November 13, 2016
Services at 9:30am & 11am
Light Reception at Noon

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Mitzi Manning
U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Rev. Mitzi Manning was born during WWII, while her Marine father was serving in the South Pacific. Raised in Michigan, she taught school for five years before becoming a Marine Corps officer. Mitzi served in Japan, Korea and stateside for 27 years. She joined Fairlington UMC in 1991. After retiring in 1999, she responded to a call to ministry by attending Wesley Theological Seminary and was ordained a deacon in 2007. Mitzi served as the Older Adult Minister here at Fairlington from 2002 to 2012, when she retired (again) and moved to North Carolina. Mitzi serves on the Virginia Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. She volunteers with hospice at Durham Veterans Hospital, serves on local boards and commissions, and is unofficial chaplain of the Cary NC Greatest Generation Club (WWII veterans).
Pastor’s Corner

As we were considering our participation in NLI (see Q & A to right) through the summer, I would frequently get questions like this: Mary Beth, what do you think about this program? Do you think you have time to give to it?

My response was usually something like this: It sounds like a great opportunity for growth for me and for our church. Now that I am two months into the process, my response is still the same. The pile of books by my reading chair has gotten taller and I’m devoting one extra day a month to meetings with my clergy peer learning group. For starters, we are reading about and practicing the discipline of prayer. In my journal, I have made notes like these:

Who you become is determined, in part, by how you pray.

Prayers naturally turn into goals—and goals turn into prayers.

God is for you. Bold prayers honor God.

I look forward to this journey of going deeper with you. Please include me in your prayers.

~Pastor Mary Beth

Fairlington Joins NLI

In June, our church received an invitation to be part of a new program called Next Level Innovations or NLI. After prayerful consideration through the summer, our church council made the decision to join up. Here are some FAQs:

Why were we offered this opportunity? Because we are strategically located in an area that will be growing at 7% per year, and because our church is already strong with effective ministries and leaders. Also, because we are poised to move from a decline in worship attendance to growth.

How long will it last? Three years.

What happens first? This year our lead pastor is participating in a Clergy Peer Learning Group with the other five lead pastors of participating churches. They will be reading together, hearing from leaders on the topics of prayer, managing change, stewardship, aligning ministries, and outreach.

How will our church be involved? There will be opportunities for conversation and training to help us fulfill our mission and vision. Next fall, at a special church-wide weekend event, we will gather to share our hopes and dreams for a church we all love and for our community. A team of leaders, including our coach, will pray with us and discern 3-5 innovations that will help more effectively make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Who is our coach? The Rev. Brian Brown, pastor of Woodlawn-Faith UMC in Alexandria. Brian has extensive experience in both the Virginia and the West Ohio Conferences as a pastor and a District Superintendent, helping churches grow.

What happens after the weekend? Our church will prayerfully consider the innovations that have been suggested for us and within 40 days will come together in a church conference to decide if we accept them and move forward. If we do, support will be provided for two years to our staff and congregation to reach our goals.

How much will it cost? $2,000 over three years. However, the total cost is closer to $10,000 which will be covered with district funds and grants.

Who is on the NLI Team and What is their job? Daphne Miller, Anne Wilson, Devon Earle, Carl Gunter and Tom Przystawik will be a support team for Pastor Mary Beth as she begins to put into practice what she is learning, to help communicate what NLI is about, and help organize the special weekend.

How does NLI relate to our strategic goals? The NLI process will support and continue the direction we are taking with our strategic goals – please see the next page!
FUMC Strategic Goals
Three to Five Year Strategies

AS APPROVED BY CHURCH COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Nurture meaningful and diverse worship experiences to facilitate a closer relationship with God inside and outside the church walls so that Fairlington UMC more effectively responds to God’s mission for us in the world.

Improve outreach to neighbors within a 5-mile radius of our church through increasing communication channels with our community, and improving those already in place; examining the overall "look" and "feel" of our communications to ensure that they are effective in welcoming those we wish to reach; and improving relationships within the church and with neighbors not yet connected to Fairlington UMC.

