



# AUMC WITNESS

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

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## Unity in the Body

Grace and peace  
in the name of our  
Savior!

It is with great joy  
and good humor  
that we weekly  
welcome visitors to

our services with a loaf of bread. As the visitors receive the bread, I delight in informing them that the gift of the loaf is a visible sign to remind all of us of our unity in the Body of Christ: no peanut butter, no jelly, just a lot of love.

To have a loaf offered and received is more than a sign; it is a sacrament. It is a means of grace, rooted in God's graciously hospitable act in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is amnansis and prolepsis, remembrance and anticipation of "Christ's final victory..." when we shall "feast at his heavenly banquet," as we rehearse during our communion liturgy.

That sense of connection is heightened on the first Sunday in October, as the larger church celebrates World Communion Sunday. Begun in the 1930s by the Presbyterian Church, it is now recognized and practiced widely by several Christian faith communities. On Oct. 6, we too will engage the reality that we are one at the table with Christians all over the world!

As United Methodists, we not only gather to celebrate communion in worship. We also work toward the goal of serving God in life-changing ministries. World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children.

When churches like AUMC take the special collection on World Communion Sunday, the offering is used to equip racial- and ethnic-minority students in the United States and around the world to transform the church and communities.

Fifty percent of the special offering goes to the World Communion Scholarship Program of the General Board of Global Ministries. From Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe and the Middle East, as well as from racial and ethnic minorities in the United States, Crusade scholars are committed to the life and mission of the Church, as well as to its ministry to society and the world. Since the inception of the program in 1944, the Crusade Scholarship Program has funded nearly 4,000 students.

In addition to a special offering on Oct. 6, **everyone attending AUMC on World Communion Sunday is invited to dress in clothing representative of their native country**, or their ancestors' birthplace, or a country in which they have lived or visited. Wearing costumes from around the world will help us as we commune with Christians from all over the world working together to serve God.

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,  
Clarence

**Walkers and Sponsors Needed!** The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk is Saturday, Oct. 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m. (registration opens at 8 a.m.) The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk is a fundraising activity for Church World Service hunger/refugee relief, development programs, and the ACCA food pantry. The walk will take place on the trails around Lake Accotink Park, and can be completed within two hours. Those unable to walk can sponsor a walker or simply make a donation. Visit the CROP Walk table in the Atrium or contact Peter Taylor at 703-477-3903 or ptaylor78@cox.net or Jay Morris jmorris55@verizon.net 703-924-1919 for more information or to sign up as a walker or sponsor. More information about CROP is at <http://accacares.org/cropwalk.html>.



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## Take a Seat

Hospitality seems to be Jesus' central mission. On the road, on the mountain, on the boat, in a stranger's house, by the shore, Jesus is continually inviting people to come closer and experience

God in a real way. Recently I was asked, "What would exclude a person from receiving communion?" Of course, my answer was "no one is excluded." If anything, the communion table is an invitation in itself to include as many as possible. When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper he made a new covenant with all of us in which we are all included: "Drink from it and eat from it, all of you."

As I keep learning and growing in ministry, I come to know a God who wants and desires all of us to be in relationship with the Creator and with one another. I find this not just fascinating but utterly impressive. Let's imagine that a king is throwing this great feast and all the major newscasts are transmitting what will happen in the party—the food and entertainment and how exquisite the decorations will be. The invitations go out and everyone gets one, yes even the homeless, the poor, the hungry, the sick, the untouchables, even people we dislike. That's what I find at the communion table: hospitality and an invitation to everyone to come and take a seat. Not to wait outside or eat in the kitchen, but to come and join in the heavenly banquet with the one making the invitation—Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate World Communion, I would like to call your attention to people who do not feel welcome

### DATEBOOK

**Sept. 27-28** – Adult Choir Retreat

**Sept. 29** – KIMYR, Kids in Mission Year Round.  
– Young Adults meet at 12:30 in room 210 for scheduling and 2014 planning.

**Oct. 4** – New Member Class

**Oct. 6** – ACCA food drive  
– Blessing of the Animals  
– Young Adults begin Bible Study. Lunch provided!

**Oct. 6, 9** – Flu Shots

**Oct. 9** – Wednesday Night Together

## Matthew 26:26-28: The Institution of the Lord's Supper

*26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."*

*27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;*

*28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

at the table. I know we are a community of faith that loves everyone that comes through our doors. But it is not over. While there are still people hurting and not connecting with God, we must strive to extend Christ's invitation to the table. The king has sent the invites, some have already accepted, others have not. The task before us is to open our hearts and lives to those around us, saying those elusive yet important words of a welcoming community—take a seat.

