Fairlington

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Prayers from Sunday, October 4, 2026

The family of Frank J. Alonso (Ricardo's cousin), Wayne, Deb, Suzanne with MS. Lorraine, caregivers and medical professionals, Bill, Patty, and family, Donn and family, Chadd & Laura, Marybeth & Dean, Monika & Joe, Lea, Theresa, Michael & Michele, Barbara & Dan, Erin, Loretta, Karen, Dusty, Betty, Ericka, Bill, Barbara, Tyrone, Lucy, Jesse, Harold and Gail, Jim, Mark, William, Sunny, Madison, Craig and family, Damian, Gio, Tyler and family, Donna, Ed and Nadia, Elizabeth, Mikey and family, Flor and family, Rob, Mary and Buck, Alphonso and family, Kathy K., Kevin and family, Cynthia, Tony, Grace, Debra and Kathleen, Frank, Family of Frank, Melvin, Family of Mitchell Jones, Beth, Jason, Bill.

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.

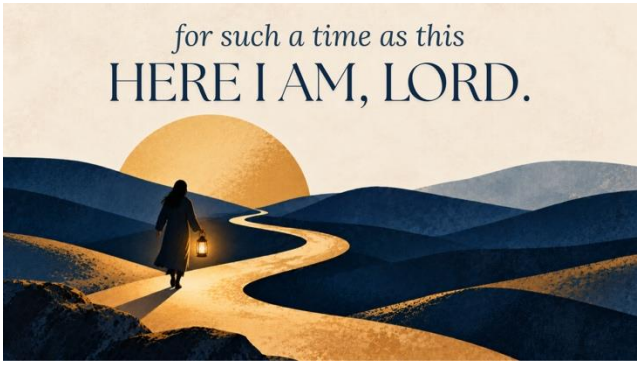
Flower Dedications

Flower Dedications: The sanctuary flowers are sponsored by Meredith Caskey & Sean McAndrew in celebration of their wedding day, October 10, 2026.

StepALIVE! Walkathon – Sunday, October 18: Join the Fairlington UMC team for the 45th Annual StepALIVE! Walkathon! Walk with us or make a donation to support ALIVE!'s work to prevent food insecurity and housing instability in our Alexandria community. Every dollar raised helps provide food, housing assistance, emergency aid, and essential household items to our neighbors. Click here to join the FUMC team or donate today!

FUMC Food Mission with ALIVE!: Our next Food Mission Distribution is **Wednesday, October 21.** 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.

Fall Picnic at Burke Lake Park: Join us for the inaugural FUMM Fall Picnic! The Fairlington United Methodist Men invite the whole church family to an Oktoberfest-themed afternoon of food, fellowship, and games on **Saturday, October 24, from 10 AM – 4 PM** at Burke Lake Park, Picnic Shelter B. FUMM will provide the main dishes, including meat and vegetarian options, and attendees are invited to bring a side dish, dessert, or beverage to share. Come enjoy yard games, frisbee golf, hiking, great food, and time together! **Please RSVP by October 17** and let us know if you plan to bring something to share. Click HERE to RSVP!



Stewardship Campaign: This fall, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you will respond to God's call "For Such a Time as This." Like Esther, we are called to say, "Here I am, Lord," and use what we have to serve, heal, nurture, and make a difference in our community and beyond. Your financial commitment to Fairlington UMC helps sustain and strengthen our ministries and allows us to plan faithfully for the year ahead. Stewardship Sundays will be **October 18 and 25**, when we invite you to bring your generosity card to worship. Whether you pledge, give regularly, or are considering giving for the first time, we invite you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment for 2027 and respond together: "Here we are, Lord. Send us. Use us." Submit Electronic Pledge Card Today!

All Saints Sunday: On **Sunday, November 1 at 11:00 AM**, the congregations of Fairlington United Methodist Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church will gather for a special All Saints Sunday service featuring Mozart's Requiem, with choirs and soloists from both churches and the Monticello Chamber Orchestra. During worship, Communion will be celebrated and candles will be lit in memory of members, family, and friends who have passed in the past year. You are invited to submit the names of loved ones to be remembered and read aloud during the service, either online or in the Sanctuary Prayer Book. Click here to submit a name online.

Following the service, both congregations are invited to gather for a free catered lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please **RSVP for lunch by Sunday, October 25**. Click here to RSVP.

Fairlington Preschool Fundraiser at Paisano's: Support Fairlington Preschool while enjoying lunch or dinner! Visit Paisano's Kingstowne (269 S Van Dorn St. Alexandria, VA 22304) on **October 13 or 14, from 11:00 AM–9:00 PM**. Dine in or take out, and be sure to mention the Fairlington Preschool fundraiser when ordering. For online orders, add "Fairlington Preschool fundraiser" in the comments.

