

# AUMC WITNESS

***Our Mission: Love God, Love Neighbor, Serve the World***

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## AUMC Welcomes New Youth Director

Patricia "Trish" Bradley has been appointed by the Staff Parish Relations Committee as AUMC's new Youth Director beginning this month. Since 2010, Trish has been the Youth Ministries Director at Pleasureville United Methodist Church, in York, PA., where her activities included Sunday School, Bible study, fundraising, outreach programs, worship leader, and short-term missions Coordinator (New Orleans and Wisconsin Dells). She also worked at a Pennsylvania counseling agency focusing on youth. Previously Trish was Youth and Music Director at Pottsville (PA) Salvation Army Church, camp counselor at Camp Ladore, in Waymart, PA. She served as a youth intern at CrossCurrent Church in Ashburn, VA, and a youth and worship leader in Sussex Salvation Army Community Church, Sussex, New Brunswick Canada. In the late '90s, Fairfax Assembly of God was Trish's home church.



Trish and her husband, Christopher, met at a Christian summer camp in 2007 where both were working as camp counselors. They have been married for 4 1/2 years and "are very excited to see what God has in store for us in Annandale." Trish's mother and sisters (Katie, 24, and Kelly, 19) live in this area and they are all excited to be living closer together. As for hobbies, Trish enjoys swimming, camping, amusement parks, traveling to new places, going to the beach, and eating delicious food. ("Not to be mistaken with COOKING delicious food - I'm just good at eating it!" she said.) Trish likes Reese's peanut butter cups, NBC comedies, watching football, (Ravens fan!) worship music, the color green, visiting places featured on The Food Network, and zombies. "If I could claim a Bible passage as my life-verse, it would be Hebrews 10:23-24 - "Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds."

Trish and Chris will be in worship on Sunday, May 26 and encourage folks to come meet them during fellowship hour.



*We Believe.* **A Memorial Day Celebration**

Featuring:  
The Adult Choir of Annandale UMC  
The Chancel Choir of St. Paul UMC  
and an Orchestra

Saturday, June 1 ~ 4:00 p.m. St. Paul UMC 1400 G Street Woodbridge, VA 22191	Sunday, June 2 ~ 4:00 p.m. Annandale UMC 6935 Columbia Pike Annandale, VA 22003
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*“Therefore, since we are justified by faith,*

*we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory*

*of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”*

—Romans 5:1-5



As we continue in this season of Pentecost, reflecting on the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples, I am mindful of just how much they needed the Advocate. As you recall, the disciples were distressed when Jesus died. Now imagine rejoicing that Christ is risen from the dead, only to then watch him depart again and ascend into the clouds. At this point, my jaw would’ve dropped with confusion. Having peace in my heart would not have been one of my first thoughts.

“Since we are justified by faith,” Paul writes, we have been made right before God. We are no longer prisoners of sin and are, therefore, able to have peace. Perhaps you may be enjoying peace in your life with your family or in your job. But I’m sure there have been times, as the disciples experienced, when things don’t seem right. Times when we don’t want to talk to anybody or even leave the house because there’s an element missing in our lives: peace.

One of my mentors, Rev. Saul Espino, a recent retired chaplain of the Global Board of Higher Education and Ministry, shared with me his many experiences in ministry and how he exercised faith in his life. But he also shared times when he was striving to be everything to everybody. His job, ministry, friends, and even family overwhelmed him

at times. His only escape was to go to the movies—not to see the latest blockbuster but to take a nap.

He would laugh with tears in his eyes and say, “Can you believe I had to pay to take a nap?” But he would add that nobody would bother him there, nobody would try to seek him out. He explained that he became overwhelmed because he forgot the most elemental aspect of faith, which is to have peace with yourself and God. When we are missing that peace we can get into a mode of restlessness that affects our everyday lives and, if we are not careful, can damage our family ties.

As you look into your life and keep reading God’s words, I encourage you to have peace within you; to accept your limitations and shortcomings, trusting that God is ever ready to give you peace. Maybe, just like Saul, you need to take a breather, regroup your thoughts, and meditate—or even take a nap at the movies. Whichever way your soul prepares you, allow God’s love to be poured into your heart.

In this season of Pentecost, we are urged to allow the Holy Spirit to act in our lives. We are given the reassurance that peace can be found even when we are facing nerve-racking times because we know, we practice, and we believe in a resurrected Christ—the one who loved us enough to send the Advocate and be with us always.

