

AUMC WITNESS

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

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There's a Place for You at AUMC! Connect 2013

Regardless of your age or stage in life, Annandale United Methodist is offering a variety of programs, classes, small groups and activities to help us all grow in mind, body and spirit. Find a real connection this fall by attending a class, joining a small group or activity. Come to the Connect Ministry Fair on Sept. 8 for more information and to sign up. Information is also updated frequently on the web site www.annandale-umc.org. Here is a snapshot for this fall:

Children

- Parent orientation Sept. 8, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School classes begin Sept. 15
- Kids in Mission Year Round KIMYR for 4th-5th graders begins Sept. 29

Youth

- Regular GRID (youth Sunday School) resumes Sept. 15
- Sunday evening Ramp resumes Sept. 15
- Youth Band rehearsal resumes Sept. 15
 - Parent RAMP Night, Sept. 22
 - Paintball Trip to Hogback Mountain, Sept. 29

Young Adults

- Young Adult Small Group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., room 302

Music

- Adult choir rehearsal resumes Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7:15 p.m.
- Adult Choir Open House, for anyone interested in learning more about adult choir: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7:15 p.m.
- Youth Choir for grades 6-12 resumes Sept. 15 and meets Sundays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Cherub Choir for preschool age, resumes Sept. 15 and meets during the Sunday School hour
 - Celebration Singers for K-5th grades resumes Sept. 15 and meets Sundays, 9:15-9:50 a.m.
- Genesis Ringers for 3rd-6th grades resumes Sept. 18 and meets Wednesdays, 5:15-6 p.m.

Adults

- Adult Sunday School resumes Sept. 22
- Academy of Discipleship Convocation Sept. 15. Convocation Preacher: Rev. Dr. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell, Professor, Wesley Theological Seminary
 - Copies of the Academy of Discipleship class booklet are available in the sanctuary and office. The booklet includes detailed information about adult classes and small groups.

Getting connected to the people, programs, activities and events at Annandale United Methodist is the primary goal of the Connect Ministry Fair. On Sept. 8, Children's Ministry will hold a parent orientation meeting at 9:45 a.m. in the Media Center. There will be one worship service at 10:30

a.m., followed by the fair from 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. in Wright Hall and the hallway outside it. There will be a "walk around" lunch provided by the United Methodist Men. No reservations are needed! Bring your friends, family and neighbors.

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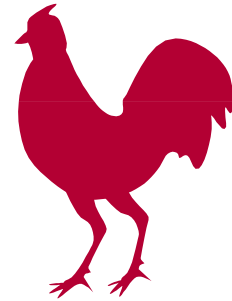
Our Continuing Mission

Grace and peace in the name
of our Savior!

I confess. I am a fan of the Star Trek franchise. I, like many, could quote the opening lines: “..the starship Enterprise, whose continuing mission is to seek out new life and new civilizations.. to boldly go...”

The people of AUMC resemble that exhortation in many ways, particularly in mission. I write today still aglow with the inspiration of the Spirit that was abundantly present during our Mission Team’s time in Mozambique. The team itself was remarkable, with many different gifts joined together in a joyous symphony of synergy: builders, laborers, measurers, mixers, hammerers, electricians.

Greater still to me were the moments of sharing with pastors and seminary students as we considered the theology of evangelism: from proclamation to invitation to experience to baptism to catechesis to moral instruction to a lived out faith as common laborers in the community known as the Kingdom of God.



The greatest joy however was the times we shared at table. The meals were simple, with an overabundance of rice, beans, eggs and other staples. It may not have been much by our standards, but it was the best that our hosts had and they were offered with joy.

This was underscored in their worship. As each part of the community brought their offering, the joy with which they came to bring their offerings to the Lord was overwhelming. They came with financial gifts, as most churches do. But beyond that, they brought fruits, vegetables, song, dance and... a chicken!!! And as I sat there I wondered...

What would it be like if we stopped to think and witness to our thanksgiving for what God has done?

What would it look like if we brought all that we are to worship to praise God?

