

THE WAY

Fairlington

Sunday, March 1, 2026



Prayers from Sunday, February 22, 2026

Joey, Kris, Tom, Bill and Patty, Erin, Debra and Kathleen, Loretta, Hal, Lorleen, Melanie, Jasna, Sandy, Grace, Karen, Ann, Claire Nelson, surgery March 4th, Gwen, Donna, Flor and family, Elvan, Madison, Rob, Mary and Buck, Gio, Alphonso and family, Terry, Mikey and family, John, Craig, Kathy K., Brown family, Cynthia, Jean and family, Tony, Greg, Joyce, Maria, John, Betty

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.

Lent at Fairlington – The Way: This Lent you are invited to join Fairlington UMC on a journey through Lent focused on the theme of pilgrimage, using imagery, symbolism, and stories from the Camino de Santiago in France and Spain. Lent is a time for us to reflect on our spiritual journey and the ways in which we are following Jesus. Journeys and pilgrimages have been a ritual of humankind throughout time and religious traditions, and our Judeo-Christian scriptures frequently talk about journeys, roads, and pathways as a means for spiritual reflection.

March 1: LENT 2

Preaching: Rev. Christian White
The High Way

March 8: LENT 3

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Janine Howard
The Way Around

March 15: LENT 4

Preaching: Rev. Christian White
The Way Home

March 22: LENT 5

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Janine Howard
The Free Way

March 29: LENT 6

Palm/Passion Sunday
The Other Way

Here are some ways for you to engage during Lent:

- Watch a Movie:** The Way (Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM). This film follows a father's pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago after tragedy. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall beforehand. RSVP to Christian at christian@fairlingtonumc.org by March 8.
- Read a Book:** Deepen your journey with *Wisdom Walking: Pilgrimage as a Way of Life* by Gil Stafford or *The Way Is Made by Walking* by Arthur Paul Boers.
- Commit to a Devotional:** The Mindful Pilgrimage offers a 40-day devotional for pilgrims of any faith—or none.
- Go for a Walk:** Grab a walking stick and step out on The Way.

Lenten Creation Care Calendar

Embracing the call from God to
Care for people and planet



Creation Care Lenten Calendar: We invite you to download the 2026 Lenten Creation Care Calendar from Virginia Interfaith Power & Light. This resource offers simple daily prompts and links focused on caring for creation, including ideas for waste reduction, energy efficiency, and meatless Fridays. Centered on the theme Healthy People, Healing Planet, the calendar is a meaningful way to shape your Lenten practices and reflect on caring for both people and the earth. [Download 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 page on the church website](#). For more information, please email Carolyn Devilbiss atsecdepositfumc@gmail.com.



Rent Security Deposit ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Generosity for Justice and Community Giving Campaign – WE ARE ALMOST TO OUR GOAL! Our 2026 Generosity for Justice and Giving Campaign cycle is coming to a close – **however, it is not too late to submit your 2026 Generosity Giving Pledge!** If you have not done so already, please consider making a generosity giving pledge for 2026. To date, we have received 89 pledged commitments totaling \$524,900 which is 87% towards our goal of \$600,000.

You can still make a 2026 Generosity for Justice and Community giving pledge by email to Holly Sapp (holly@fairlingtonumc.org) with your instructions, or you can submit an online commitment form on our website, www.fairlingtonumc.org. There are also generosity cards at the church you can complete and place in the offering baskets. We are requesting all final generosity giving pledges be submitted by Sunday, March 1, 2026.

Whether or not you choose to participate in a generosity giving pledge this year, please accept our sincerest thanks for your continued support not only through your actual and regular offering, but through your continued presence, witness, and confidence in our mission of sharing God's love and grace for all, and being a beacon of justice, compassion, and hope in our community—feeding the hungry, housing families, welcoming immigrants, and caring for creation.

Taizé Prayer Services: Join us for our monthly Taizé Prayer Service on the first Wednesday of each month. The next service will be held on **Wednesday, March 4, at 7 PM** in the Chapel. This service is hosted in partnership with Fairlington Presbyterian and St. Clement Episcopal Churches. Come, for a time for quiet reflection through candlelight, meditative music, scripture, and silence in the tradition of the Taizé community.



Family Dinner Night: Family Dinner Night is back! Join us on **Wednesday, March 11 from 5:45–7:00 PM for Taqueria Picoso!** Enjoy a great meal and fellowship with your church family. The cost is \$30 per family or \$10 per person (financial assistance available). RSVP to Christian at christian@fairlingtonumc.org. Upcoming Family Dinner Nights will be held on Wednesdays April 8th, May 7th (5:45-7:00PM).



