

AUMC WITNESS

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Advent Study 2013 Messianic Prophecies: Hope for a Savior

*But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD,
I wait for God my Savior
- Micah 7:7*

The Academy of Discipleship is pleased to offer Advent Study 2013 – Messianic Prophecies: Hope for a Savior. This study will examine the Old Testament prophets that look forward to a coming Messiah, including Jeremiah, Malachi, Zephaniah, Micah, and Isaiah. The first half of the study will seek to understand what these prophecies meant to their Hebrew audience in their historical context. The second half will continue to explore the prophets, but also consider how the Gospels see Jesus as the fulfillment of those prophecies.

The sermon series begins Nov. 10, honoring an ancient tradition to begin Advent much earlier than we do today. Prior to the middle ages, Advent began on the Sunday after All Saints' Sunday, making Advent almost twice as long as it is today. There is a growing segment of liturgists who believe that our current Advent season is too short and does not allow for the reflection and anticipation that the season intends. Secondly, in our contemporary culture, December is so busy and so packed full of activities, religious and secular, that many feel that spiritual reflection gets ironically sidelined during this holy season. Advent Study 2013 offers a solution by allowing us to prepare our hearts prior to the busyness of December.

A packet and discussion guide will be provided to small groups participating in this study. No outside reading is necessary; therefore feel free to drop in on the discussion.

The following classes are participating in Advent Study 2013:

- Exploring Faith meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Room 303.
- In His Steps meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Room 302.
- Women of the Day meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor.
- More groups forming; see the bulletin for updates.



Join us as we journey through the prophets; experience the anticipation of the Messiah, the Christ; and express our hope for a Savior.

Blessings,

Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver

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Advent Study 2013 Messianic Prophecies: Hope for a Savior Sermon Series

- Nov. 10 – The Power of Hope
- Nov. 17 – The Refining Love of God
- Nov. 24 – God's Protection and Delight
- Dec. 1 – The Peace that Jesus Brings
- Dec. 8 – Transformed by Righteousness
- Dec. 15 – Rejoice in the Lord
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Hope in Troubled Times

“The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

—Jeremiah 33:14-16

As we look ahead during this Advent season and study the prophecies, we find ourselves exercising faith. Faith is a personal yet communal experience—but it can be hard to explain or practice.

The prophets of the Old Testament had a tough job. We can assume a prophet lived in the same context as the people who heard the prophecies. Picture yourself in the middle of struggles and without a way out (maybe you are or have experienced this). Then you receive word from God saying that all will be well. While this promise holds true, I often find myself wondering whether God sees what is happening at this moment. I find myself asking God: “Why not deliver me now? Why not make things okay, right now?” For individuals and communities struggling with desolation, hunger, injustice, war, and indifference—it’s often hard to see a ray of hope. It is hard to believe that something good can come from such darkness and despair.

But here is where faith intersects our lives. When our lives and our daily struggles come face to face with a God that is all knowing and all powerful, you and I can be sure that the Lord is our righteousness. As we read Jeremiah 33:14-16, we are reminded of past prophecies, promises of God that have been fulfilled in Jesus. We already know how the story ends, and we know what happens after!

“Brownie Evenings with Brown,” AUMC’s New Member Class, will meet on Friday, Nov. 15, 7-9 p.m. For details, call 703-256-8330. The class meets in Room 210.

Practice your English by attending the ESL Book Club, which meets Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 302. For more information, contact David Barker, 571-216-1636.

The Annandale Book Lovers will meet Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. in the parlor to discuss *The Dream Manager* by Matthew Kelly.

Caring Ministries is collecting 2014 picture calendars, note/greeting cards, Christmas cards, writing paper and “Forever” postage stamps for women incarcerated in the Fluvanna (Va.) Correctional Center for Women. Bring items to the collection box outside of the church office. Please give postage stamps to the office.