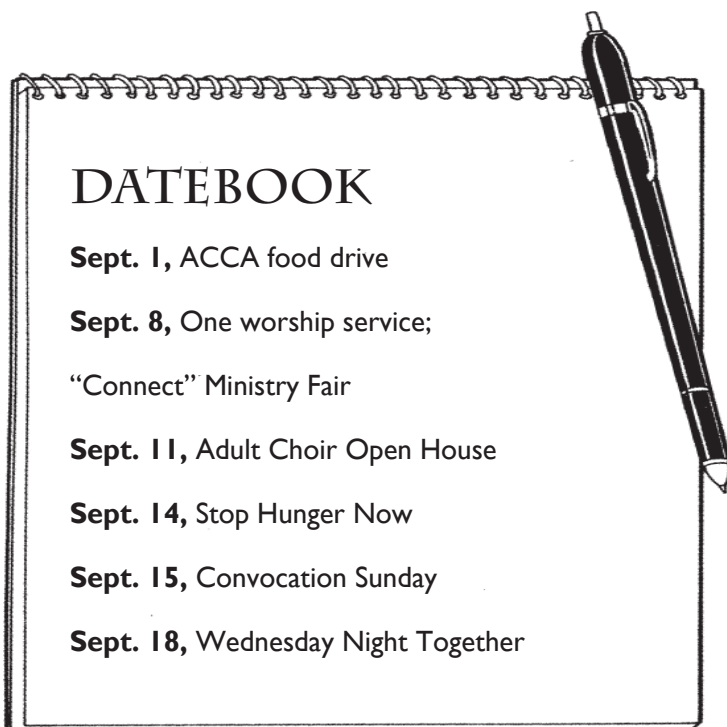
What if we took a moment on Sunday morning to write down the things we are thankful for and put those offerings in the offering plates along with our finances???

I believe that we do have these things at heart, and I encourage us to bring these things to our times of worship together.

It is worth considering...

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,

Clarence
Clarence



NEWS IN BRIEF

Stop Hunger Now: Join us for a meal packaging event on **Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8:45 a.m. to noon.** Stop Hunger Now is an organization that donates 25 cent meals to impoverished people across 75 countries, as well as giving food to help with disaster relief. For these meals to reach their recipients, we need YOU to help pack them. Saturday morning, join us in Wright Hall to make an assembly line to help stop hunger worldwide.

Begin the fall on a high note! Join a choir! Anyone interested in learning more about the Adult Choir is invited to an Open House in the rehearsal room (lower level) on Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. For more information, contact music director Pat Vaughn, pvaughn@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

Wednesday Night Together Fellowship Dinner resumes Wednesday, Sept. 18, 5:45 p.m. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, Sept. 16. Online registration is available on the AUMC web site www.annandale-umc.org or by emailing or calling the church office. And you can't beat the price for such good food: \$8 per person, \$3 for children under 12, and \$25 per family maximum.

Financial Peace University Class will be Sept. 19 – Nov. 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m. in room 210. FPU is a biblically-based video curriculum that incorporates small-group discussions and encourages personal financial accountability and discipleship and is taught by best-selling author Dave Ramsey. Register at DaveRamsey.com by clicking on "Find a Class" and then choose Annandale UMC. Cost is \$93 for nine, 90-minute classes. The program at AUMC is being coordinated by AUMC members Bill and Robin Evans.

Donate Back-to-School Supplies through Sept. 16 to help local children get a strong start on the new school year! Bring the following items (new) to the collection box in the atrium: crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, notebook paper, and folders. These items will be distributed to families in need at the Immanuel campus of AUMC on food distribution nights.

Sandwich Making Helpers Needed: Volunteers are needed Thursdays at 4 p.m. to make sandwiches for the food distribution program at the Immanuel campus. Help is needed with food distribution at 5 – 7 p.m. For details, call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

AUMC Car Magnets are available for a suggested donation of \$5 each as a fund raiser for youth programs. The 7" oval magnets have a white background with the letters AUMC in red in the center. Around the edge are the words Annandale United Methodist and the web site www.annandale-umc.org. The magnets can be purchased in the church office. The Youth appreciate your support!