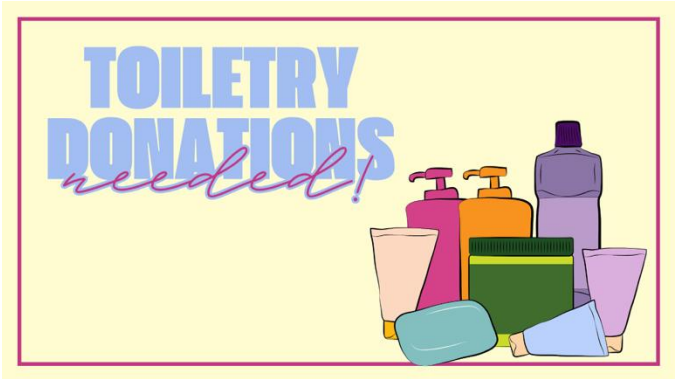
Fairlington Fall Pet Festival: Join our neighbors for the Fairlington Fall Pet Festival on **Saturday, October 17, from 1:00–5:00 PM** at the Fairlington Community Center (3308 S. Stafford St.). This free, pet-friendly community event will feature local rescues and vendors, family activities, pet photography, face painting, live music, training demonstrations, and more. **A Blessing of the Animals will take place at 1:30 PM**. Friendly leashed dogs are welcome!

October Creation Care Tip: Persist in the "little things" you do to help the planet—recycling, composting, planting, thrifting, ride sharing, consuming less, using alternatives to plastic—and talk about what you are doing and why. People pay attention to the practices and words of people they know. You make a difference.

Charge Conference – October 25: Fairlington UMC's annual Charge Conference will be held **Sunday, October 25, following worship in the Chapel.** Charge Conference is an important part of the life of the United Methodist Church, providing an opportunity to celebrate our ministries, review the past year, and vote on important business of the church as we look ahead to the coming year. All are welcome to attend.

Coffee with the Pastor: Janine will be holding "coffee shop hours" **Wednesday, October 14 and 28 from 10 AM – 12 PM** at Alexandria Pastry Shop**.** Join her for some coffee, a delicious treat, and great conversations!

Help Stock Our Toiletries Pantry for our Monthly Food-Toiletries Ministry to our Community: Each month, in partnership with ALIVE!, we serve 55–60 families/275-300 individuals. FUMC supplements the food items from ALIVE! and provides essential hygiene items for our neighbors. Our goal is to collect enough for every family and often an additional item for families larger than 4 people. To help us know what remaining items we need, we have created a way for you to update your contributions on the shared file. Let us know what you will contribute here. For ease, many items we need are identified on our Amazon Wishlist. Please bring your donations to the narthex. For questions, challenges, or suggestions, contact Meg Broadwell at meg2mtns@gmail.com or 202-805-2160.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study: All are invited to join us for a study focused on the book Hope Against Darkness by Fr. Richard Rohr combined with the themes of our current worship series, Love One Another. The book offers a way to rebuild who we are as individuals forming a compassionate community using St. Francis' vision of loving the other as a template. This study will use examples from both Hebrew Scripture and the New Testament to offer a way forward in which all are welcomed. **This 6-week study will run from September 29th to November 3rd . The group will meet from 10:00-11:30AM in Room 110.** For more information or to RSVP, please contact Anne Wilson at wilsanne@gmail.com or Christian at christian@fairlingtonumc.org

The Sacredness of Beginning Again: In 1978, June Jordan, in her address to the Child Welfare League of American, said, "Children are the ways that the world begins again and again." On **Sunday, October 25th at the 11:00AM** worship, we will celebrate Children's Sabbath, a time of worship that brings our focus and attention to both our call to nurture young people and advocate on their behalf. This season of Stewardship in the life of our community is prompting us to consider in times such as this, how might we offer our gifts and graces to being the light of Christ to the world- "Here I am Lord!". How appropriate then is it to reflect on our obligation to work for justice for the least of these, our children. Stay tuned for more details on this day of celebration. Questions? Contact christian@fairlingtonumc.org

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Support the FACETS Hypothermia Program: As colder weather approaches, FACETS is preparing to provide warm, safe shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness during dangerously cold temperatures. Volunteers are needed to help with meals, hospitality, setup/cleanup, and other support throughout the winter. To volunteer or learn more, contact ncalderin@facetscares.org.

Offering Counters Needed: We're looking for a few new volunteers to join our team of offering counters! Counting takes place on site immediately following worship and is a simple, practical way to support the ministries of Fairlington. If you're interested in helping or would like to learn more, please contact Joan Bready at jcbready@msn.com.

