantha Gross, Stacey and family as they grieve the loss of her father. Family of Lil Geil, Melvin, Joshua, Mabel, Joe, Gail and Harold.

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](mailto:prayers@fairlingtonumc.org) or call 703.671.8557.

**Reconciling Sunday February 4:** Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 4**, when Fairlington UMC will celebrate its 11th year as a Reconciling Congregation. Our guest speaker is Rodrigo Soto. Rodrigo works at the Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis, an organization that promotes public policy work in Virginia on racial and economic justice issues and is a former legislative aide in the Virginia House of Delegates. He has served on the Just Neighbors Board of Directors, Virginia Latino Advisory Board, Virginia Milk Commission, and UndocMason Advisory Board, and holds a B.A in communications from George Mason University. Having come out as gay and a former undocumented immigrant, Rodrigo will share his personal story. **Wear your rainbow stoles!**



**Ash Wednesday:** Join us, as we begin the season of Lent on Ash **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**. We will be having a Taizé service in the evening at **7:30 PM** in the sanctuary and online. There will also be an opportunity for imposition of Ashes in the church parking lot in the morning from **7-9 AM**. Stop by on your way to work or school!

**Support for Venezuelan Family:** Dear Fairlington Family and friends, Some of you have asked how you can support the Ortega family. They have now begun the process of applying for Temporary Protected Status, an important step in obtaining documents that allow them to work; however, the legal costs of the application are daunting – more than \$1,800 for the first step! If you would like to contribute in any amount to defray these costs, please send a check to FUMC and write, “Ortega TPS” on the memo line, or contribute through our online giving “Venezuelan Family”. Thanks for considering this opportunity.

**Special News Alert:** The Wednesday morning Bible study is MOVING TO TUESDAYS!!! All are welcome to join us on **Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:45 AM** for a study on Paul’s Epistle to the Ephesians. The class will begin on February 6th and end on March 26th. Location: Room 109. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, written while he was in prison, explores the story of the Gospel, and how Jesus, created a multiethnic community of followers. He also offers guidance on how the Gospel should permeate our lives personally, in our community, and within our families, “on earth, as in heaven.” No book is required. If you are looking for a good reference, N.T. Wright’s, EPHESIANS, is recommended. All are welcome whether you can attend every session or not. If you have any questions, please email Christian at [christian@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:christian@fairlingtonumc.org) or Anne Wilson ([wilsanne@gmail.com](mailto:wilsanne@gmail.com)).

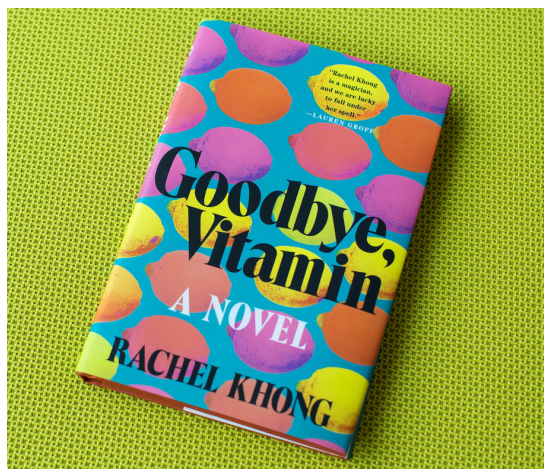


**Teens Opposing Poverty Coat Collection:** Fairlington Youth are collecting coats to distribute at their next Teens Opposing Poverty meal distribution for the homeless on February 10th. Please bring new or gently used coats and drop them off in Room 308. Or connect with Christian at [Christian@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:Christian@fairlingtonumc.org) to schedule a drop off.

**Imagine Renewal – Generosity Campaign:** Our 2024 Imagine Renewal – Generosity Campaign cycle is coming to a close – however, it is not too late to submit your 2024 Generosity Giving Pledge! If you have not done so already, please consider making a generosity giving pledge for 2024. To date, our Imagine Renewal! giving campaign has received 94 pledge commitments totaling \$563,590 which is 86% towards our goal of \$655,000. Although we have an approved operating budget for 2024, your pledges are still a vital planning and forecasting aid for our committee as we look forward to the many exciting things in store for Fairlington this year, including the highly anticipated completion of the renewed and refreshed Fellowship Hall kitchen! Please return your generosity card during worship in the offering plate or you can submit the card electronically on our website! We are requesting all final generosity giving pledges be submitted by next Sunday, February 4th. [Click HERE for more information and to submit your generosity pledge online.](#) Thank you to all who have submitted generosity pledges.