Volunteer opportunity: food distribution at the Heritage Drive campus, every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. For more information call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

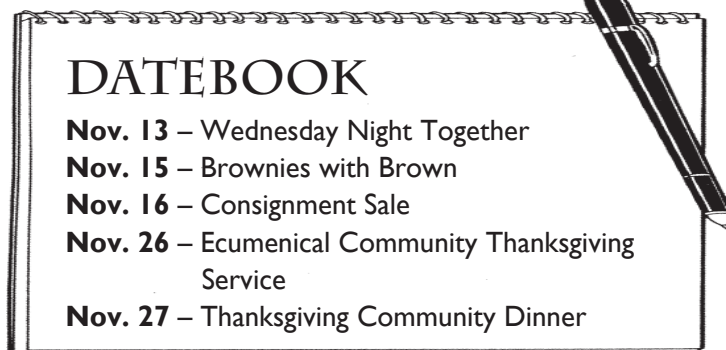
Yes, hope and faith are difficult when we are clearly in pain and afraid. Jeremiah was prophesizing, meaning he didn’t know about Jesus’ acts. But he had faith and hope that God incarnate would meet us in the middle of our struggles to stand with us; that a Holy One would branch out from the stump of David embracing our doubts, fears, anger, and depression, saying “It’s ok. I’m here; it will get better.”

In this time of anticipation, rest assured that God is with us. We know how the story ends, and we know that things will get better. As we study the different prophets, I invite you to re-live the prophecies and live into the fulfilled promises of God.

Take courage. Have faith. God is near.

Peace,


Eduardo



AUMC has been, and always will be, an “open”, welcoming church. However, because of safety concerns, the Trustees voted to provide more secure access. The upgraded security is expected to be operational in the next few weeks. The security upgrades will be most noticeable during business hours, Monday through Friday, when children, parents, visitors and staff will need to use one of three doors which will have new security locks.

The Congregational Meeting video from Oct. 27 can be viewed on the church website www.annandale-umc.org.

Fall Fun Fest: thanks to everyone who helped organize, plan and attended the Fall Fun Fest. While everyone was a “winner”, those who won prizes were: children’s pumpkin decorating – Vivian and Elizabeth Haley; youth pumpkin decorating – Lauren Twomey; adult pumpkin decorating – Danitria Bradley; chili cook-off – Amanda Witkowski; cobbler bake-off – Davis Oliver.

NEWS IN BRIEF



AUMC and American Legion Post 1976 Remember Our Cemetery Veterans Monday, November 11

Giving Thanks, Sharing our Blessings, Raising

Hope: A food drive is underway to assist Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church by collecting items for Thanksgiving baskets for 400 needy families. AUMC has been asked to supply two cans of fruit and two cans of vegetables per basket, for a total of 1,600 cans! Cash donations are also welcome! Place canned goods in the bins labeled "Rising Hope" through Sunday, Nov. 17. Rising Hope serves all those that live along the Route 1 Corridor.

Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner will be held on Nov. 13, 5:45 p.m. The program will be provided by the Youth Praise Band! The menu will be harvest salad, pot roast, egg noodles, honey spice acorn squash, Bananas Foster upside-down cake. Dinner reservations are due by noon on Tuesday, Nov. 12, and can be made on the web site or by contacting Joyce Kitzmiller, jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330. Cost is \$8 per person, \$3 for children under 12, \$25 per family maximum. Make checks payable to AUMC.

Share a Thanksgiving meal with our brothers and sisters in the Annandale/Heritage Drive campus area on Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 5 – 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the Thanksgiving Community Dinner! If you can bring a turkey, a side dish or dessert to share, please RSVP to Rev. Eduardo Carrillo, ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org.

Wizard of Oz Characters Chosen: Following auditions, the leading characters for AUMC's presentation of the Wizard of Oz have been chosen by Director of Music Pat Vaughn and Wizard of Oz Director Nancy Bonanno! They are: Dorothy Gale, Kyla Carney; Aunt Em, Margaret Vaughn; Uncle Henry/Emerald City Guard, Mark Pearson; Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch, Michelle Ohmke; Glinda the Good Witch, Jackie Long; Zeke/Cowardly Lion, Phil Krzywicki; Hickory/Tin Man, Adam Whitman; Hunk/Scarecrow, Justin Dean; Professor/Wizard of Oz, Gavin Dock; Singing Crow, Dean Marzullo; Singing Tree, Trisc Aust. All others who auditioned will be included in the chorus parts, which will be the Ozians, Winkies, Winged Monkeys and Munchkins. Chorus solos and small parts will be handed out after rehearsals begin. **Anyone interested in being part of the chorus**, please send an email with your name, age (if under 18 - must be in third grade or above) and contact information to Barbara Gordon, bgordon@annandale-umc.org. Volunteers will also be needed to assist with costumes, makeup, building/painting sets, selling tickets, and more. Email Barbara Gordon if interested. AUMC will present the Wizard of Oz during the evening of Feb. 27, 28 and March 1. A matinee will also be held on March 1.