*Eduardo*  
Eduardo

**Fall Fun Fest Oct. 27** – Preparations are underway for an intergenerational Fall Fun Fest on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 27. Mark your calendars and get ready for a chili cook off, "Trunk or Treat", games and refreshments and more!

**Help Needed to Prepare Meals** for Poe: teams of 6-8 people are needed to provide dinner for 150 students at Poe Middle School one Wednesday a month. Serving time is between 4 - 4:45p.m. Volunteers are needed to create a menu, shop for ingredients, prepare food, serve the meal, and clean up. Funds are available to cover costs. For more information, contact Sheila Kyer 703-981-6080 or email is Kyer027@aol.com or Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

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

**Alexandria District Conference** and Mission Fest will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 8617 Little River Turnpike. Everyone is invited. Mission Fest activities beginning at 9 a.m. will be a "potato drop", assembling sandwiches, hygiene kits and flood buckets. The District Conference and Worship begin at 10:45 a.m.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

**Mission Trip to Appalachia:** Two teams from Annandale UMC left Sept. 22 for a week-long mission trip to Wyoming County, W.VA. The group will participate with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) doing home repairs for families in the Benton and Pineville areas of West Virginia. They will return to AUMC on Saturday, Sept. 28.

**Kairos Prayers and Cookie time:** The Kairos Prison Ministry Team is preparing to share God's love with the men at the Greensville Correctional Center in Jarratt, VA, Oct. 24 - 27. Your prayer support for this weekend is important. If you would like to have your name included on the Prayer Chain that is shared with the men at GRCC, the Prayer Chain sign-up list is on the table under the video screen in the Atrium. Also, the Annandale UMC Team is responsible for baking 700 dozen homemade cookies. Cookies are a tangible expression of our love and the only gift that Kairos can give to inmates. A cookie sign-up sheet, prison approved cookie recipes, and instructions are also on the table in the Atrium. If you cannot bake cookies but want to make a donation for baking supplies, make your check payable to AUMC, designated for Kairos Cookies, by Sunday, Oct. 13. Other church members and team members will do the baking! Place your cookies, one dozen per quart freezer bag, in the AUMC kitchen freezer by Sunday, Oct. 20 and label them "Kairos Cookies." Contact Bill Iwig at 301-365-7532 if you have questions.

**Donate winter clothes for the homeless:** Items needed are mostly men's coats, sweatshirts, stocking caps, jeans, socks, underwear, and waterproof gloves. Women's winter clothing will be taken, but most of the homeless are men. Items should be clean without holes. Label each item with gender (men or women) and size. Place donated clothes in the boxes under the coat racks before Oct. 17. The clothing will be distributed to homeless people in Washington, D.C. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dan Evans at 571-334-6223 or danevans@frontiernet.net.

**AUMC Drivers Needed for ACCA** Transportation. AUMC provides drivers to ACCA four weeks a year to take people in our area to medical appointments. In the last couple of years, many of our long-term drivers have been forced to "retire from ACCA driving." We need four or five new drivers to continue to meet AUMC's commitment to ACCA. Our drivers have found this ministry to be very rewarding. Time commitment is normally 2 to 2 ½ hours, four times a year. Call or email John Clarke 703-642-3836 (home) 703-606-6464 (cell) clarkejhl@gmail.com.

**Help provide clean water:** AUMC's Earth and Spirit Committee is raising funds to purchase drinking water filters for the people of northern Ghana. This fund raising activity has a goal of purchasing 25 filters, at a cost of \$250 each, for a total of \$6,250. To make a donation, 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.

**Flu Shots** will be available on Sunday, Oct. 6, 9:30 – 11 a.m., room 210 and Wednesday, Oct. 9, 5-6:30 p.m., room 210. Cost is \$30 or Medicare B. Ages 4 years and older. Reservations are requested, but not required. To make a reservation, please email jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

**Annandale Parade is Lining Up:** The Annandale Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. AUMC will have a presence including the United Methodists Against Human Trafficking. The purpose of this group is to raise the awareness of human trafficking as a local issue and to demonstrate to the community that the church stands against it. If you would like to march with this group, please email aumchttf@gmail.com with your name and contact information. You may also purchase a T-shirt for \$10 to wear that says "Stop Human Trafficking". Submit your contact information and T-shirt size by Oct. 15. Children and Youth ministries will also be participating in the parade. More details to come!

