

AUMC WITNESS

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

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Teach Us To Pray – Virginia Annual Conference



The 231st session of the Virginia Annual Conference will convene in Hampton Virginia on the dates of June 22 – 24 Our Bishop, Young Jin Cho, wishes for this to be more than just another church business meeting. He desires that it will be a time of celebration, sharing and prayer during which those present will experience God's presence and grace, and that we will be encouraged and inspired to come back to our local churches and mission fields with joy and hope.

In pursuit of these goals we will study the Bible, led by Rev. Dr. Steve Harper, Emeritus Professor of Spiritual Formation and Wesley studies at the Florida campus of Asbury Theological Seminary. In addition, we will worship, sharing the sacraments and enjoying the preaching of Rev. Tom Berlin, Rev. Margaret Kutz, and some strange preacher from Annandale, VA that I have never heard of...

We will be represented by many in our congregation: Harry Day, Julie West, Elizabeth Moss, Wanda Warren and Kevin Sabo to name a few. They will prayerfully join with over a thousand others from across the Commonwealth to offer support to our common ministries: Mozambique, Brazil, Cambodia and Virginia. We will offer flood buckets, health and children's kits. We will celebrate the planting of new faith communities across the Conference and we will vote on our covenantal support necessary to extend the Methodist witness to Christ both here and around the world.

We will share the wonder of gathering for the spiritual grace of Christian conferencing upon our return so that you, too, may praise God for the way God is using the Methodist Church in our day and time.

Dr. Clarence Brown



KIM – Kids In Mission

In My Father's House

July 8-12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Children will have an opportunity to participate in local mission projects during the Kids in Mission (KIM) camp July 8-12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The program is for rising 3rd through 7th graders (as of Sept. 30, 2012).

The theme of this year's KIM is "In My Father's House". There are many kinds of people in God's house. Some have plenty, some not enough. Some people need help and others can help. During "KIM - In our Father's House", we will follow Jesus by showing his love to others. We all have something to share.

Kids in Mission will give kids an opportunity to give back to the community with special projects that focus on mission and service – loving neighbor and serving others. The projects will take place at AUMC or off-site locations. This year's program includes Friday Fun Night!

Kids – come to KIM and learn if you can ...

- Finish the hunger obstacle course
- Live in a box
- Feed a family for a \$1.50
- Win the Great Super Market Race
- Make enough sandwiches to feed hungry youth in the Annandale area
- Bring communion and greetings from our family to homebound members
- Make the perfectly toasted marshmallow over Friday night's celebration campfire
- Place every food item on the right shelf at the ACCA food pantry

Register children online at www.annandale-umc.org or in the church office. Forms are also available in the 3rd floor Parent Resource Area near room 310.

Parent volunteers are needed! For details contact Becki Stewart, bstewart@annandale-umc.org or Trish Bradley, tbradley@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

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Thy Kingdom Come

“Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”

Dear friends,

Recently, I delivered a sermon titled “Thy Kingdom Come.” It was part of our Name that Sermon series in which worshippers

submitted sermon ideas. The request was for a sermon on the kingdom of God.

The synonymous phrases “kingdom of God” and “kingdom of heaven” appear about 100 times in the New Testament, including 68 times in the Gospel of Matthew. The concept of the kingdom of God is a central aspect of Jesus’ ministry and teachings. Jesus exhorts, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” In his most famous of sermons, the Sermon on the Mount, he promises “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Jesus even teaches his disciples to pray, “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

The kingdom of God refers to God’s reign in the world as the power behind all that was, is, and is to be. In the New Testament, however, it becomes clear that Jesus is a different kind of king and God’s kingdom is a different kind of kingdom. This king does not lead with military might, but in meekness, gentleness, and humility. This is a king who comes in, not on a war horse, but on a donkey. Moreover, in the kingdom of God, the smallest seed grows to be the greatest of shrubs. In this kingdom, the stone that the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone. In this kingdom, those who want to be great must be willing to serve.



The kingdom of God is both present and future; it is at hand and it is to come. There is the impression that in the kingdom, God takes what is wrong with the world and makes it right. In the kingdom, the last will become first and the first will become last. In the kingdom, “let the weak say ‘I am strong;’ let the poor say ‘I am rich.’” The

Kingdom of God points to a future in which God’s justice and peace will ultimately prevail. But what do we do until then?



As followers of Christ, we must live as dual citizens in this world and in the Kingdom of God. We live in various nations subject to their regulatory requirements and societal norms. But we have another king and we are subject to the ethical mandates of another kingdom. Paul says that we are ambassadors for Christ. Our task is to speak, act, and live in ways that cause God’s kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. When we give food to the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, promote equality for the marginalized, and pursue justice for the oppressed, we live in ways that allow God’s kingdom to come and God’s will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Then “thy kingdom come” becomes more than a prayer; indeed, it becomes a calling and a way of life.

