

# EMBODIED DISCIPLESHIP

An Invitation to Love Boldly & Lead Courageously

Fairlington

Sunday, May 17, 2026



## Prayers from Sunday, May 10, 2026

Adrienne, Donna, Elizabeth, Catherine, Gio, Mikey, Nadia and Ed, Flor, Jennifer and family, Sandy and family, Felipe and family, Madison, Derek, Rob, Mary and Buck, Alphonso and family, Terry, Craig, Kathy K, Kevin and family, Cynthia, Jean and family, Tony, Grace, Debra and Kathleen, Ethan, Gideon, Adelyn, Cindy, Edee, family of Nick Supplee, the Veal family, Christopher, Harold and Gail, Robin,

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.



**Flower Dedications:** A white rose has been placed in memory of Dena Chambliss, who died on May 11, 2026, mother of Necia Chambliss, grandmother to Ava Chambliss.



**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](mailto:meg2mnts@gmail.com) or 202-805-2160.

**Habitat Workdays:** Join us each **Tuesday from 9:30–11:00 AM** in the Wilderness Habitat for weekly maintenance and care of this special space. Meet in the upper parking lot and help us keep the habitat thriving for all to enjoy!



leave no trace



**Caring for God's Creation May Pro Tip:** Leave no trace. Have a picnic and then be sure to clean up all leftovers or debris. Pack it in/pack it out. Take your trash home with you. Before you leave, challenge children to see if they can find any indication that someone was there. Teach by example.



**Coffee with the Pastor:** Janine will be holding "coffee shop hours" from **10 AM – 12 PM** at Alexandria Pastry Shop on **May 27**. Join her for some coffee, a delicious treat, and great conversations!



**Interfaith Dinner:** Join us for the 67th Annual Interfaith Dinner with Hebrew Beth-El, a beloved tradition for both congregations! The dinner will take place on **Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00 PM** in Fairlington's Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$25 per person, and **reservations are required by Sunday, May 24**. To RSVP, please contact Scott Riley ([scottr2012@gmail.com](mailto:scottr2012@gmail.com)) or Kevin Wagner ([wagner.kevin26@yahoo.com](mailto:wagner.kevin26@yahoo.com)). Don't miss this special evening of community and connection!

**Family Fun Day:** Join us on **Saturday, May 30 from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at Pohick Bay Park (Picnic Shelter #1) for a day of fun, food, and fellowship. Families are welcome to come and go as their schedules allow, and the park offers a variety of activities for all ages. Fairlington will provide the main course for both lunch and dinner, and we ask everyone to bring a side dish to share. To learn more about the park, visit <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/pohick-bay-regional-park>. Optional camping overnight for those who want to stay the night! If you're interested in camping, let Christian know and we'll help coordinate a planning group for those participating. Added Bonus: This year the Pirate's Cove Water Park will be open! **RSVP to Christian at [christian@fairlingtonumc.org](mailto:christian@fairlingtonumc.org) by May 27th.**

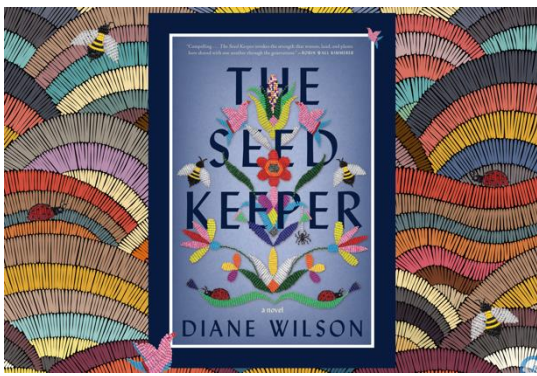


**Put Together an UMCOR Kit!:** Help the Virginia Conference reach its 2026 UMCOR Relief Kit goal! This year, churches across the conference are working together to collect 2,000 Hygiene Kits, 500 Cleaning Kits, and 50 Menstrual Kits to support individuals and families in need through UMCOR's ongoing disaster response and mission efforts. Every donated kit is a tangible act of compassion and care. Visit these links to find directions on how to put together each kit: [Hygiene Kit Instructions](#), [Cleaning Kit Instructions](#), [Menstrual Kit Instructions](#). Please drop off completed kits in the Fairlington Library by the first week of June.

**Service of Prayers for Our Community, Nation, and World:** In a time of turmoil and anxiety, you're invited to pause, pray, and find peace at our Service of Prayers for Our Community, Nation, and World, held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the Chapel. The next service will be on **Wednesday, May 27 in the Chapel**. An additional service will be held on **Sunday, May 31 at 10 AM**. Together, we'll lift our hearts to God for healing and hope, trusting that prayer softens hearts, encourages mercy, and draws us closer to God and one another. As followers of Christ, we're called to bring our worries, our gratitude, and our love for the world before God in prayer, believing that the peace of Christ truly "transcends all understanding." Come as you are, all are welcome.