Develop and implement a Leadership Training program to equip and empower all those chosen to lead the ministries of FUMC. Impart knowledge of the United Methodist Church’s organization for carrying out the church’s mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ, and to further Fairlington’s vision of serving God by serving others.

Over 5 years increase by 25 percent the number of members engaged in small group ministry at Fairlington UMC, wherein small gatherings of individuals meet regularly to establish welcoming and nurturing community through avenues such as conversation, prayer, and study, growing in their faith in, love of, and relationship with God.

Election Eve Prayer Service
Monday November 7 6:30pm
We will gather in the sanctuary for worship, to pray for our country and leaders. We will come together and share in Holy Communion as we are reminded that we are all united in the body of Christ.

Friendsgiving with the Young Adults
All young adults are invited to Friendsgiving on November 19th at 5:30pm at Jessai and David Cannaday’s home. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish to share and we will provide the turkey. Children and friends are all welcome- just come hungry and ready to have a great time together. If you have any questions or would like to come, contact Pastor Devon, devon@fairlingtonumc.org.

God Waits for You Outside (and so do we!)
Are you looking for ways to go deeper in faith? Nature can be a space where you can feel God’s closeness. All adults are invited to our Spirituality in Nature Group (SING) on November 20th. We will spend time in nature exploring together while doing guided centering exercises. We will also engage in spiritual disciplines including silence and journaling. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch to eat in the church playground picnic area after the 11am service. We’ll carpool to Dyke Marsh, leaving the playground at 1pm. If you plan to meet us there, we will be at the trailhead by the marina at 1:30pm. We will explore Praise and Thanksgiving. For info/to register: https://novembersing.eventbrite.com. Or contact Pastor Devon devon@fairlingtonumc.org.

Fairlington Fellowship’s Pursuit of Trivia
Let’s compete in trivia again! All adults are invited to join Fairlington Fellowship at 6:30pm on November 14th at Del Ray Pizzeria (2218 Mt Vernon Ave in Alexandria). This is a great opportunity to get to know other adults at Fairlington and use your trivia skills. If you would like to come or have any questions, contact Pastor Devon, devon@fairlingtonumc.org.
Our Christian Formation Program
~Rev. Christian White, Christian@fairlingtonumc.org, 703.671.8557, ext. 106

Fairlington Youth
Theme: The Born Identity
2 Corinthians 5.17
“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!”

Saturday, 11/5
(9:00am-3:00pm)
Teens Opposing Poverty

Friday, 11/11 (7:00pm)
to
Saturday, 11/12 (8:00am)
LOCK-IN!

Sunday, 11/20 (6:00-8:00pm)
Fairlington Youth
Thanksgiving Dinner

Family Dinner Night
An informal dinner of fellowship and connection!
Wednesday, November 9th (6:00 pm)
Cost: $25/family ($10 per person)
RSVP to Christian by 11/07.

Bibles to Third Graders
Sunday, November 20th (11:00 am)
We will celebrate the gifting of Bibles to our children during worship on this day! The following children will be receiving their Bibles.

- Ava S. Chambliss Dusch
- Amelie Eve Przystawik
- William Joseph Yee
- Sebastian Noel Hamilton Lopez
- Sadie Christine White
- William R. Yurasko

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Disciple: Fast Track
Sundays, November 6th, 13th, and 20th
7:00-8:15pm in Room 109
Facilitator: Jim Dooley

The Book of Acts by N.T. Wright
Wednesdays, November 2nd, 9th, and 16th
10:00-11:30am in Room 109
Facilitator: Anne Wilson

Advent Study: Prepare the Way
by Pamela Hawkins
Mondays, November 28th, December 5th, 12th, and 19th
7:30-9:00pm in Room 113
Facilitator: Rev. Devon Earle
In this 4-week study, Hawkins leads us through guided prayer and readings from Isaiah and Matthew as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth. Participants will reflect on four scriptural themes: Peace ❖ Justice ❖ Fearlessness ❖ Faithfulness RSVP by November 14th to hold your spot!