Cynthia Johnson
Cynthia

DATEBOOK

June 20, 27, 5-7 p.m., food distribution, Immanuel campus

June 21, 7:30 p.m., “Voices of Mobile” concert

June 23, 10:30 a.m., one worship service, one campus, Stephen Ministry Sunday

June 24-28, 9 – 12 noon, Vacation Bible School

July 7, food collection for ACCA pantry

July 8 – 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Kids in Mission

NEWS IN BRIEF

Repurpose your jeans: Rick and Judy Hampton will be leading the arts and crafts program at "All God's Children Camp" this summer and need 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.

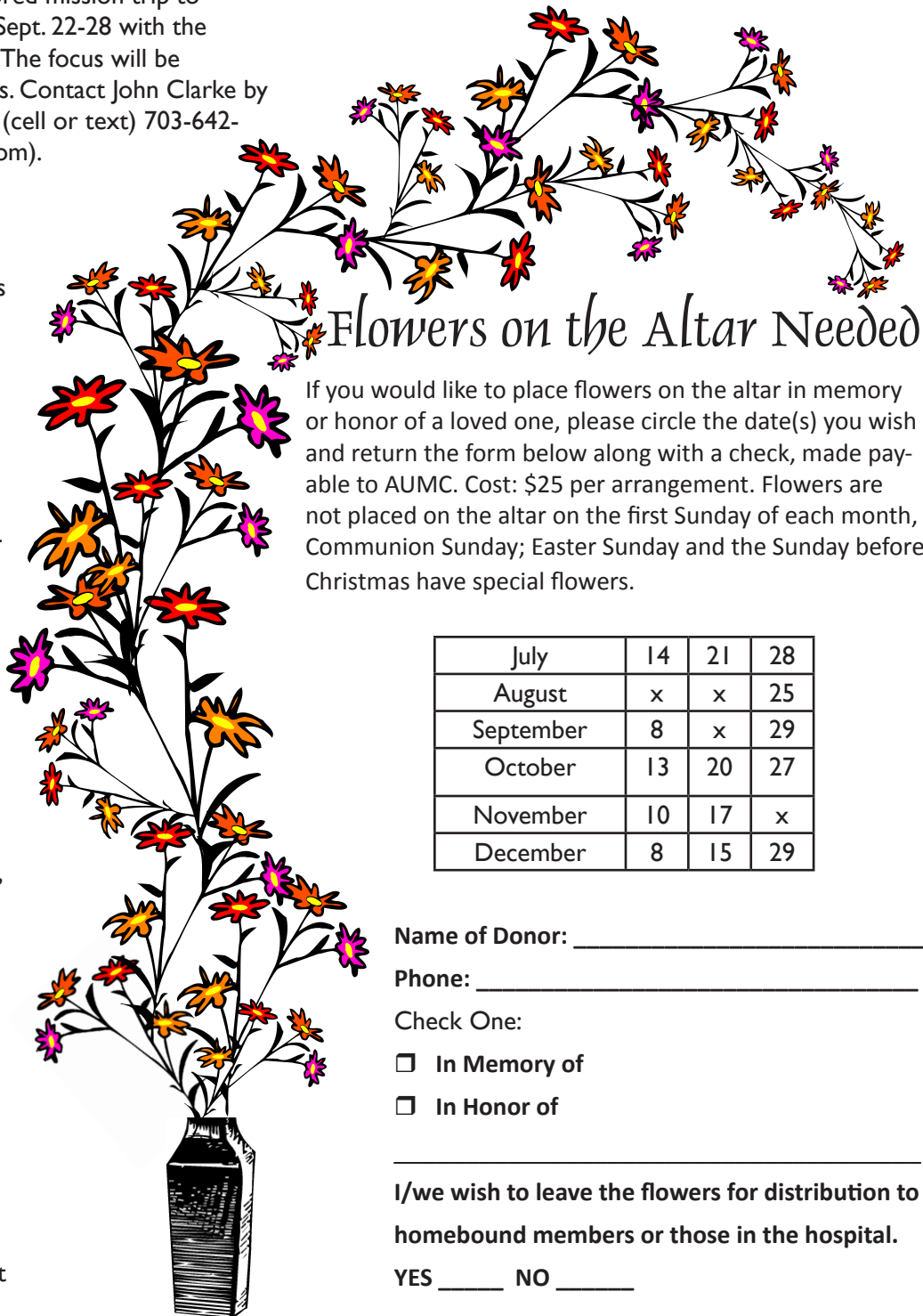
Mission trip deadline: June 20 is the deadline for commitments to an AUMC- sponsored mission trip to Brenton, W.Va (Wyoming County) Sept. 22-28 with the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). The focus will be relational ministry and home repairs. Contact John Clarke by phone, text or email 703-606-6464 (cell or text) 703-642-3836 (home) or clarkejhl@gmail.com).