## CIRCLE NEWS

**DEBORAH:** Mon., Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., AUMC Rm 210. Prog.: Joyce Jacowski will lead plans for craft for the Bazaar. Dev.: Sara Miller.

**LYDIA:** Thurs., Oct. 10, 10:00 a.m., AUMC Rm 209. Prog.: Planning for Bazaar craft. Hostesses: Sally Bizer and DeEtte Johnson. Dev.: Gloria Rothman.

**MARTHA:** Mon., Oct. 28, 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&Ms:** Sat., Oct. 19, 8 a.m. at the home of Pat Sherfey.

**MIRIAM:** Thurs., Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m., AUMC Rm 210. Prog.: Decorating canvas bags. Hostess: Liz Plewes.

**PHOEBE:** Tues. Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. at UNO's at Merrifield.

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

## MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Oct. 1	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., Oct. 2	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Oct. 8	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Oct. 8	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302

## LECTIONARY TEXTS

**Sept. 29, Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost:** Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (UMH 810); 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

**Oct. 6, Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost:** Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137 (UMH 852); 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

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## WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

### Sunday, Sept. 29

- Door greeters:** 8:30 a.m. R. Hampton, W. Lord  
9:30 a.m. B. Brown  
10:30 a.m. L. McConville, E. Moss
- Welcome Center:** 8:30 a.m. M. Cody, 11 a.m. C. Jones
- Fellowship hour:** Witness/Missions Committee
- Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. J. Clarke, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey, E. McKenney (c)  
11 a.m. C. Perdue, P. Straub, R. Gordon, P. Snitzer(c)
- Acolytes:** 8:30 a.m. D. Oliver, 11 a.m. B. Molnar, M. Molnar
- Crucifer:** 11 a.m. C. Rothermel

### Sunday, Oct. 6

- Door greeters:** 8:30 a.m. E. Wilson, C. Cox, S. Naugle  
9:30 a.m. M. Pearson  
10:30 a.m. L. McConville, E. Moss
- Welcome Center:** 8:30 a.m. R./N. Sayre; 11 a.m. K./A. Crane
- Fellowship hour:** Altar Guild
- Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. E. Carrillo, J. Thomas  
11 a.m. A. Cogswell, K. Sabo (c)

## NEXT DEADLINE

Friday, Sept. 27 is the deadline for the Oct. 8 Witness which covers Oct. 13 and 20

## Sing and Sew with AUMC!

**Seamstresses are invited** to a workshop presented by Gail Pemberton to learn how to make pillowcase dresses for mission projects. The workshop will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. in room 306. Most recently, several pillowcase dresses were given to girls in Appalachia. Instruction will also be provided at the workshop on how to make baptism baby bonnets out of cloth handkerchiefs. Please let Gail know if you plan to attend via email [gmpemberton2@verizon.net](mailto:gmpemberton2@verizon.net) or 703-354-6896.

**AUMC's Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1 p.m. in room 303. The shawls and lap robes are given to homebound members and those recovering from surgery. Anyone who knits or crochets (or wants to learn) is invited to join this crafty and congenial group. The next meeting will be Oct. 22. For more information, call Rosemary Perdue 703-354-6645.

**Coming Oct. 9**, the next Wednesday Night Together Fellowship Dinner. The program will be a sing-along with Pat Vaughn. Mark your calendars.

**Begin the fall on a high note:** join the choir! New members are welcome for all age groups. If you enjoy singing or playing the bells, you would enjoy the fellowship of AUMC choirs. For more information about the various choirs, visit [www.annandale-umc.org/our-services/music-ministries](http://www.annandale-umc.org/our-services/music-ministries) or contact Pat Vaughn, [pvaughn@annandale-umc.org](mailto:pvaughn@annandale-umc.org) 703-256-8330.

**Auditions** for AUMC's The Wizard of Oz are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 19, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. To request an audition information package, send your name and contact information to Barbara Gordon at [bgordon@annandale-umc.org](mailto:bgordon@annandale-umc.org). Children must be in 3rd grade or above and must have a contract (in the audition packet) signed by a parent before they may audition. Performances will be Feb. 27, 28 and March 1, 2014.

**Is your dog as smart as Toto?** We are searching for a dog to perform as the beloved Toto in AUMC's upcoming production of The Wizard of Oz. He/she needs to be small, calm, very good with people and children...and the ability to "stay", "come" and "speak" would be a real bonus! If you think your baby is ready for the big time, send a photo and other information to Barbara Gordon at [bgordon@annandale-umc.org](mailto:bgordon@annandale-umc.org) or AUMC, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.