Relational Small Group Ministry
The Christian Education Committee is launching a new small group ministry. A small group is an opportunity for individuals to grow in their faith and relationship with God by spending time with others engaged in conversation. The hope is that Christian friendship will develop and our love of God will grow. We will find a group for anybody who desires to join one. Simply contact Rev. Christian White, Minister of Congregational Family Life for more information.

Happy November Birthdays!
to Our Children:
11/1: Bryce and Daniella Downs
      Owen Plank
11/2: Ivalee Wood
11/4: Charlie Steinbach
11/5: Kailyn Wallace
11/6: Adam Kern
11/11: Wansiah Thompson
11/13: Dorothy Carlson
11/21: Zachary Plank
11/27: Kennedy Weronski
11/30 Elise Ryan

We will celebrate their birthdays during worship
November 20th at the 9:30am service!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

Advent Program for Children and Families
Saturday, December 3rd (10:00am-12:30pm)

The 8th Annual Kingdom Christmas Market

Time is near for Advent, Christmas trees, carols and of course, the Kingdom Christmas Market! You have an opportunity to make a positive impact with your Christmas shopping while celebrating the season. This year’s market will run December 4th, 11th and 18th, from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will go to support local ministries such as ALIVE!, orphanages in Bolivia, and local artisans across the globe. If you are involved with a non-profit that you think would be a good fit for the market, and would like details on how to participate, please contact Dave Moore - cruguru@gmail.com.

InterGenerational Christmas Pageant Dinner
Sunday December 11th at 5:00 pm

FUMC will hold their annual Inter-generational CHRISTMAS PAGEANT entitled, A Christmas Carol: Scrooge in Bethlehem, by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman. The “Souper Snoopy” Christmas Dinner will follow at 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Details to follow in the bulletin, on the website and on Facebook. If you want to be onstage, now’s your chance. Contact Dr. Louise Wilson 703.671.4057.

2016 Charge Conference

Fairlington’s Charge Conference has been set for Sunday, November 20th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Members of the church council are voting members, but everyone is invited to attend. It will be hosted by our District Superintendent, The Rev. Jeff Mickle.

Our Church in Action

The Season of Advent
Begins Sunday November 27th

Christmas Trees
Volunteers are needed Thursday, December 1st around 5 pm to help unload the Christmas Trees for the Fairlington United Methodist Men (FUMM) Sale. The trees will be sold daily 9:00 am to 9:00 pm until they are sold out. If you can help with sales and unloading please call Ted West at (703) 836-8853 or sign up soon in the Fellowship Hall.

15th Annual Messiah Sing-Along

Celebrate the 2016 holiday season by singing along or listening to Handel’s Messiah on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 pm, in the Sanctuary. Admission is Free! Bring your own music score or purchase a copy of the G. Schirmer edition at the door for only $9. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Party for All God’s Children

Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, December 10th. It’s the annual Christmas party to benefit 175+ children from local shelters and homeless organizations. We start collecting toys on Sunday November 20. Watch for more information on volunteering. Info: Mark Elder markuselder@gmail.com & Lana Hurdle lanahurdle@aol.com

Details for these events and more will soon be in upcoming bulletins, Facebook, the December SteepleTalk and www.fairlingtonumc.org.
**Feed the Hungry Ministries**

**ALIVE! Empty Bowls Fundraiser**  
November 12 (6:00-9:00 pm)  
Durant Recreation Center  
1605 Cameron St., Alexandria  
This is an international grassroots program encouraging local artists and organizations to work together to raise awareness and help feed those who are hungry in our own communities. Volunteers needed the day of the event to help with set-up, serve soup, re-supply food, sell/serve beverages, etc. for one-hour shifts. Contact Joan Moser joanmoser1947@gmail.com or Joe Sapp 703.283.1730 jwsapp2@gmail.com

**Max’s Place Thanksgiving**  
Thursday Morning, November 24  
Prepare and deliver a portion of the Thanksgiving meal so that the residents will be able to sit down to a special dinner. Info June Stowe 703.751.0458 estowe@comcast.net

**Sort Canned Goods for ALIVE!**  
41st Annual Turkey Trot  
November 24  
9:00 am  
George Washington Middle School  
1005 M. Vernon Ave., Alexandria  
Contact: Joe Sapp 703.283.1730 jwsapp2@gmail.com