Help Provide Safe Drinking Water: Around the world, 900 million people lack access to safe drinking water and 2.5 billion have inadequate sanitation, leading to water contaminated with deadly bacteria such as E.Coli. Every 20 seconds, a child dies of preventable water-borne disease. AUMC's Earth and Spirit Committee is raising funds to purchase drinking water filters for the people of northern Ghana. This fund raising activity, approved by the church Finance Committee, has a goal of purchasing 25 filters, at a cost of \$250 each, for a total of \$6,250. To make a donation of any size, make your check payable to AUMC with "E&S water filter" in the note line. The water filtration devices can provide clean, safe water for a family of 4-6 every day for more than 10 years. The filters will be used in a part of the world where the need for safe drinking water is critical. The fundraising campaign will continue through the end of October.

CIRCLE NEWS

DEBORAH: Mon., Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m., AUMC Rm 210.
Prog: TBA. Hostess: TBA. Dev.: TBA.

LYDIA: Thurs., Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., AUMC Rm 209.
Prog.: Program planning. Hostesses: TBA. Dev.: TBA.

MARTHA: Mon., Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m., IUMC Fellowship Hall. Prog.: Betsy Clevenger will lead a study of various women of the Bible. Light refreshments served and devotion given.

M&M's: Sat., Sept. 14, 8:00 a.m. at the home of Pat Sherfey.
Hostess: Sally Bizer. Dev.: Jolie Fleming.

MIRIAM: Thurs., Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m., AUMC Rm 210.
Prog.: Planning. Hostess: TBA. Dev.: TBA.

PHOEBE: Tues., Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. at Rustico --Ballston.

AS ALWAYS, NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS
ARE WELCOME TO ALL MEETINGS!!

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Sept. 3	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., Sept. 4	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Sept. 10	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Sept. 10	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sept. 1, Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (UMH 803); Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sept. 8, Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854); Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, Sept. 1

Door greeters: 8:30 a.m. R. Hampton, W. Lord
9:30 a.m. B. Brown
10:30 a.m. W. Ward, A. Crane

Welcome Center: 8:30 a.m. J. Brooks, 11 a.m. M. Sherwood

Fellowship hour: Kairos Prison Ministry

Crucifer: 11 a.m. C. Rothermel

Single Service, Sunday, Sept. 8

Door greeters: 8:30 a.m. S. Fleming, J. Beyer
9:30 a.m. D. Ruhter
10:30 a.m. L. McConville, E. Moss

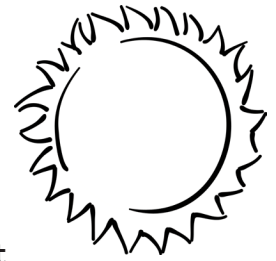
Welcome Center: 8:30 a.m. M. McCarthy, 11 a.m. D. Johnson

Fellowship hour: Trustees Committee

Acolytes: 10:30 a.m. D. Oliver, M. Kaufman

NEXT DEADLINE

Friday, Aug. 16 is the deadline for the Aug. 27 Witness which covers Sept. 1 and 8



2014 Women's Retreat

May 2 - 4, 2014

Eden Resort - Lancaster, PA

It has been 3 years and will be 4 years since our last weekend away Women's Retreat. In 2014 the Women of AUMC will be traveling to Amish Country where we will be staying at the beautiful Eden Resort. We will also have the option to go to the play "Moses" at the Sight & Sound Theater and a second option is to have dinner at an Amish restaurant called Good & Plenty where food is served family style. We only reserved space for 50 ladies so make sure to reserve your spot. To help with the planning of this retreat we ask that you sign up early and turn in your registration form and \$30 deposit as soon as possible. Our speaker for our 2014 retreat is Katie Webster Carson. Registration forms are now available so do not miss out on this exciting opportunity.

If you have any questions or would like a registration form mailed or emailed please contact Cyra Doty at 703-354-5330 or email radu94@aol.com.