*Eduardo*  
Eduardo

## DATEBOOK

**May 27**, 8:50 a.m., Annual American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony, AUMC cemetery

**June 2**, 4 p.m., “We Believe” Memorial Day Concert, AUMC sanctuary

**June 7**, 7-9 p.m., Brownie Evenings with Brown

**June 9**, 8:30 a.m., free breakfast and presentation on human trafficking

**June 9**, 10:30 a.m., one worship service on Youth Recognition Sunday

**June 15**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Shepherd’s Center Yard Sale, Annandale campus.

**June 16**, 6 p.m., AUMC Talent Show

# NEWS IN BRIEF



## American Legion - AUMC Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 27

American Legion Post 1976 will make its annual Memorial Day tribute to veterans buried in AUMC Cemetery on Monday, May 27. During the ceremony, an American flag will be implanted in each interred veteran's gravesite. Members of the congregation and the community are invited to witness and participate. Those attending should gather at the cemetery flagpole at 8:50 a.m.. Memorial Day is an appropriate time to become acquainted with the dignity, beauty, and historical richness of the AUMC cemetery which contains not just the gravesites of military veterans but also the final earthly resting places of many members of our church's founding families.

Following the cemetery tribute, Legion Post 1976 will lead a Memorial Day flag and community observance at 11 a.m. at the cannon in the triangle at the intersection of Columbia Pike and Backlick Road. At its conclusion, those in attendance are invited to visit the Legion Post Home located near the triangle for light refreshments.

### Military Veterans Interred in

#### Annandale United Methodist Church

**James Benjamin Bladen**, U.S. Air Force, Site 36C, passed 2006  
**Betty M. Bullock**, U.S. Navy, Site UG20A, passed 2007  
**Edward Blocksom Bunch**, U.S. Army, Site 77A, passed 1972  
**William Chapman**, U.S. Navy, Site 76A, passed 2007  
**Aubrey Chason**, U.S. Army, Site 28A, passed 2009  
**Henry C. Cock**, Army, (Confederate) Site OS12, passed 1910  
**Dale Farringer**, U.S. Navy, Site 57E, passed 1993  
**Phillip Gibson**, U.S. Army AF, Site 7C, passed 2004  
**Theodore P. Gleiter**, U.S. Navy, Site 71A, passed 2009  
**F. Dean Hannah**, U.S. Navy, Site 53A, passed 1996  
**George Hartley**, U.S. Army, Site UG15B, passed 2006  
**John A. Jackson**, U.S. Army, Site 62A, passed 2011  
**Edward Kysar**, U.S. Army, Site 69A, passed 2004  
**Maurice Lacy**, U.S. Army, Site 60D, passed 2003  
**Margaret Ann LaPlante**, U.S. Army, Site UG13B, passed 2013  
**Charles Lynch Jr.**, U.S. Air Force, Site 44F, passed 2004  
**Charles Lynch Sr.**, U.S. Navy, Site 44 E, passed 1988  
**Sam Lynch**, U.S. Army, Site 76D, passed 1981  
**Ralph May**, U.S. Army, Site UG12A, passed 2004  
**Sanford W. Merryman**, U.S. Navy, Site 33D, passed 1996  
**Amy Mikel**, U.S. Army, Site 73B, passed 2005  
**Russell Mikel**, U.S. Army, Site 73A, passed 2002  
**Malcolm R. Moore**, U.S. Navy, Site 43 E, passed 2008  
**John D. Newton**, U.S. Army, Site UG11A, passed 1997  
**Jack Pierce**, U.S. Navy, Site 54A, passed 2004  
**Donald L. Plucknett**, U.S. Army, Site 8A, passed 2007  
**Elhanan W. Wakefield**, U.S. Army, Site OS 4, passed 1920  
**Lowell Wakefield**, U.S. Army, Site OS1, passed 1978  
**John C. Webb**, U.S. Army, Site 13C, passed 2000  
**Shelton T. White**, U.S. Army, Site 30E, passed 1994  
**George H. Williams**, Army (Confederate), Site OS64, passed 1929  
**Wasena F. Wright, Jr.**, U.S. Army, Site 42E, passed 2003  
**John Joseph Zych**, U.S. Army, Site 66C, passed 1989

**Eat, Pray, Learn!** Join us in Wright Hall on June 9 at 8:30 a.m. for a delicious, free breakfast prepared by the United Methodist Men and hear a special presentation about the "other traffic problem" in Northern Virginia: human trafficking. Featured speaker Barbara Amaya is an Arlington resident, a survivor of the sex trade, and an advocate for change. Barbara fell victim to human trafficking at age 13 and was held captive in that situation for eight years. She will share her story, discuss the local impact of modern slavery, offer ways for people to take action, and answer questions from the audience. Because this is an adults-only event, childcare will be provided. The presentation will end by 10:15 a.m. Please RSVP by calling the church office at 703-256-8330 or email your response to [june9breakfast@gmail.com](mailto:june9breakfast@gmail.com) by or before June 5. If you need child care, indicate the number of children and their ages with your response.