**Serve Dinner at Carpenter’s Shelter**  
November 26  
Contact: Kathy Richards, 703.379.4150 karichards1@gmail.com

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**Why all the Fundraisers?**  
(Isn’t UMW about being in mission?)  
**By Karlene Masters**  
FUMC members regularly ask me this question, some more subtly than others. We do undertake hands-on mission activities in our community through our monthly Crafts for Cora Kelly Kids, the annual Easter boxes for children and UMCOR kits for conference, However, it’s our many fundraisers that enable us to create even more miracles for women, children and youth.

Proceeds from last year’s sales of spring bedding plants, nuts, White House ornaments and Ten Thousand Villages items enabled FUMW to support these organizations in 2016:

- ALIVE! Child Development Center  
- Fairlington Youth Group  
- Free the Girls  
- Just Neighbors  
- Red Bird Mission (Kentucky)  
- Rising Hope UMC  
- Wesley Community Services Center (Portsmouth, Virginia)

Your on-going support of our fundraising efforts will enable us to contribute to these vital missions in 2017.

**FUMW NOVEMBER EVENTS**

**November 6 – On this All Saint’s Sunday,** we remember our sisters in Christ who joined the great cloud of witnesses in the past year: Iris McCoy; Bonnie McLain; Helen Jagodzinske; and Louise Kenyon.

**November 6 – Book Discussion Group with Potluck Lunch (12:45-3:00pm)** at the home of Mary Beth and Bob Blinn. Contact Carol Weldon cweldon2@verizon.net.

**November 10 or 11 - Prepare Fruits, Nuts and Chocolates pre-orders for distribution.** Contact Jenna Adams jenna.m.adams@gmail.com.

**Every Sunday - White House Ornament Pre-Sales or/and Distribution (Fellowship Hall between worship services).** Contact Jade Winfree jade.winfree@gmail.com

**November 13 and 20 - Fruits, Nuts and Chocolates Distribution (Fellowship Hall between worship services).** Contact Jenna Adams jenna.m.adams@gmail.com.

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**What Do You Know about the History of Our Rose Garden?**

Carol Goodloe lovingly tends to the plants in the Charlie Bell Rose Garden. She knows these flowers well, having cared for them for ten years. Carol is researching the garden’s history in general and the life of Master Gardener Charlie Bell in particular. She has heard some interesting stories about him and wants to learn more.

Please share with her any background or stories that you have and she will write up her findings in a future SteepleTalk.

Call Carol at 703.379.7260 or email her cagoodloe@comcast.net.
42,000 Pounds of Potatoes Bagged & Distributed to the Community

Thanks to YOU, every potato received a chance of being served to a hungry person in our community. On Sunday, October 23, FUMC sorted, packed and distributed potatoes to community agencies throughout our region.*

Thank you for giving your time and labor with a generous heart and for taking part in hunger relief in our own neighborhoods!

* Including ALIVE!, Arlington Food Assistance Center, Capitol Area Food Bank, DC Central Kitchen, Lazarus West End Food Pantry, Lorton Community Action Center, Ministry of Hope at Dulles UMC, New Hope Housing, Our Lady Queen of Peace Food Pantry, and Rising Hope UMC Food Pantry

RECONCILING NEWS
Dialogue: Christian Faith & Gender Identity

Join us Saturday, November 6 at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall to hear Raymond Eck, representing Equality Virginia’s Transgender Advocacy Speaker’s Bureau. As a reconciling congregation that welcomes all regardless of gender identity, this is an opportunity to build a better understanding of transgender life through storytelling and candid dialogue. Raymond will share his personal story and journey as a transgender person, followed by a Q&A where your questions will be welcomed with openness and honesty. A light lunch will be served, and the program will last one hour. No need to RSVP. Just come! Contact: Mark Elder (markuselder@gmail.com).