No Crumbs on the Floor, No Mice at the Door- Pest Management Campaign UPDATE: Thank you for supporting our pest management campaign this summer! The Task Force has done good work in reducing the number of rodents in our building. Also, in August, the Task Force has worked with a number of groups to clean out spaces on the first floor that were vulnerable for producing living quarters for pests. And, the Task Force has hired a new pest management company, Highland Eco Pest Control, to help us continue to control pests in the building.

The Task Force has decided to extend the guidelines of having food only in the Fellowship Hall through the end of December. We were advised that continuing this practice through the change of weather in the fall could continue to help control pests. Please consume food only in the FH and be careful if you are snacking in the hallways or other areas. Thank you!

White House Christmas Ornament Sale: Celebrate America's 250th anniversary this Christmas with the Official 2026 White House Christmas Ornament, created by the White House Historical Association in partnership with the America250™ Commission. This handcrafted keepsake features text from the Declaration of Independence printed on linen and framed in brass with a 24-karat gold finish, with an etched White House and American flags on the reverse. Fairlington UWF is offering these special commemorative ornaments for $25 each (1–9 ornaments) or $24 each when purchasing 10 or more. To reserve yours, email Fairlingtonumw@gmail.com. We'll confirm your order and payment amount and coordinate pickup or home delivery. Delivery is available in the City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, Arlington County, Washington, DC, and Montgomery County.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 17: Forever Family at Butler's Orchard
Sunday, October 18: Toddlers on the Playground (9:30 – 11 AM)
Sunday, October 18: 45TH Annual StepALIVE! Walkathon
Wednesday, October 21: FUMC Food Mission with ALIVE!
Saturday, October 24: FUMM Event – Family – Friendly Octoberfest at Burke Lake
Sunday, October 25: Charge Conference
Sunday, November 1: All Saints Sunday 11 AM – Mozart Requiem
Sunday, November 1: All Saints Sunday Lunch
Wednesday, November 4: Taizé Prayer Service
Sunday, November 8: Forever Family Friendsgiving

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Cantor: Rev. Tura Foster Gillespie

This Week at Fairlington

Sunday, October 11		Location
9:00AM - 9:30AM	Morning Gathering	Parlor
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Big Faith for Children	Room 309
9:30AM - 12:00PM	Childcare (Ages 0-4)	Rm 210 ***then*** Rm 211
9:30AM - 10:30AM	*Love One Another* Small Group Study	Chapel
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Our Journey on the Way	Room 110
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Practical Faith	Room 109
10:30AM - 12:30PM	*Holy Moly* Children's Church	Room 212
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary & Online
3:30PM - 5:00PM	Troop Meeting	Room 109
6:00PM - 8:00PM	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 12 - Indigenous Peoples Day		**Location**
Church Office, Preschool & ALX Co-op Closed for Holiday		
7:00PM - 8:00PM	Women's Small Group	Online
7:30PM - 8:30PM	Men's Small Group	Offsite
Tuesday, October 13		**Location**
Tue-Thur, 8:30 - 2PM	ALX Learning Co-op	Room 308
9:30AM - 10:30AM	Staff Meeting	Library
10:00AM - 11:30AM	Bible Study	Room 110
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Pastor Reservation	Chapel
5:30PM - 6:45PM	AA Women's Safe Harbor	Room 110
7:00PM - 8:30PM	Troop Meeting	FH; Rms 109, 110, & 114
Wednesday, October 14		**Location**
7:30AM - 8:00AM	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Room 114
10:00AM - 12:00PM	ALX Pastry Shop Hours	Offsite
5:00PM - 5:30PM	Cherub Choir	Room 106
5:00PM - 8:00PM	WPC Music Rehearsals	Rms 108-110, 112, & 114
5:30PM - 6:15PM	Chapel/Youth Choir	Room 106
6:15PM - 6:45PM	Joyful Ringers	Sanctuary
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Reconciling Ministry Team	Online
Thursday, October 15		**Location**
9:00AM - 12:00PM	Sewing Class	Room 111
10:30AM - 12:30PM	Kneedful Knitters	Parlor
6:15PM - 7:20PM	Jubilate Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30PM - 7:30PM	WPC Bell Rehearsal	Room 112
7:00PM - 9:30PM	Improvise! Class	Room 109
7:30PM - 9:00PM	Chancel Choir	Room 108
7:30PM - 9:00PM	WPC Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, October 16		**Location**
12:30PM - 2:30PM	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, October 17		**Location**
All Day	Forever Family Event	Offsite
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