

EMBODIED DISCIPLESHIP

An Invitation to Love Boldly & Lead Courageously

Fairlington

Sunday, May 3, 2026



Prayers from Sunday, April 26, 2026

Rob, Sandy and Family, Flor and Family, Madison, Derek, Rob, Mary and Buck, Kevin and Family, Tyler, Cynthia, Alphonso and Family, Terry, Mikey and Family, Craig, Kathy K., Jean and Family, Tony, Grace, Donna, Debra and Kathleen, Ann, Bobby, Sandy, Lorleen, Cheryl, Hal, Karen, Lou, Erin, Maggie, Donna and Brenda, Margaret, Don, Christopher, Harold and Gayle, Butler Family, Fairfax Family, Amy, Victoria, Ann, Karen, Joe, Chuck

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.

New Worship Series: Embodied Discipleship — Love Boldly and Lead

Courageously: Beginning April 12, join us for a six-week worship series exploring what it means to live the way of Christ in our daily lives. In Embodied Discipleship: Love Boldly and Lead Courageously, we will follow the Gospel story from Thomas the Twin to the Great Commission, with sheep, fish, and the Advocate guiding us along the way. Together, we'll discover how we are formed, empowered, and sent to live as disciples in the world.

May 3 — Serve Joyfully: Scripture: 1 Peter 4.7–11; John 14.1–14

May 10 — Lead Courageously (Confirmation Sunday): Scripture: Ephesians 6.10–18; John 14.15–21

May 17 — Disciples Serve the World (Youth Sunday): Scripture: Romans 12.1–8; Matthew 28.16–20

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FAIRLINGTON UMC VOLUNTEER FAIR



Fairlington Volunteer Fair: Please join us after church in the fellowship hall **Sunday, May 3rd** for FUMC's first Volunteer Fair! learn about the church's mission programs and how you can get involved. If you have any questions please contact the volunteer coordinator Sarah Cusenza at cusenzasarah@gmail.com.

Read and Ride Event: Join us for a fun and family-friendly Preschool Read and Ride event on **Sunday, May 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM** at Fairlington Preschool (3900 King Street, Alexandria, in the auxiliary parking lot). This community event features free ID cards for children provided by local deputies, a car seat safety check with a certified technician (pre-registration required at preschool@agudasachim-va.org), the READ Book Bus promoting early literacy, and the Magic Art Bus bringing hands-on creative activities. It's a great opportunity for families to connect, learn, and enjoy engaging activities together—don't miss it!



Leadership Team Update: Your church Leadership Team is pleased to update the congregation on key issues we are addressing so far in 2026 that include creation care, our campus, and finances. [Please follow the link to find out more about the important work happening at FUMC.](#)



**Give Old
Socks New Life**



Thank You for Donating Socks!: FUMC, Congratulations. Thanks to all who donated used socks. We collected 200 lbs of the Casual Adventures' 500 lb goal. We will do this again next April.

Family Dinner Night: Join us on **Wednesday, May 6 from 5:45–7:00 PM**, dinner will be a **cookout**. 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.



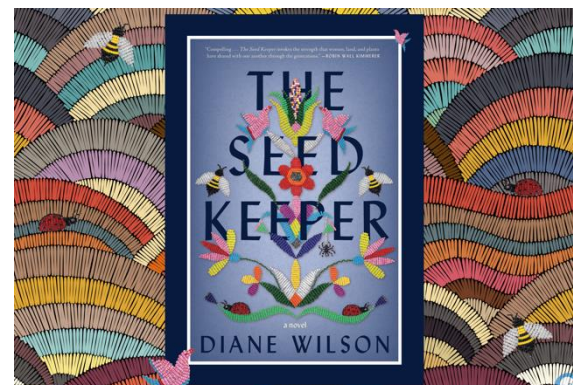
Taizé Prayer Services: Join us for our monthly Taizé Prayer Service on the first Wednesday of each month. The next service will be held on **Wednesday, May 6, at 7 PM** in the Chapel. This service is hosted in partnership with Fairlington Presbyterian and St. Clement Episcopal Churches. Come, for a time time for quiet reflection through candlelight, meditative music, scripture, and silence in the tradition of the Taizé community.

Furniture Delivery Volunteers Needed: Our congregation will be picking up and delivering gently used donated furniture with ALIVE! on **Saturday, May 9 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, May 20**. 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 meg2mnts@gmail.com or 202-805-2160.

Fairlington Women of Faith Book Discussion: All are invited to a discussion of *The Seed Keeper*, a novel by Diane Wilson about a Dakota woman's search for family, identity, and community. **Sunday, May 31 from 1-2 PM** in the Fellowship Hall, with the option of gathering from a brown bag lunch at 12:30. Questions? Please contact Carol Weldon at cweldon2@verizon.net.