Feeding the Hungry Asks for Donations
Grocery Gift Cards to Help During the Holidays

Our Feeding the Hungry Ministry is providing food for the holidays for families in our church community. You can help by giving a cash donation (please mark your check “Holiday Food”) so the church can purchase grocery gift cards. Please provide monetary donations by Sunday November 13th to allow time to purchase the cards. We will distribute the gift cards November 20th. Do you know someone in need? Please speak to one of the pastors to add someone to the recipient list. For more info call Barbara Gomez 703.671.7410 or Wray Sexson 703.242.2352.

Do You Give to the CFC or United Way?

Fairlington supports these agencies through many volunteers and/or through the UMC

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Our Church Family

**Births**

10/3: Connor Patrick Molone  
Son of Kate and Patrick Molone

10/17: Peter Hewitt Castner  
Son of Bill and Meghan Castner

**Baptisms**

10/16: Elias Gregory Frischmann  
Son of Katherine and Gregory Frischmann

**Deaths**

9/5: Samir Ghosh

9/24: Iris McCoy  
(with husband John in 2009)

Getting to Know Caren Eirkson

**BY BARBARA GLOMB**

Caren has been attending FUMC regularly since June 2010, and we are pleased that she officially joined our congregation in September. She is retired after 32 years with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Human Resources. Caren currently teaches part-time for the Graduate School USA, a company that focuses on training for Federal employees. Classes that she teaches include Federal Human Resources, and Suitability and Security. Originally from Pittsburgh, Caren has been in the DC area for 29 years. Hobbies include reading, travelling, good food and friends. She recently returned from a trip to Arizona, Utah and Colorado, visiting eight national parks. While at FUMC, Caren has worked with ALIVE! and Rising Hope, on food drives and stocking shelves. This summer she joined the Lakota Mission Team on their trip to Pine Ridge SD, repairing houses on the Lakota Indian Reservation. Please give her a warm welcome when you see her around church!

Happy Birthday to . . .

11/1: Candace Mascia  
11/2: Floyd Baker, Adrienne Parrish, Anne Wilson  
11/3: Christy Plunkett, Sean McCarthy, Meg Rondepierre  
11/4: Ana Foreman, David Hughes, Jennifer Imo, Jamie Washington, Mike Welty, Austin Winzenburg  
11/5: Brad Carlson, Carol Weldon  
11/6: Billy Middleton  
11/7: Marcus Bay, Daniel Johnson, Robert Knotts, Sandy Millard, Laughton Stanley  
11/8: Laura Fetterolf, Ato Hammond, Michelle Quackenbush, Grace Webber  
11/9: Robert Hurdle  
11/10: Ethan Bowman, Carol Goodloe, Ann Greenberg, Lillianne Krakowski, Bill McCrory, Ashley Moore, Paulina Orchard  
11/11: Laura Champe Mitchell, Beth Conord, Bobbi Jacob, Zachary Wagner  
11/12: Tori Garcia, Stephanie Strano  
11/13: Kasey Curtis, Amy Edwards, Carol Hobson, Matt Magette, Rufina Muñoz, Leslie Stevens  
11/15: Jason Jones, Luci Ku, Rebecca McIllece, Glenn McLaughlin, Kathleen Prince, Esther Serwa Akoto  
11/16: Maya O’Brien  
11/17: Lea Anne Foster, Kathryn Kelly  
11/18: Steve Kelly, Marie Steinmetz  
11/19: John Buchanan, Hieu Huynh, John Johnson, Rachelle LeBron-Edwards, Hazel Mayo  
11/20: j in Tian Acton, Jessica Howie, J im Knaell, Jennifer Schuster, Patty Tice  
11/21: Jenn Ayers  
11/22: Tim Farabaugh, Randy Nuckolls, John Philbin, Peggy Thomas, Chris Williams  
11/23: David DeVilbiss, Brooke Harris, Barbara Morris-Lent, Pearl Ramsey, Bob Schuster, Doug Smith, Laurie Willshire, Florence Wynn  
11/24: Margarida Antonio  
11/25: Laura Damon  
11/26: Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, Bella Garcia, Katrina Martin  
11/27: Joanne Frazier, Cara Lunter, Tom Przystawik  
11/28: Amelia Muñoz  
11/29: Laura Glomb, Ann Romines  
11/30: Dan Dugan, Ann Ellis, Patrick Girard, John Killeen, Andrew McKeown-Funk, Bob Woody.
Library News

Books about the upcoming seasons may be found in the children’s area of the church library. Thanksgiving books are in a white mesh file box on the children’s table. Books about Advent and Christmas are on the shelves outlined in burgundy ribbon. Happy Holidays!