**A farewell reception** is scheduled for Paul Oh, Mikang Kim and Sammy, on Sunday, June 16, at the Immanuel campus. They are relocating to Exmore, VA, Mikang's new church assignment. Paul has been at Immanuel over three years leading many worship services, as a leader of Godly Play ministry, a major contributor to the drum ministry. If you would like to contribute to a cash farewell gift, please give your donation to Betsy Clevenger, Immanuel campus, or the AUMC office by Monday, June 10. Donations should be in cash or check payable to Betsy Clevenger.

**Mission Opportunity:** AUMC is sponsoring a mission trip to Brenton, W.Va (Wyoming County) Sept. 22-28 with the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). The focus will be relational ministry and home repairs. Contact John Clarke by phone, text or email 703-606-6464 (cell or text) 703-642-3836 (home) or [clarkejhl@gmail.com](mailto:clarkejhl@gmail.com)). Commitments needed by June 20 with a nonrefundable deposit of \$250.

### Hospitality and Outreach Opportunities

Please sign up for Sunday morning service opportunities by checking one of the tasks below and place this form in the offering plate, or return to the church office. You will be contacted for training/orientation. Thank you!

- Parking Lot Greeter       Welcome Desk  
 Usher       Refreshments Team  
 "Connector" (welcome visitors)

I attend  8:30  11 a.m. worship service

Name

Email address

Phone Number

## MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., May 28	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., June 4	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., June 5	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303

## LECTIONARY TEXTS

**May 26, First Sunday After Pentecost:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8 (UMH 743); Romans 5:1-15; John 16:12-15

**June 2, Second Sunday After Pentecost:** I Kings 18:20-39, Psalm 96 (UMH 815), Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1-10

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## WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

### Sunday, May 26

**Outreach greeters:** 8:30 a.m. J. Vance/B. Brown,

9:30 a.m. A. Witkowski, 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson

**Greeters:** Mary and Martha Circle

**Fellowship hosts:** Phoebe and Lydia Circles

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey, S. Nkesi(c)

11 a.m. S. Fleming, R. Gallagher, G. Sherwood, P. Shockley(c)

**Acolytes:** 8:30 a.m. Claire Vaughn

11 a.m. Danielle Oliver, Casey Bonanno

**Crucifer:** 8:30 a.m. Wesley Vaughn

11 a.m. Zea Bonanno

### Sunday, June 2

**Outreach greeters:** 8:30 a.m. R. Hampton, 9:30 a.m. B. Brown,

10:30 a.m. L. McConville/E. Moss

**Greeters:** United Methodist Men

**Fellowship hosts:** Trustee Committee

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Fleming, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey, K. Sabo (c)

11 a.m. C. Perdue, P. Straub, J. Thomas, P. Adams (c)

**Craft supply donations** are needed for the Methodist Conference's "All God's Children Camp" this summer. Rick and Judy Hampton will be leading the arts and crafts program and welcome donations of old, adult only, blue jeans, and pop tops from drink cans (not the entire can). Boxes for collection are near the coat racks by the Atrium, or give them directly to Rick or Judy Hampton. Participants at this camp are children aged 6-13, with a parent who is (or has been) incarcerated.

**Registration is underway** for the AARP Safe Driving Course for seniors: Monday-Tuesday, June 10-11, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Annandale campus. Those who complete the course will receive a certificate to submit to their insurance company which may lead to a lower premium. Register in advance by calling Jane Underhill at 703-573-2056 (leave a message). Pay at the door \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members.

**AUMC's Brazil Mission Team** members will be blogging about their work in Belo Horizonte where they will help the Shade and Fresh Water program. Here's a link to the blog: <http://blog.travelpod.com/travel-blog/brazil2011/5/tpod.html>.

**Coming up:** sermons suggested by the congregation - May 26: Kingdom of God; June 2: Sin and Grace; June 30: Forgiveness. Note: On June 9 (Youth Sunday) and 23, only one service will be held, 10:30 a.m. at the Annandale campus.

**Family Fun Discount** at Kings Dominion for Virginia United Methodists can be used on Memorial Day weekend, May 25, 26, and 27. Price is \$29.99 per person for United Methodists. Purchase ticket online by going to <http://KingsDominion.com/VAUMC> and entering User Name: KDUMC04 Password: KDUMC04.

**Samaritan Gifts**, which are received through Father's Day, June 16, may be undesignated or designated to any Virginia United Methodist Homes communities. The funds provide financial assistance to residents.

**"Brownie Evenings with Brown"**, AUMC's New Member Class, will be on Friday, June 7, 7-9 p.m., taught by Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr. It is a time of exploration of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ at Annandale UMC. Topics will range from Wesleyan Theology to United Methodism 101; from Stewardship to Spiritual Gifts. Pre-registration is not necessary. For details, call 703-256-8330. The class meets in Room 209.

## NEXT DEADLINE

Friday, May 24 is the deadline for the June 4 Witness which covers June 9 and 16