The Way Movie Screening: Join us on **Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM** for a movie night at Fairlington as we watch *The Way*, directed by Emilio Estevez. This moving film follows a father and son whose journey becomes a pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago after tragedy strikes. We'll gather for dinner in the Fellowship Hall beforehand, then watch the film together. Please RSVP to Christian at christian@fairlingtonumc.org by March 8 so we can plan accordingly.

Furniture Delivery Volunteers Needed: Our congregation will be picking up and delivering gently used donated furniture with ALIVE! on **Saturday, March 14 from 7:30 AM - 1 PM**. It's a ministry that changes lives. Each piece of furniture delivered represents more than just comfort—it offers dignity, stability, and hope to families who need it most. [CLICK HERE to sign up!](#)



FUMC Food Mission with ALIVE!: Our next Food Mission Distribution is **Wednesday, March 18**. Volunteers are needed from 4–6:30 PM, and community food pickup will take place from 5–6:30 PM. Sign up to volunteer through our website or [through this LINK](#). For questions, contact Meg Broadwell at meg2mtns@gmail.com or 202-805-2160.

Confirmation: Confirmation Sunday is on June 7, 2026. Confirmation is a time in the life of the church where we prepare our young people to become professing members of Fairlington United Methodist Church. It is a time of learning, reflection, and prayer. Each young person moving through the process of Confirmation is matched with a Mentor who will guide the young person through the program, share their faith, and role model Christ-like living. The following young people are part of our Confirmation group this year. You are invited to pray for these persons, asking God to be present with them.

CONFIRMAND

Oliver Freeman
Eddie Ng
Preston Weronksi
Marianna Yee

MENTOR

Andrew Hunter
David Elliott
Kevin Wagner
Barbara Groves



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, March 4** Taizé Prayer Service
- **Monday, March 9** FUMM Dinner & Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 10** Free Community Meal
- **Wednesday, March 11** Family Dinner Night
- **Wednesday, March 11** The Way – Movie Screening
- **Wednesday, March 18** Food Mission with ALIVE!
- **Saturday, March 28** Easter Egg Hunt (10AM – 12PM)
- **Sunday, March 29** Palm/Passion Sunday
- **Wednesday, April 1** Taizé Prayer Service
- **Thursday, April 2** Holy Thursday
- **Friday, April 3** Good Friday
- **Sunday, April 5** Easter Sunday
- **Wednesday, April 8** Family Dinner Night
- **Wednesday, May 7** Family Dinner Night
- **Saturday, May 30** Family Fun Day at Pohick Bay Park

Clergy and Staff

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

This Week at Fairlington

DAILY, 7:30 - 9:30PM	Tamunt - Ramadan Prayers	Rms 109 & 114
Sunday, March 1		Location
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering	Parlor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Big Faith for Children	Room 309 & 211
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Confirmation Class	Room 305
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Fairlington Youth Small Group	Room 306
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Our Journey on the Way	Room 110
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Practical Faith	Room 109
9:30AM - 10:30AM	The Genesis of Exodus	Chapel
10:30AM - 12:00PM	Children's Church	Room 212
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:15PM - 1:00PM	Ring Tones	Sanctuary/Room 112
Monday, March 2		Location
Mon-Thur, 8:30 - 2PM	ALX Learning Co-op	Room 308
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Women's Small Group	Online
7:00PM - 8:30PM	Troop 350 PLC Meeting	FH & Room 110
7:00PM - 8:30PM	Church-Preschool Taskforce Meeting	Library
Tuesday, March 3		Location
9:30AM - 10:30AM	FUMC Staff Meeting	Library
5:30PM - 6:45PM	AA Women's Safe Harbor	Room 110
7:00PM - 9:00PM	Preschool Board Meeting	Chapel
7:00PM - 8:30PM	Troop Meeting	FH & Rms 110, 111 & 210
Wednesday, March 4		Location
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Habitat (Rainsite: Rm 110)
5:30PM - 6:15PM	Chapel Choir	Room 106
6:15PM - 6:45PM	Joyful Ringers	Sanctuary/Room 112
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Taizé Prayer Service	Chapel
Thursday, March 5		Location
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Sewing Class	Room 111
6:15PM - 7:25PM	Jubilate Handbell Choir	Sanctuary/Room 112
6:30PM - 7:30PM	Crossover Ceremony	FH, Rms 110,111, 210, 211, 309-311
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary, Room 108
Friday, March 6		Location
12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall (FH)
Saturday, March 7		Location
5:00PM - 8:00PM	Tamunt - Iftar	Fellowship Hall (FH)
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