**Pride Concert:** Clarendon UMC (606 N. Irving Street in Arlington) will host a Pride Concert, Dancing with Spirit, on **Saturday May 30, 2026 at 1PM**. The event will feature their adult and youth handbell ensembles, Chancel Choir, and Praise Band. A free will offering will be collected to benefit Camp Free2Be.



**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](mailto:cweldon2@verizon.net).

**Meet the New RMN Director:** Jan Lawrence, Executive Director of the national Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) for 9 years, retired on April 30. The RMN recently announced the new Director, the Rev. Andi Woodworth, pastor of Neighborhood church in Atlanta, who will assume this role on June 1. Join a Zoom gathering on **Tuesday night, June 9, at 6 PM** to hear more about her vision for the future of RMN. [Register to join the zoom meeting on June 9.](#)

**Conversation on the Trans Community:** Join us **Sunday, June 14** in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the 11:00AM service for a conversation about the trans community, who are experiencing increased discrimination and attacks on their human rights. Lunch will be served. The church will provide sandwiches and drinks. Please bring salads or desserts to share. Helen Snyder, a trans woman, local advocate, Army veteran, and mother will share her personal story, spanning her military career, transition, and how current policies are affecting her daily life. There will be time for Q&A. Resource information will be provided both from advocacy organizations and the Reconciling Ministries Network. No RSVP necessary! Please come and participate in this timely and important conversation. Sponsored by FUMC's Reconciling Ministry.

**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, June 3, 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.

**Capital Pride Parade:** Join over 100 reconciling United Methodists from VA, DC, and MD who will march in the Capital Pride parade on **Saturday, June 20**. Plan to arrive no later than 3pm at the meeting location (Green Zone between Q and R streets on 15th Street NW). Bring a drink. Clergy are asked to wear a stole or collar. The parade route is 1.5 miles long. For those who do not want to march, there will be a gathering place for United Methodists to watch the parade together (TBD). If you are interested in walking in the parade, contact Mark Elder at [markuselder@gmail.com](mailto:markuselder@gmail.com) or 571-258-9984.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, May 17** Youth Sunday
- **Wednesday, May 27** Prayer Service
- **Saturday, May 30** Family Fun Day at Pohick Bay Park
- **Sunday, May 31** Women in Faith Book Discussion
- **Sunday, May 31** Prayer Service
- **Tuesday, June 2** Interfaith Dinner with Beth El at Fairlington
- **Wednesday, June 3** Taizé Prayer Service
- **Sunday, June 14** Conversation on the Trans Community
- **Saturday, June 20** Capital Pride Parade
- **Sunday, June 21** UMM Sunday & Switch to Summer Worship at 10 AM

## Clergy and Staff

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# THIS WEEK AT FAIRLINGTON

<b>Sunday, May 17 - Youth Sunday</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>9:00AM - 9:30AM</b>	Morning Gathering	Parlor
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Big Faith for Children	Rms 211 & 309
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Fairlington Youth Small Group	Room 306
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Our Journey on the Way	Room 110
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Practical Faith	Room 109
<b>10:30AM - 12:00PM</b>	Children's Church	Room 212
<b>10:30AM - 11:00AM</b>	Half-Time Kids Club	Fellowship Hall
<b>11:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	Youth Sunday Worship	Sanctuary & Online
<b>12:00PM - 2:00PM</b>	Luncheon	FH & Kitchen
<b>5:00PM - 7:00PM</b>	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, May 18</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>Mon-Thur, 8:30 - 2PM</b>	ALX Learning Co-op	Room 308
<b>7:00PM - 8:00PM</b>	Women's Small Group	Online
<b>7:30PM - 9:30PM</b>	Leadership Team Meeting	Chapel
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	FUMC Staff Meeting	Library
<b>9:30AM - 11:00AM</b>	Habitat Maintenance	Remote Lot/Habitat
<b>5:30PM - 6:45PM</b>	AA Women's Safe Harbor	Room 110
<b>7:00PM - 9:00PM</b>	Preschool Board Meeting	Chapel
<b>7:00PM - 8:30PM</b>	Troop Meeting	FH & Room 109 - 111
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>7:30AM - 8:00AM</b>	Men's Morning Prayer Group	Room 114
<b>3:00PM - 7:30PM</b>	Food Mission	Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday, May 21</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>9:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	Sewing Class	Room 111
<b>5:30PM - 7:30PM</b>	Blue & Gold	Fellowship Hall
<b>7:30PM - 9:00PM</b>	Chancel Choir	Room 108
<b>Friday, May 22</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>12:30PM - 2:30PM</b>	Muslim Brotherhood Prayers	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, May 23</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>Sunday, May 24</b>		<b>Location</b>
<b>9:00AM - 9:30AM</b>	Morning Gathering	Parlor
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Fairlington Youth Small Group	Room 306
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Our Journey on the Way	Room 110
<b>9:30AM - 10:30AM</b>	Practical Faith	Room 109
<b>10:30AM - 12:00PM</b>	Children's Church	Room 212
<b>11:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
<b>5:00PM - 7:00PM</b>	Youth Group	Fellowship Hall