Letting Go: A Parents’ Guide to Understanding the College Years by Karen L. Coburn & Madge L. Treeger. Letting Go provides parents with valuable insights, information and guidance through the emotional and social changes of their children’s college years. It discusses questions such as: when should parents encourage independence or intervene; what are normal feelings of disorientation and loneliness for students and for parents; what is different about today’s college environment; and many others.

~Donated by Cindi Davis

Overwhelmed; How to Work, Love and Play When No One Has the Time is award winning journalist Brigid Schulte’s examination of her life of all work and no play. She constantly felt overwhelmed and in and in need of change. Through careful research; interviews and first hand observations, Schulte “not only captures the conundrum that so many people face, but also offers some practical solutions.”

~Donated by Cindi Davis

First Bible Story Book Mary Hoffman’s lively retellings preserve all the mystery, wonder and excitement of the Bible. The charming illustrations by Julie Downing bring the characters to life. Each page provides opportunities for shared discussion. Young children can follow the stories in pictures while an adult reads aloud. Pages 52-61 relate the story of the first Christmas.

~Donated by Jen McLenahan

Tender Mercies for a Mother’s Soul Author Angela Thomas asks readers to step back and take a moment to reflect. Motherhood is a rigorous season of life—one that demands daily giving and self-sacrifice. All too often that sacrifice includes giving up time for self-care, especially soul care. Yet a life lived without spiritual refreshment can eventually result in burnout and emptiness. Mothers of all ages need the encouragement and direction this book offers to help them get on the path to walking with God daily and benefitting from his strength.

~Anonymous Donation

ALIVE!’s 2nd Annual Empty Bowls Alexandria November 12, 2016 @ 6:00 PM Durant Arts Center in Old Town Alexandria

Last year, our community came together to donate $37,000 to feed Alexandrians in need at the inaugural Empty Bowls Alexandria event. Join us this November to help even more neighbors put food on their tables!

1. Buy your ticket! Tickets start at $30 per person.
2. Become a sponsor! Sponsorships start at $500.
3. Visit ALIVE!’s website: Go to www.alive-inc.org for more information and to purchase tickets.
4. Follow ALIVE! on Facebook! Watch for details and ticket sales at fb.com/alive4alexandria

Deadline for the Dec/Jan SteepleTalk Monday, November 14 Please submit single-spaced articles and include email addresses of your contact people. Email any photos or logos or links you’d like us to use to eileen@fairlingtonumc.org

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You Want to Drive the Church Bus, Admit It

**Volunteer Bus Drivers Needed**... Can you drive our seniors to church one Sunday per month? Can you drive them on their Aged to Perfection Outings? FUMC has provided this service for members that need transportation to church for over a decade, and we want to make sure it continues. If you can join our team of drivers and help with this important service, or have questions, please contact Joe Sapp.

**Contact:** Joe Sapp, 703-283-1730 jwsapp2@gmail.com.

Offer an Arm and A Friendly, “Good Morning”

**Volunteer Needed to Assist Riders from Bus to Church Narthex**... Assistance needed to offer safe and helpful escort to our elderly bus riders to and from the bus and Narthex on Sundays. This involves being ready when bus arrives at approximately 10:40 AM for bus drop-off and again following 11 AM Service. Please contact Joe Sapp if you are able to assist in this easy, quick, yet important task.

**Contact:** Joe Sapp, 703-283-1730 jwsapp2@gmail.com.

Carpenter's Shelter **Open House and Volunteer Training** - on Saturday November 12th from 2-3pm

The training includes: History of Carpenter's; Program Description; Tour of Shelter; Client Rules & Regulations; Volunteer Job Descriptions & Impact; Scenarios; and Volunteer Application Packets.

