



# AUMC WITNESS

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

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Sunday, Oct. 27, 3-6 p.m.

Fun activities for all ages plus an opportunity to support families in need!

Trunk or Treat 3-5 p.m.: kids, put on your costume and "Trick or Treat" in the safety of our closed parking lot. Candy and games galore! Adults: decorate your vehicle for the trick-or-treaters. Sign up your vehicle in advance; email Becki Stewart, [bstewart@annandale-umc.org](mailto:bstewart@annandale-umc.org).

Pumpkin decorating contest: Pumpkins galore for you and your family to decorate! To enter contest, sign up via email to Trish Bradley, [tbradley@annandale-umc.org](mailto:tbradley@annandale-umc.org).

Deluxe moon bounce, cookie walk, obstacle course, face painting, games and refreshments.

Chili cook-off and cobbler bake-off: Enjoy tasty treats and vote for your favorite. To enter contest, sign up via email to Eduardo Carrillo [ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org](mailto:ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org).

Help make sandwiches for the homeless and our neighbors in need.

Bring donations of non-perishable food (rice, beans, and canned goods) for the ACCA food pantry.

This event is co-sponsored by Children's Ministries, Youth, and Young Adults. For more information, visit [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org) or call 703-256-8330.



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## Stand for Children

*"Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me."*

- Luke 9:48a



Dear Friends,

I was in my first year at Harvard Divinity School when I was approached by a staff member of the Children's Defense Fund. I was invited to be a member of a committee to develop a national student leadership network for children. Every month, I travelled from Cambridge to Washington, DC to meet with other students, university administrators, and clergy from throughout the country to discuss issues confronting our nation's at-risk children and youth. I had worked with urban youth in tutoring programs and as a youth minister. Through these experiences, I had seen first-hand how national statistics on poverty, violence, education, abuse, etc., affected the personal lives of individual youth and their families. Through these experiences, I moved beyond sound bites and stereotypes and learned the names and faces of children who were suffering, children who could not vote, lobby, or advocate for themselves, children who needed people to speak on their behalf.

Through the Children's Defense Fund, I attended the Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry held annually at the former Alex Haley Farm in Tennessee. I met other faith leaders from across the country who also worked with at-risk youth. Together we prayed, studied, and strategized about how we could make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and youth in America. We reflected on how people of faith could help fulfill the Children's Defense Fund mission "to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities."

This past Sunday at AUMC, we participated in the National Observance of Children's Sabbath. An initiative of the Children's Defense Fund, Children's Sabbath is celebrated by people of faith throughout the country as a time to lift up children in need and to answer the call to pursue justice, mercy, and compassion. I hope that you were inspired by this worship service to participate in one of our church's ministries that help at-risk youth. I also hope that we will feel called, as a community of faith, into deeper conversation about how we can work for justice on behalf of all God's children, to welcome them as we would welcome Christ, and to boldly stand for children to create a more compassionate and just world.

Blessings,

Cynthia

### DATEBOOK

**Oct. 26** – Annandale Parade

**Oct. 27** – Fall Fun Fest

**Nov. 3** – Food Drive for ACCA

**Nov. 9** – Christmas Craft Bazaar

**Nov. 13** – Wednesday Night Together

**Nov. 15** – Brownies with Brown

**Mission trip to Haiti:** AUMC is putting together our next team to travel to Haiti from **Jan. 6-15, 2014**. We are continuing our efforts to serve God and strengthen our long-standing relationship with the people of Haiti. There are two positions available on this mission team. Please contact Mark Bradley at [Bradleyfam@aol.com](mailto:Bradleyfam@aol.com) for additional details. Deadline for commitment is **Nov. 3**.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

**Join the Festival Choir:** Planning is underway for the annual Christmas service on **Dec. 8**. If you are college-age or above and love to sing the songs of this season, we invite you to join the Adult Choir for this short time commitment. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8 p.m. in the Choir Room (lower level) through **Dec. 4**. If you are interested in joining or want more information, contact Pat Vaughn at pvaughn@annandale-umc.org.

**Book Drive:** The United Methodist Men is collecting used books to be sold during a Used Book Sale at the Christmas Craft Bazaar on **Nov. 9**. Check your bookcases and closets for used books and bring them to conference room 210 (adjacent to the church office) between now and **Nov. 8**. For more information, contact Cyra Doty at radu94@aol.com or 703-354-5330.

**Practice your English** by attending the ESL Book Club, which meets **Sundays** from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 302. The group is reading *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens. For more information, contact David Barker, 571-216-1636.

**Young Adults** meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 12:30 p.m., room 210. The next meeting is Oct. 27 and will begin with a lunch (provided) followed by Bible study. All young adults are invited! For more information, contact Rev. Eduardo Carrillo - ecarillo@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

**AARP Safe Driving Course for Seniors:** Monday and Tuesday, **Oct. 28 and 29**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (an hour off for lunch), Media Center. Those who complete the two-day course will receive a certificate to submit to their auto insurance company. This often results in a reduction of the insurance premium. For those who have completed the course in the past, many insurers require you to take the course every three years to maintain the rate reduction. The cost is \$12 for AARP members (bring your card) and \$14 for non-members. Space is limited so register in advance by calling Jane Underhill (703-573-2056) or Bob Herbst (703-941-5930). If you get an answering machine, leave your name and telephone number, and we will confirm your reservation. Pay on the first day of the course – cash or a check made out to AARP.