FOOD & TOILETRIES DRIVE



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR - DROP OFF A DONATION TODAY!

Ministry to the Community - Monthly Food Ministry Needs: Our partner, ALIVE!, is doing a terrific job in delivering the shelf stable foods we need for our community, as well as wonderful fresh fruit and vegetables. FUMC is not only opening our doors to those in need in our community, greeting them warmly, and providing them with a choice of groceries, we are also seeking to help provide other essentials to them. We need the following list of items for approx. 55-75 families every month. You may bring them to a box in the Narthex or leave them in the Fellowship Hall. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and help make this ministry possible.

Toiletries Needed: Maxipads (rated as 2 & 4 w/ wings), Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant - unscented or neutral, Laundry pods , Diapers - sizes 4, 5 and 6, Shaving razors, Regular-sized bar soap, Vaseline

Food/Cooking items Needed: Cooking oil (vegetable, corn, canola...) - 24 oz size, Salt & pepper - 2-4 oz "picnic" size

In March, at our Food Ministry, FUMC served 56 families in Alexandria representing 276 individuals. Thank you for your continued support! Any questions, contact Meg Broadwell @ 202-805-2160.

Fairlington UMM Annual Outing to Luray – Saturday, May 16: Join the Fairlington United Methodist Men for their annual outing to Luray on Saturday, May 16. The day will include hiking organized by Stephen Ng (syn104@aol.com), canoeing or kayaking organized by Andrew Hunter (andrew.hunter129@verizon.net), or a self-defined activity of your choice. Once the hiking and river groups arrive, everyone will gather for a leisurely cookout at Clint Stretch's place on Old Mine Lane in Luray. Watch for additional details coming soon. For more information, contact Clint Stretch at clint.stretch@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, May 3** Volunteer Fair
- **Sunday, May 3** Read and Ride Event
- **Wednesday, May 6** Family Dinner Night (Cookout)
- **Wednesday, May 6** Taizé Prayer Service
- **Saturday, May 9** ALIVE! Furniture Delivery
- **Sunday, May 10** Confirmation Sunday
- **Saturday, May 16** Fairlington UMC Men's Retreat (Luray, VA)
- **Sunday, May 17** Youth Sunday
- **Saturday, May 30** Family Fun Day at Pohick Bay Park
- **Tuesday, June 2** Interfaith Dinner with Beth El at Fairlington
- **Sunday, June 21** UMM Sunday & Switch to Summer Worship at 10 AM

Clergy and Staff

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Cantor: Rev. Tura Foster Gillespie



THIS WEEK AT FAIRLINGTON

Sunday, May 3		Location
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering	Parlor
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	Big Faith for Children	Rms 211 & 309
10:30AM - 11:00AM	Half-Time Kids Club	Fellowship Hall (FH)
10:30AM - 12:00PM	Children's Church	Room 212
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:00PM - 3:00PM	Volunteer Fair	Fellowship Hall (FH)
1:00PM - 3:00PM	Troop 350 PLC Meeting	Room 109
1:30PM - 3:30PM	Alexandria Director's Network Event	Remote Parking Lot
5:00PM - 7:00PM	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall (FH)
Monday, May 4		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	Church-Preschool Task Force	Library
Tuesday, May 5		Location
9:30AM - 10:30AM	FUMC Staff Meeting	Library
5:30PM - 6:45PM	AA Women's Safe Harbor	Room 110
7:00PM - 8:30PM	Troop Meeting	FH & Room 109 - 111
Wednesday, May 6		Location
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Room 114
5:00PM - 8:00PM	Westminster Rehearsal	Rms 112 & 114
5:30PM - 6:15PM	Chapel Choir	Room 106
5:45PM - 7:00PM	Family Dinner Night	Fellowship Hall (FH)
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Taizé Prayer Service	Chapel
Thursday, May 7		Location
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Sewing Class	Room 111
12:00PM - 3:00PM	Sewing Class Graduation	FH & Kitchen
6:30PM - 7:30PM	Den Meeting	FH, Rms 109-111, 210, 211, 309 & 310
6:30PM - 7:30PM	Westminster Rehearsal	Room 112
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Chancel Choir	Room 108
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Westminster Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 8		Location
12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall (FH)
Saturday, May 9		Location
7:30AM - 1:00PM	ALIVE! Furniture Delivery	Parking Lot & Offsite
3:00PM - 5:00PM	Eagle Court of Honor	Fellowship Hall (FH)
Sunday, May 10		Location
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering	Parlor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Big Faith for Children	Rms 211 & 309
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
10:00AM - 10:30AM	Confirmation Reception	Fellowship Hall (FH)
10:30AM - 12:00PM	Children's Church	Room 212
10:30AM - 11:00AM	Half-Time Kids Club	Fellowship Hall (FH)
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Confirmation Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
5:00PM - 7:00PM	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall (FH)