**Reception Desk** Staff the reception desk this homeless shelter

**Children's Living at Carpenter's Support**

For volunteer opportunities with the children living at The Carpenters Shelter, please contact Kelly McDermott. Kelly can walk people through the orientation process and the process of occasional sign-ups for children's ministries.

**Contact:** Kelly McDermott at kellymcdermott@carpentersshelter.org For General Information Regarding FUMC support

**Contact:** Wray Sexson, 703-242-2352 or aiwava@msn.com

Rising Hope United Methodist Church - Volunteers needed for Rags to Riches Clothing Closet to sort clothes and welcome those coming to the closet. 1:30-4:30 PM Tues-Fri, Volunteering just one afternoon a week makes a big difference!

**Contact** Eric Larsen balislarsene@verizon.net

Senior Services of Alexandria - is recruiting volunteers to assist with the Groceries to Go program. This grocery delivery program is specifically designed for seniors who have a difficult time shopping on their own. SSA staff contact seniors every other Tuesday for their shopping list. Volunteers pick up the assembled orders and deliver them to the seniors on Thursday and can assist with putting them away. The time commitment for the volunteer is about one hour. The senior pays no delivery fee, and there is no minimum order. For more information on how to volunteer, please

**Contact:** Barbara Gomez, 703.671.7410 or bgblank@verizon.net

Volunteers for ALIVE! **Furniture Saturday Delivery:** November, 5, 12, 19, 26 [8:00-Noon] Help address homelessness in Alexandria by delivering furniture to needy residents on Saturdays throughout the year. Help fight hunger by bagging and distributing fresh produce and staple foods during our Last Saturday Food Distribution for ALIVE! opportunities, visit [https://www.alive-inc.org/volunteer.htm](https://www.alive-inc.org/volunteer.htm). **Contact:** Joe Sapp, 703-283-1730 jwsapp2@gmail.com

**ALIVE's Family Emergency Program (FEP)** is looking for you. We have three types of volunteer opportunities to choose from; all are Monday-Friday, at the Alexandria Food Center, 801 South Payne Street (Warehouse). Free parking is available on site. Volunteers' shifts are flexible. Depending on individual needs and availability, you may work one shift per month; one shift per week; or on an alternating basis; or on call as a substitute.

**Desk Volunteer:** Processes financial assistance referrals, responds to emails, responds to phone inquiries; calls clients to verify availability. Minimal computer, filing and telephone skills required. Hours are 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Food Packer:** Packs perishable and nonperishable food in bags for same day delivery to clients by drivers. Some light lifting (15-20 lbs; a grocery bag); bending and reaching of shelved items. Hours are 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Driver:** Delivers bags of perishable and nonperishable food to referred clients (elderly, disabled, or single parents with very young children) within Alexandria City. Provides own vehicle. Must be able to find addresses within the City; climb stairs and lift bags of groceries. Hours are 12:00-2:00PM (or less depends on the number of deliveries that day)

**Contact:** Linda Coleman LLcoleman42@gmail.com
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**Notes:**
- All events are subject to change.
- Check the church website or bulletin for the most up-to-date information.
All Saints Day Services
Sunday, November 6, 2016
9:30am & 11:00am

In Memory of Members, Family and Friends of
Fairlington United Methodist Church

Presenting Music by

Ola Gjeilo  ❖  Gabriel Fauré  ❖  Chris Rice  ❖  Timothy Waugh

Vocal Choirs
Chancel, Seraphim and Youth Vocal Ensemble

Instrumentalists
Mike Keeter, tenor saxophone
Ingrid Sanden, violin
Sophie Moniz, flute
Beck Moniz and Cindy Davis, percussion
Louise Wilson, piano

Jubilate Handbell Choir*
Dr. Louise C. Wilson, Conductor

*The Jubilate Handbell Choir will ring on this special day using five full octaves of handbells as well as a newly completed five-octave set of hand chimes. We thank the Gillen and McLain families, whose donations helped complete our chime set. The chimes were given in honor of Jean Gillen’s mother, Bonnie McClain, who passed away in January 2016.