Support Needed from A to DD: The UMW are collecting new or gently-used bras for the Missions Team to take to Mozambique the end of July. The bras will be collected during Fellowship Hour every Sunday through July 14 and in the church office. For more information, visit <http://thecnnfreedomproject.blogs.cnn.com/2013/02/12/bras-offers-lifeline-to-rescued-slaves/>

Upper Room Readers: Upper Room devotional booklets are available from AUMC and are located in the brochure racks by the front door. To help off-set the costs, it is suggested that those who take the Readers donate \$5. Checks should be made payable to AUMC with "Upper Room Reader" in the note line.

Help reduce postage and paper costs by signing up to receive the Witness newsletter via email every two weeks instead of by U.S. mail. Please send an email to Dottie Rogerson drogerson@annandale-umc.org to request your name be added to the email distribution list. Note: AUMC does NOT share its email distribution list with outside organizations.

Furniture Donations Needed: The Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) collects and distributes gently used furniture for needy families in the community. Items needed include: (mattresses/box springs – all sizes except King size), kitchen and dining tables and chairs, sofas (not sleeper sofas), living room chairs, coffee tables, end tables, and lamps. For more information and to arrange pickup, call 703-256-9513.



Flowers on the Altar Needed

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of a loved one, please circle the date(s) you wish and return the form below along with a check, made payable to AUMC. Cost: \$25 per arrangement. Flowers are not placed on the altar on the first Sunday of each month, Communion Sunday; Easter Sunday and the Sunday before Christmas have special flowers.

July	14	21	28
August	x	x	25
September	8	x	29
October	13	20	27
November	10	17	x
December	8	15	29

Name of Donor: _____

Phone: _____

Check One:

- In Memory of
 In Honor of

I/we wish to leave the flowers for distribution to homebound members or those in the hospital.

YES _____ NO _____

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., June 25	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Wed., July 3	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303

LECTIONARY TEXTS

June 23, Fifth Sunday After Pentecost: 1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42 (UMH 777), Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

June 30, Sixth Sunday After Pentecost: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798); Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, June 23: One Service, 10:30 a.m.

Outreach greeters: E. Wilson, C. Cox, M. Pearson,
L. McConville, E. Moss

Greeters: Kairos Prison Ministry

Fellowship hosts: Staff Parish Relations Committee

Ushers: 10:30 a.m. S. Chase, D. Pemberton, C. Perdue, P. Snitzer (c)

Sunday, June 30

Outreach greeters: 8:30 a.m. R. Hampton, 9:30 a.m. B. Brown,
10:30 a.m. W. Ward

Greeters: Witness/Missions Committee

Fellowship hosts: United Methodist Men

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. J. Clarke, A. Cogswell, S. Fleming, K. Sabo (c)
11 a.m. C. Jones, C. Jones, P. Straub, P. Shockley (c)

NEXT DEADLINE

Friday, June 21 is the deadline for the July 2
Witness which covers July 7 and 14

Vacation Bible School

June 24-28

"The Vine"



Children and volunteers may register at www.annandale-umc.org or in the church office. Forms are also available in the 3rd floor Parent Resource Area near room 310.

Donations needed for VBS craft projects:

- Cans – 10-20 ounce, empty, clean, with labels and tops removed
- Bags of potting soil for Safe Haven garden plots.
- 100 Quaker Oats chewy chocolate chip granola bars
- 7 boxes of Graham crackers
- Children's belts – 3rd graders' size and larger (to use for a game)
- 50 pairs of children's size tube or crew socks
- Rolls of duct tape – in colors or animal prints (for covering cans for take home game)

VBS Service Projects and Recycle Shop

Service projects planned for VBS will help children practice what they learn about the VBS theme, "The Vine", based on fruits of the spirit: love, joy, patience, peace, gentleness, faithfulness, generosity, kindness and self-control. Projects include planting a vegetable garden at Safe Haven, a day shelter in Seven Corners, and the "Coin of Kindness" project, collecting coins for chairs, benches, and tables for the orphanage in Cambine, Mozambique. On Sunday, July 30, VBS will open a "Recycle Shop", selling a variety of donated items. Proceeds from the Recycle Shop will be added to the "Coin of Kindness" project.

VBS Workday

Volunteers are needed for the VBS Workday, Sunday, June 23, immediately following the second service. Lots of hands are needed for 20 minutes to an hour to assemble nametags, prep basic crafts and activities.