

# AUMC WITNESS

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

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## Congratulations, 2013 Graduates!

The youth of Annandale United Methodist Church will be celebrated and recognized on Youth

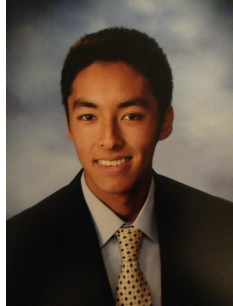
Sunday, June 9 (one service at 10:30 a.m.). Special congratulations go to AUMC young people who have or will soon be graduating from high school and college!

### High School Graduates



**Robert "Bobby" Evans** is graduating from Annandale High School, where he has been a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. He is an active member of The Grid at AUMC, and participated in last year's mission trip to Mississippi. Robert plans to attend George Mason University to study Computer Game Design.

**Evan Ogata** is graduating from J.E.B. Stuart High School. He has been a part of AUMC's youth since middle school and has participated in its activities such as the Pittsburgh Project and Mississippi mission trips. After graduating, Evan plans on attending the University of Maryland where he will study in the Clark School of Engineering with hopes of becoming an environmental engineer. Evan hopes that he will still have enough time continue playing golf and the tuba.



**Leila Soulen** is graduating from Annandale High School, where she has been in the IB Program. Here at AUMC, Leila has been a member of the youth and adult choirs. She will be attending the University of Virginia next year, and while her major is undecided, she said she "will definitely continue to sing and read, and (am) hoping to find a Celtic instrumental group to jam with."

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## The VINE

Vacation Bible School, June 24

June 24-28, from 9 a.m. – noon. The theme for this summer's VBS is "The Vine" from John 15: 5, "I am

the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing," with a concentration on the Fruits of the Spirit as named in Galatians 5: 22: "Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control".

During VBS, children will make gifts to share and crafts to take home that will remind them of the Fruits of the Spirit. Children will participate in 10 centers throughout the week with two scripture-focused story times each day, as well as music and themed snacks daily. The VBS service project will be planting vegetable gardens for the community at Safe Haven and raising money to furnish classroom space for children in Cambine, Mozambique. The overall VBS project is a trellis, bench, and vine for the courtyard. VBS Celebration is Sunday, June 30.

Donations are needed for VBS craft activities. If you can provide any of the following, please bring the items to the Atrium and look for specially-marked boxes.

- 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 fun game during rec time)
- 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)
- 15 oz. cans – clean, empty, labels removed from the outside
- One large bag of rice (for fun take home game)
- Clorox disinfecting wipes (35 count) for cleaning yoga mats.

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## Word of Thanks

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior!

At this writing many are preparing for the gathering of delegates for the 231st session of the Virginia Annual Conference in Hampton, Virginia. There they

will sing, they will pray, they will study the Bible, and they will attend to the ministry we share in common as Virginia United Methodists. I look forward to greeting long time friends and colleagues and meeting new ones. The fellowship is sweet, the worship divine.

While I will be involved in several facets of the work of the Conference (I am honored to have been asked to preach for the memorial service and to speak to the United Methodist Men's breakfast), I am more excited about hearing how our work is progressing in places around the Commonwealth and the world; I am ecstatic about witnessing the ordination of our new, brilliant young clergy who will help shape our future – many of whom I have had the privilege of teaching along the way through our Conference's Licensing School for new ministers.

It will also be a joy to be affirmed in the re-appointment of Cynthia and Eduardo as ministers to the AUMC community as the Bishop reads the assignments on the last day of the Conference. I am humbled by the trust given by all of you to continue in the work of ministry with you.

Above all, I continue to be thankful to God for the tender mercy of the divine call to preach the Gospel, love God's people, and share in a common vision of a transformed world. I look forward to another year of service with you.

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,

*Clarence*  
Clarence

**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.

**CDC Teacher Honored:** One of AUMC's Child Development Center teachers was honored recently as an Exemplary Inclusive Practices Teacher by Fairfax County Public Schools. She was one of nine teachers countywide receiving the award and was nominated by AUMC's Child Find specialist. AUMC's Child Development Center was also recognized for its support of inclusiveness.

**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 clarkeh1@gmail.com). Commitments needed by June 20 with a nonrefundable deposit of \$250.

**The Race Away Hunger** food collection drive for Rising Hope was a roaring success! The Pasta Parrots prevailed with 380 items, followed by Meaty Monkeys with 338, Paper Pandas-298, Veggie Vipers- 232, Soupy Sharks-230, Tomato Tigers-219, Fruity Flamingos-213, and Beany Bears-180! We are all on the winning team in Racing Away Hunger! AUMC collected over 2,000 items for Rising Hope! Thanks to everyone for a GREAT RACE!

**Calling all AUMC Women! We need you!** As I am sure you will recall, our men did an outstanding job of leading us in worship for Mother's Day last month! Well, now is your chance to shine! On Father's Day, June 16, we are going to give our men in the Adult Choir the morning off and FILL our loft with the women of AUMC! If you have ever sung in your life, this is YOUR chance! We will have two rehearsals for this time together, starting on Wednesday, June 12 from 8 - 8:45 p.m. and we want YOU!!! Prior choir experience is NOT required, just a willing heart for God and a desire to sing with a great group of ladies! We hope to see you on June 12 in the Choir Room at 8 for rehearsal!