**Stamp Out Loneliness:** 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.

**AUMC’s Earth and Spirit Committee** is raising funds to purchase drinking water filters for the people of northern Ghana at a cost of \$250 each. To make a donation, make your check payable to AUMC with “E&S water filter” in the note line.

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

**The next Wednesday Night Together** is scheduled for Wednesday, **Nov. 13**. The program will be AUMC’s Youth Praise Band!

**Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, **Oct. 27**, 9:45 a.m., sanctuary. Hear a presentation about Discernment Refresh, the Church Council Retreat, and projected directions.

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month** and AUMC is blessed to have four wonderful pastors! Please take a moment and let them know how much they mean to you with a letter, a poem or a prayer.

**Food Drive:** AUMC’s Children’s Ministries are collecting donations for the ACCA Food Pantry every Sunday this month. Bring donations of non-perishable, canned and boxed food and place in the collection boxes in the Atrium for families in need in our neighborhood.

## CIRCLE NEWS

**DEBORAH:** Mon., Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., AUMC Rm. 210. Prog.: Stuffing Salvation Army Stockings. Hostess: Sandy Barker. Dev.: Carol Irons.

**LYDIA:** Thurs., Nov. 14, 10 a.m., AUMC Rm. 209. Prog.: Stuffing Salvation Army Stockings. Hostesses: Sherri Kenski and Nancy Sayre. Dev.: Nancy Sayre.

**MARTHA:** Mon., Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m., Heritage Drive Fellowship Hall. Prog.: Putting together Christmas gifts for women in Fluvanna Women’s Correctional Institute and stuffing Salvation Army Stockings.

**M&M’s:** Sat., Nov. 16, 8 a.m., at the home of Pat Sherfey.

**MIRIAM:** Thurs., Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m., AUMC Rm. 210. Prog.: Nancy Sherman- Working on crafts for St. Nick’s Workshop. Hostess: TBA. Dev.: Liz Plewes.

**PHOEBE:** Tues., Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. at Rustico in Ballston.

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

## MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Nov. 5	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., Nov. 6	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303

## LECTIONARY TEXTS

**Oct. 27, Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost:** Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65 (UMH 789); 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

**Nov. 3, Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost:** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144 (UMH 840); 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

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## WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

### Sunday, Oct. 27

**Door greeters:** 8:30 a.m. J.Vance, B. Brown, S. Naugle  
9:30 a.m. A.Witkowski, B. Otto  
10:30 a.m. L. McConville, E. Moss

**Welcome Center:** 8:30 a.m. M. Cody, 11 a.m. A. Lohr

**Fellowship hour:** Finance Committee

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, S. Fleming, S. Groves, E. McKenney (c)  
11 a.m. C. Jones, C. Jones, P. Straub, P. Shockley (c)

### Sunday, Nov. 3

**Door greeters:** 8:30 a.m. E. Wilson, C. Cox, S. Naugle  
9:30 a.m. M. Pearson  
10:30 a.m. D. Johnson, B. Miga

**Welcome Center:** 8:30 a.m. B. Herbst; 11 a.m. M. Sherwood

**Fellowship hour:** In His Steps Class

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, R. Roberts, E. Sackey, K. Sabo (c)  
11 a.m. R. Gallagher, C. Perdue, G. Sherwood, P. Adams (c)

**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, Children and youth ministries and DIRT (the disaster response team). The parade begins in the AUMC parking lot. The 1st Kings Bible Study group will provide coffee at the staging area and the DIRT team will provide doughnuts.

### Join AUMC's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

to march in the Annandale Fall Parade. Help raise awareness of human trafficking as a local issue and demonstrate to the community that the church stands against it. Brothers and sisters from other UMCs are invited to march with AUMC under a banner that reads "Annandale Against Human Trafficking" and bears the Methodist Cross and Flame logo. Everyone, regardless of church affiliation, is welcome, so invite your friends! You may sign up to march by emailing [aumchtff@gmail.com](mailto:aumchtff@gmail.com). Gather to march at 8:45 a.m. in our church parking lot, where the parade begins at 10 a.m. It ends at noon at the Safeway.

**AUMC has been, and always will be, an "open", welcoming church.** However, because of concerns for safety and security, the Trustees voted to upgrade several door locks. The upgraded security is expected to be completed by the end of this year. For those coming to worship on Sunday mornings, entrance to the church will be the same: the doors regularly unlocked Sunday mornings will continue to be unlocked. 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 the three doors which will have new security locks. More information will be included in the future issues of the Witness and future Sunday bulletins.

### Enjoy a fashion show, lunch, and

**Christmas shopping** at Drapers & Damons on Saturday, **Nov. 2**, at 12 noon. Proceeds from tickets go to help victims of human trafficking. A sign-up sheet will be available at coffee hour at the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force table Sunday morning.

**The Christmas Craft Bazaar** is coming **Nov. 9**. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up on Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9, during the Bazaar. If you can assist in any way, please email Cyra Doty at [radu94@pol.com](mailto:radu94@pol.com) or call 703-254-5330.

## NEXT DEADLINE

Friday, Oct. 25 is the deadline for the Nov. 5 Witness which covers Nov. 10 and 17