Young Adults meet Nov. 10 and 24 and will begin at 12:30 p.m. in room 210 with a lunch (provided) followed by Bible study. All young adults are invited! For more information, contact Rev. Eduardo Carrillo - ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

American Legion Post 1976 will make its annual Veterans Day tribute to veterans buried in AUMC Cemetery on Monday, Nov. 11, at 9 a.m. 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. Veterans Day is an appropriate time to become acquainted with the dignity, beauty, and historical richness of the AUMC cemetery which contains not just the burial sites of the 35 military veterans to be honored this day, but also the resting places of many AUMC saints and members of our church's founding families. Following the cemetery tribute, Legion Post 1976 will lead a Veterans Day observance at 11 a.m. on the cannon island at the intersection of Columbia Pike and Backlick Road.

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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
Philip 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
George W. Hill, Sr., U.S. Army, Site 34A, passed 2011
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
Gene C. Trent, U.S. Army, Site 79F, passed 2013
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

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed., Nov. 6	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Nov. 12	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Nov. 12	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., Nov. 19	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 302

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Nov. 10, Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (UMH 857); 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 17, Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost: Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118 (UMH 839), 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, Nov. 10

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

Welcome Center: 8:30 a.m. K. Soulen | 11 a.m. K./A. Crane

Fellowship hour: Issues in Christianity Class

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. S. Groves, D. Pemberton, E. Sackey, S. Nkesi (c)
11 a.m. S. Fleming, P. Straub, R. Witkowski, P. Snitzer (c)

Sunday, Nov. 17

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. L. Miller; 11 a.m. C. Jones

Fellowship hour: Kairos Prison Ministry

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, S. Fleming, R. Roberts, E. McKenney (c)
11 a.m. R. Gallagher, C. Jones, C. Jones, P. Shockley (c)

AUMC is again hosting a FACETS

Hypothermia Response Week Dec. 1-8.

Here's how you, your family, your circle, your class or small group can help:

- Provide breakfast or dinner each day. Contact Pat Sherfey for details: psherfey@yahoo.com or 703-864-0356
- Provide hard-boiled eggs for breakfast or lunch each day. Contact Pat Sherfey
- Help with setup or staff shifts post-dinner, overnight and morning. Contact Erin McKenney, hoopsfan1@verizon.net, 703-403-1742 or Cyndi Jones, cyndij123@verizon.net, 571-212-8824
- Donate \$5 gift cards for McDonalds or Burger King
- Donate men's and women's long underwear and other adult winter clothes
- Donate mittens, hats, scarves, gloves, coats and heavy socks
- Donate toiletries: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, soap, etc.

Give gift cards to Erin or Cyndi or the church office; do not place in church mail boxes. Place clothing and other items in designated boxes by coat racks or in atrium. Sign up for volunteer shifts on the church website or the big board in the atrium by or contacting Erin or Cyndi.

The Weekday Preschool Consignment

Sale will be Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sale items will include clothes, toys, books, equipment, and furniture for children. For details, see www.AUMCConsignmentsale.com.

Help Needed to Locate Lost Lambs 2013

Please call the AUMC office (703-256-8330) if you have **a current and correct address** for the following people:

Velmar Davis	John Russell	Leah Sebetic
Laverne Davis	Denise Russell	Jonathan Sweet
Campbell Drew	John Arthur Sandwen	Ronda Sweet
Richard Erickson	Lee Sandwen	Charles Bladen
Alan Freitag	Mark Beery	Edgar Bradley III
Robin Freitag	Martin Brotemarkle	Scott Bradley
Mercy Gooding	Richard Brown	Anthony Bunte
Kathi Green	Audrey Brown	Charles Dwan
Mark Johnson	Philip Drew	Eugene Frinks
Laurie Johnson	Florence Gyamfi	Nancy Gallagher
Belinda King	John Harrison	Anita Goff
Tracy Marciniak	Anne Harrison	Margaret Moore
Omar Palpallatoc	Ellen Howard	William Rogers
Lilybeth Palpallatoc	Donna Jackson	Chan Rosado
Creta Payne	Linda Lauffer	Carla Rosado
Steven Philapy	Raymond Scott Lynch	Charles Wallace
Hyan Nam	Susan Moore	Diane Wallace
Joyce Piacine	Doris Pugh	

NEXT DEADLINE

Friday, Nov. 8 is the deadline for the Nov. 19 Witness which covers Nov. 24 and Dec. 1