

Fairlington U.M.C. Lenten Creation Care 2018 *May this calendar inspire you to reflect on God's call to love the whole Earth and then act with a grateful heart to heal, renew and replenish it.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Psalm 51: "Have mercy on me, Oh God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my offense cleanse me. For I acknowledge my offense...A clean heart create for me, Oh God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me."</p> <p><i>Creator God, we begin Lent by asking for your renewal. We remember that you love all of Creation and so must we. Help us to restore and replenish it and to honor your commandment that we care for the world and all that is within.</i></p> <p>Fairlington United Methodist Church 3900 King Street, Alexandria VA 22302 (703) 671-8557 www.fairlingtonumc.org</p>			<p>February 14 Ash Wednesday: From the earth we were created and to the earth we will return. Find a place near your home in which to honor and enjoy the earth throughout Lent.</p>	<p>15 Isaiah 58: 1-9 Reflect on how you might reduce or change your consumption to better fast as the Lord desires during Lent.</p>	<p>16 Colossians 1: 16-17 Follow Virginia Interfaith Power and Light on Facebook (@VAIPL). Identify an advocacy activity that you might do with family or friends.</p>	<p>17 John 6:12 Of the garbage Americans throw out, half could be recycled; this is enough to fill a football stadium from top to bottom every day. Are you participating fully in recycling at home, work, and church?</p>
<p>18 Isaiah 11:9 Find a place where you can sit and observe something in Nature. What is it teaching you if you are willing to learn? Consider joining an upcoming FUMC Spirituality in Nature Group (SING) outing.</p>	<p>19 Matthew 21: 33-46. Consider fasting from meat one day weekly during Lent. See Oxfam.org "Eat for Good". Raising beef does more environmental damage than other sources of animal protein.</p>	<p>20 Genesis 12:2 We are blessed to be a blessing. Pray about how you are called to use your time, talent, treasure and testimony to care for "our common home."</p>	<p>21 Psalm 65:9 The average family uses 40 gallons of water daily in showers. Consider installing a certified shower head to reduce consumption.</p>	<p>22 John 4:14 Listen to Bill McKibben, a UMC Sunday School teacher and climate writer. (On Being.org/The Moral Math of Climate Change)</p>	<p>23 Luke 16: 19-31 How might you support those most affected by climate change? Visit CO2covenant.org for ideas</p>	<p>24 Exodus 20:15 Remember that all we have belongs to God. God repairs and restores. Take time to repair something you might otherwise have replaced. Gather household items you don't need for ALIVE.</p>
<p>25 1 Peter 4:10 Enjoy a cup of Fair Trade coffee or tea (available at FUMC). What is one additional thing you can do today to be a faithful servant in caring for Creation?</p>	<p>26 Jonah 4: 9-11 What does God's concern about all of Creation tell us about our role in protecting it?</p>	<p>27 Job 12: 7-10 What can we learn from the "beasts"? Learn more about a local "critter" that may need your support.</p>	<p>28 Ezekiel 47:1-9 Give thanks today for clean and abundant water. Consider using a water bottle that is not disposable.</p>	<p>March 1 Ephesians 5: 8-14 Live as a child of the light by reducing electric consumption. Unplug!</p>	<p>2 Psalm 1:3 Make a practice of saving paper; print double-sided documents; reuse gift bags</p>	<p>3 Isaiah 65 What can you plant to remind you of the promise of heaven this spring?</p>