## DATEBOOK

**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, Annandale campus

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

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

**June 16, 7 p.m.**, Annandale Book Lovers

**June 21, 7:30 p.m.**, "Voices of Mobile" concert

**June 23, 10:30 a.m.**, one worship service, Annandale campus

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## 2013 College Graduates

**Tracy Beyer** received a B.S. in Athletic Training from Pennsylvania State University.

**Courtney Bullock** graduated with honors (Magna Cum Laude, Who's Who Among Students) from Shepherd University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. While at Shepherd, Courtney participated in music ensembles including Chamber Singers, Women's Camerata, Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Saxophone Quartet, Scene Stealers, and the Shepherd University Ram Band. She was Drum Major for the 2011 and 2012 Ram Band, section leader for the Wind Ensemble, and section leader for Women's Camerata and Chamber Singers. Courtney was an active member in the Multicultural Leadership Team, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and Sigma Alpha Iota Professional Women's Music Fraternity. After graduation, Courtney hopes to pursue a career as a military musician or a music director.

**Dennis Dean Kirk, II** received a B.S. in Biology from Purdue University (Indiana) and plans to attend medical school.

**Chelsea McCarthy** received her Master's Degree in Special Education from George Mason University, in December 2012. She is interviewing for a teaching position in N.J., where she now resides.

**Jaclyn Sarah Mohlmann** graduated from Shenandoah University with a major in Kinesiology/Sports Management. At Shenandoah she excelled in track and field setting eight school records. During breaks, Jaclyn worked at the ACCA Child Development Center and Fairfax County's Key Center School for the developmentally disabled. While at Shenandoah, she pursued courses in American Sign Language and mentored hearing-disabled elementary school students. Jaclyn grew up in the Immanuel congregation.

**April Stegemiller** received a B.S. in Biology from the University of Mary Washington. She loves working and helping animals and plans on attending the Police Academy and becoming an Animal Control Officer.



**Samantha M. Wilkins** received her B.S. in Education, cum laude, from James Madison University. She is about to start her master's program in education.

Congratulations!  
You made it!

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**AUMC's Brazil Mission Team** members are 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>.

**"Brownie Evenings with Brown"**, AUMC's New Member Class, is scheduled for Friday, June 7, 7-9 p.m. in room 210, and will be taught by Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr. It is a time of exploration and discernment 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 more information, call 703-256-8330.

**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.

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**VBS registration** is underway online or in the church office. VBS is for children ages 3 (as of Sept. 30, 2012) through completed 4th grade. Fifth graders, as well as adults, may sign up as a volunteer. Registration fee is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child (\$35 maximum per family). The fee covers craft supplies and snacks. To register, and for more information, go to the Children's Ministry page at [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org) or contact the church office 703-256-8330.

**KIM - Kids In Mission** is scheduled for July 8-12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for rising 3rd-7th graders. This program is focused on serving others with hands-on local projects. Join the great supermarket race, stock the ACCA pantry, and more. Registration and more information are available at [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org) or by calling the church office, 703-256-8330.

**Help is needed with food distribution**, Immanuel campus, every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. For more information call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

## MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., June 11	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., June 11	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302

## LECTIONARY TEXTS

**June 9, Third Sunday After Pentecost:** 1 Kings 17:8-24, Psalm 146 (UMH 858), Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 7:11-17

**June 16, Fourth Sunday After Pentecost:** 1 Kings 21:1-21a, Psalm 5:1-8 (UMH 742), Galatians 2:15-21, Luke 7:36-8:3

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**Wednesday Night Together** fellowship dinner will be June 12. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m. and program at 6:30 p.m. The dinner menu is BBQ chicken, grilled potatoes, roasted corn salad, corn muffins, and Key Lime Pie. The program will be a Hymn Sing with Justin Dean and Pat Vaughn. Dinner reservations are due by noon on Monday, June 10, and can be made by contacting Joyce Kitzmiller, [jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org](mailto:jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org) or 703-256-8330. Cost for the dinner is \$7 per person, \$3 per child, \$20 per family, or \$10 per carry-out meal, payable in cash or check at the door; make checks out to AUMC.

## WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

### Sunday, June 9 (One Service, 10:30 a.m.)

**Outreach greeters:** S. Fleming, D. Ruhter, D. Johnson

**Greeters:** Issues in Christianity Class

**Fellowship hosts:** Witness/Missions Committee

**Ushers:** 10:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, S. Fleming, R. Witkowski, B. Brown(c)

### Sunday, June 16

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

9:30 a.m. A. Witkowski, 10:30 a.m. W. Ward

**Greeters:** Finance Committee

**Fellowship hosts:** Kairos Prison Ministry

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. J. Clarke, R. Roberts, E. Sackey, E. McKenney (c)

11 a.m. E. Carrillo, R. Gallagher, G. Rothman, R. Gordon (c)

**Acolytes:** 8:30 a.m. Molly Ann Soulen

11 a.m. Danielle Oliver, William Novak

**Crucifer:** 8:30 a.m. Rebecca Soulen

11 a.m. Parker Novak

**“VOICES of Mobile”** will be in concert at AUMC on Friday, June 21, 7:30 p.m. The VOICES of Mobile is an auditioned vocal ensemble consisting of 16 students from The University of Mobile which has performed across the U.S. and abroad. The group’s emphasis is to honor the Lord in word and deed as stated in their mission statement: “Honor Him with our Lives and Praise Him with our VOICES.”



**Coming up:** One service on Youth Sunday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. at the Annandale campus and one service on June 23, 10:30 a.m., Annandale campus, when the clergy will be attending Annual Conference.

**The Annandale Book Lovers** will be meet on June 16, 7 p.m. in the parlor, to discuss *The Spy Who Came In From The Cold* by John LeCarre. The Book Lovers’ July book is *Friday The Rabbi Slept Late*.

**NEXT  
DEADLINE**

Friday, June 7 is the deadline for the June 18  
Witness which covers June 23 and 30