



Palm Passion SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

Prayers from Sunday, March 17

The Family of John McLain (Jean Gillen's brother), Kathy, Lynn, Kathy, Tom, Fran, Rob and Sharon, Alphonso, Craig and Sandy, Donna, Kathleen and Debra, Cynthia, Flor and family, Mikey and family, Debra, Alicia, Katie and family, Kim and Rufus, Beverly, the Allen family, Susan, Kitty and Bobby and Molly and families, Chadd & Laura, MaryBeth & Dean, Susan & Charlie, Vicky, Becky, Jenna, Merton, Donna, Joel, TH, Koni, Sam, Tom, and Carol.

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.

HOLY WEEK *Easter & Sunday*

AT FAIRLINGTON UMC

Holy Week and Easter Services:

Palm/Passion Sunday: Sunday, March 24 | 11 AM – Worship service with Procession of Palms and the Cross

Holy Thursday: Thursday, March 28 | 7:30 PM – Worship service with Communion

Good Friday: Friday, March 29 | 7:30 PM – Taizé Worship Service

Easter Sunday: Sunday, March 31 | 6:50 AM & 10:30 AM

- **Easter Sunrise Service 6:50 AM** – Sunrise Easter Service outside in the Native Habitat.
- **Easter Worship Service 10:30 AM** – Easter Sunday worship service with communion. Special music by The King Street Brass Quintet, organ, piano, timpani, Jubilate Handbell Choir, and Chancel Choir.

Easter Flower Cross: Help us decorate the Christ Cross on Easter Sunday. Bring your own greenery and flowers to fill in the cross. We will have some flowers available for those who need them. Be sure to take your Easter pictures with the Cross and share them with us!





Transportation Request: We are excited to announce Wendy's acceptance in the Kitchen of Purpose Bilingual Culinary Training Program! She will be attending class from April 1 – May 24 in Arlington. To support her in this course, we are hoping to secure transportation for her to and from class. She will need to be picked up from their apartment at 8:30 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.

Family Dinner Night: Join us **Wednesday, April 3** for Family Dinner Night! Dinner will be Chinese, and food will be served from 5:45-7 PM. The cost is \$30 per family/\$10 per person. Upcoming Family Dinner Night: May 1 (Cookout). Please contact Christian for more information. (christian@fairlightonumc.org).



Habitat Spring Cleanup Event: Did you know that 15 min of time spent in the outdoors can reduce your blood pressure, elevate your mood and otherwise contribute to your health and well-being! On April 13 you are cordially invited to join others **April 13 starting at 9:30 AM** to help get the FUMC habitat ready for spring and summer and get your 15 min of wellness! No experience needed. Come for an hour or the morning – whatever works for you. If you have tools and garden gloves bring them, if you don't come anyway. Do bring a water bottle. It's a great opportunity for fellowship and to start getting in shape for summer! Need more info? Contact Anne Wilson at wilsanne@gmail.com.

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.



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.*

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.](#)

Rent Security Deposit Assistance Program: Fairlington's Rent Security Deposit Assistance Program (RSDAP) assists people in our community overcome the first barrier in securing and maintaining safe and affordable housing. For many, the inability to meet the security deposit requirements keeps them from securing a roof over their heads. Through the RSDAP we can offer one-time grants for our neighbors in need. This program operates on the generosity of our community. Thank you to those who are sending in their twice-yearly contribution to the RSDAP Fund! If you are interested in contributing to the fund or if you want to learn more about this program, [visit our new page on the church website](#). For more information, please email Carolyn Devilbiss at secdepositfumc@gmail.com.



Nametags: Help us start fresh this Spring with new nametags! As we anticipate guests joining us for worship during Lent and Easter, it is the perfect time to make sure you have a name tag. Nametags are essential to being a welcoming church! If you cannot find your name on one of the nametags in the Narthex outside the sanctuary, please email the church office (office@fairlingtonumc.org). We will be making batches of new nametags in the coming weeks and will have one made for you.



Scam Warning: Churches are experiencing an increased number of scams. We ask that you err on the side of caution when responding to email requests. Church staff will never reach out via email and ask you to purchase gift cards electronically. If an email looks questionable, please double check who the email was sent by. Official FUMC staff email addresses are all structured this way: firstname@fairlingtonumc.org. Additionally, any legitimate request for financial support will be published in our weekly email and announcements. If you have questions about an email you've received, you can always verify its authenticity with the church office (office@fairlingtonumc.org).



Want to Volunteer for General Conference?: General Conference April 2024 will take place in Charlotte North Carolina April 23 to May 3. If you would like to volunteer for General Conference, there are a couple ways:

1. Support the Love Thy Neighbor Coalition (LYNC). LYNC is a coalition of 15 UMC affiliated ethnic and social justice caucuses working for a grace filled and inclusive denomination; this includes the Reconciling Ministry Network. LYNC organizes witness, worship, legislative support, monitors, advocacy and other volunteer opportunities. You can volunteer virtually or in-person. There are options to volunteer in person OR virtually by [filling in the volunteer interest form on the LYNC website](#).
2. The hosting Western North Carolina and North Carolina Conferences have opportunities to volunteer as well at WelcomeToGC.org.

Clergy and Staff

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"FUMC-Access" Password: open3900

This Week at Fairlington

Sunday, March 24	
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
10:30AM - 12:30PM	Children's Church - Rm 212
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Sunday Worship - Sanctuary & Online
1:00PM - 6:00PM	Setup - Girl Scout Camp Discovery - FH/Kitchen/109/110/111/210/211/309/310
6:30PM - 8:00PM	Companions in Christ - Zoom/Rm 114
9:00PM - 11:00PM	Ramadan Prayers - Room 308
Monday, March 25	
ALL DAY	Preschool - Spring Break 3/25-4/1
8:00AM - 5:00PM	Girl Scout Camp Discovery 3/25-3/28 - FH/Kitchen/109/110/111/210/211/309/310/Playground
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Parking Lot Task Force - Library
7:00PM - 9:30PM	Symphony Orchestra NoVA - FH, Rm 109,110,111
9:00PM - 11:00PM	Ramadan Prayers - Room 308
Tuesday, March 26	
10:00AM - 11:00AM	FUMC Staff Meeting - Library
5:30PM - 6:45PM	Safe Harbor - Rm 110
9:00PM - 11:00PM	Ramadan Prayers - Room 308
Wednesday, March 27	
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group - Wilderness (Rm 114 rain)
6:15PM - 7:25PM	Jubilate Handbell Choir - Sanctuary
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Women's Small Group - Zoom
9:00PM - 11:00PM	Ramadan Prayers - Room 308
Holy Thursday, March 28	
6:15PM - 7:25PM	Jubilate Handbell Choir - Sanctuary
7:30PM - 8:30PM	Holy Thursday Worship (with Communion) - Sanctuary & Online
8:30PM - 9:30PM	Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
9:00PM - 11:00PM	Ramadan Prayers - Room 308
Good Friday, March 29	
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12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers - FH
7:30PM - 8:30PM	Good Friday Worship (Taizé Service) - Sanctuary & Online
9:00PM - 11:00PM	Ramadan Prayers - Room 308
Saturday, March 30	
10:00AM - 1:00PM	Easter Rehearsal 11AM-12:30PM - Sanctuary
9:00PM - 11:00PM	Ramadan Prayers - Room 308
Easter Sunday, March 31	
6:50AM - 7:50AM	Easter Sunrise Service - Native Habitat
10:30AM - 11:30PM	Children's Church - Rm 212
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6:30PM - 8:00PM	Companions in Christ - Zoom/Rm 114
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