**Upcoming FUWF Book Discussion:** All women of the church are invited to join the Fairlington United Women in Faith (FUWF) sponsored discussion of *Goodbye, Vitamin*, a novel by Rachel Khong in which a young woman returns home to live with her aging parents. Join us in the Fellowship Hall, **March 10, 1-2 PM** (Brown bag lunch beginning at 12:30 pm). Contact Carol Weldon for more information, [cweldon2@verizon.net](mailto:cweldon2@verizon.net).

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed:** On the 4th Monday morning of each month, Fairlington volunteers with Meals on Wheels to deliver already prepared meals. We are always looking for more volunteers to help deliver meals. Please reach out to Barbara Glomb for more information ([barbaraglomb@comcast.net](mailto:barbaraglomb@comcast.net)).



**Carpenters Shelter Volunteers Needed:** On the 4th Saturday of each month Fairlington provides meals to about 50 residents of Carpenters Shelter. For 2024 there are still 7 months that still need volunteers to provide the meal. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please contact Barbara Gomez, Barbara Gomez ([bgblank123@gmail.com](mailto:bgblank123@gmail.com)).

**Huge Success!:** Thank you, to everyone who joined us for the Leftovers Comedy Night! It was great seeing the Fellowship Hall filled with people and laughter. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised over \$2,000 for the kitchen renovation. We look forward to another event to celebrate the completion of the kitchen later this year.



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**Girl Scout Camp:** Girl Scouts are offering a Spring Break Camp **March 25th-28th at Fairlington UMC**. Camp Discovery is for girls K-5 that are not currently in Girl Scouts, and they will have the chance to experience outdoor fun, arts & crafts, STEM and learn what being a Girl Scout is all about! The fee is only \$50 for the week and there will be bus transportation from Elementary schools in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax provided. We offer financial aid to all families. To register, go to: <https://form.jotform.com/GSCNCMembership/spring-camps>

**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 **February 17 from 7:30 – 10 AM.** Sign up online to volunteer: [SIGN UP HERE](#)



**ALIVE! Ministry Opportunities:** Fairlington regularly partners with ALIVE! in supporting our neighbors in need. Once a month we host a food distribution event to hand out food and every year we put together a team for Step ALIVE!. But, there are lots of other ways to support ALIVE!: Furniture Program, Housewares Program, Food Program, and the Family Assistance Program. They are always looking for more volunteers and people to help support their many programs. [Take a look at this document for more information!](#)

**Altar Flowers:** Sponsor a beautiful altar flower arrangement! Dedications for the flowers can be in honor of someone, in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a birthday or special occasion. To sign up to sponsor the altar flowers, please fill out the book in the Narthex or contact the church office ([office@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:office@fairlingtonumc.org)). The cost of the altar flowers is \$60 per Sunday, and you may take the flowers with you after the 11 AM service.



#### Clergy and Staff

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dr. Janine Howard: [janine@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:janine@fairlingtonumc.org)  
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Cantor: Rev. Tura Foster Gillespie



## ***This Week at Fairlington***

### **Sunday, January 28**

<b>9:00AM - 9:30AM</b>	Morning Gathering - Parlor
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	"Find Your Own Practical Faith" Small Group - Rm 109 & Online
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	"Our Journey on the Way" Small Group - Rm 110 & Zoom
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Celebrate Wonder - Rm 211 & 309
<b>10:30AM - 12:00PM</b>	Children's Church - Rm 212
<b>11:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary & Online
<b>12:15PM - 1:00PM</b>	Ring Tones - Rm 112
<b>6:00PM - 7:30PM</b>	Companions in Christ - Zoom/Rm 114

### **Monday, January 29**

<b>7:00PM - 9:30PM</b>	Symphony Orchestra NoVA - Rm 109,110,111 & FH
<b>7:00PM - 8:00PM</b>	Women's Small Group - Zoom

### **Tuesday, January 30**

<b>5:30PM - 6:45PM</b>	Safe Harbor - Rm 110
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### **Wednesday, January 31**

<b>7:30AM - 8:00AM</b>	Men's Morning Prayer Group - Wilderness (Rm 114 rain)
<b>5:00PM - 5:30PM</b>	Cherub Choir - Rm 106
<b>5:30PM - 6:00PM</b>	Chapel Choir - Rm 106
<b>6:15PM - 6:45PM</b>	Joyful Ringers - Rm 112

### **Thursday, February 1**

<b>6:15PM - 7:25PM</b>	Jubilate Handbell Choir - Rm 112
<b>7:00PM - 8:30PM</b>	Pack 350 Committee Meeting - Rm 109
<b>7:30PM - 9:00PM</b>	Chancel Choir - Rm 108

### **Friday, February 2**

<b>12:30PM - 2:30PM</b>	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers - FH
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### **Saturday, February 3**

<b>7:00AM - 6:00PM</b>	Pinewood Derby - FH/109/110/111
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