

AUMC's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet **Dec. 17 and 31** at 1 p.m. in room 303.

Christmas wreaths are being sold by Boy Scout Troop 150 before and after Sunday worship services, until they are sold out. All funds go toward camping trips, Scout events, and equipment.

Make a difference this Christmas season by helping to house the homeless, stop human trafficking or feed those in need. See the Giving Trees in the Atrium for ornaments, and stop by the table in Wright Hall to drop off your donation and receive a card.

Year-end reminders: All gifts to be credited for 2013 tax purposes must be in the church office by 11:30 a.m. on **Dec. 31** or postmarked by Dec. 31. Expense vouchers must be submitted by **Dec. 18**.

Bailey's Crossroads Hypothermia: Volunteers are needed to help with setup on nights when AUMC serves as an overflow site for the Bailey's Crossroads Homeless Shelter. Setup is easy and takes less than an hour. Contact Jay Morris at jmorris55@verizon.net or 703-200-6300 to sign up.

One-time driving opportunity: Drivers are needed Thursday, **Dec. 19**, 6:30 - 7 p.m., to take folks home following the food distribution at the Heritage Drive campus. Santa is going to drop by that evening and give the children bags of treats and adults bags of cooking staples. It will be difficult for folks to walk home carrying the extra bags. If you can drive one or more families to their nearby home, please contact Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424 or etclevenger@verizon.net.

End of Year Party: The Ogoni People of the Washington Metropolitan area are having their Year End Party on Saturday, **Dec. 21**, 3 p.m. in Wright Hall. Everyone is invited. The party is hosted by the Nkesi family, AUMC members. The Ogoni are one of the many indigenous people in southeast Nigeria.

A Brethren Christmas concert will be held Sunday, **Dec. 22** at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and are available after worship services Sunday mornings.

Christmas Eve: Dec. 24, 4 p.m., a Family Christmas Eve service; 7 and 11 p.m., Candlelight worship service. Childcare will be available at the 7 p.m. service.

The Haiti Mission Team needs donations of children's play items. Please bring and place in marked boxes in the Atrium by **Dec. 27**: boxes of 8-count Crayola crayons (note number and brand of crayons. Hint: available for \$1/each at Michael's), 1 megaphone, 2 tarps (20' x 30'), 6 regulation-size soccer balls, 6 Chinese jump ropes, 4 jump ropes 12' to 14' long, 8 plastic beach balls (to use with parachutes), 350 Quaker Variety Bars (48 count pack available at BJ's), child-oriented stickers, clothes pins, and 350 felt-tip markers. Contact Pam Jones, 703-820-0058 or foueverfree@verizon.net.

To place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Dec. 24, please complete this form and return it to the church office with a check payable to AUMC for \$10.50 per plant **today, Dec. 8. Please use a separate form for each plant ordered. No telephone orders will be accepted.**

Poinsettia given by: _____

Phone: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

In memory/honor of: _____

(Check one) I will take the poinsettia Give poinsettia to shut-ins

Sandwich making and food distribution volunteers are needed at the Heritage Drive campus every Thursday. Help make sandwiches for guests at Bailey's Homeless Shelter from noon – 1 p.m. and distribute food to our neighbors from 5 – 7 p.m. Call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.



Academy of Discipleship
Annandale United Methodist Church

Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver

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Advent Study 2013: "Messianic Prophecies: Hope for a Savior". Today: Transformed by Righteousness.

Next Sunday, Dec. 15: Adult Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Immanuel Sunday school class is now meeting on the main campus in Room 300. Next Sunday, Dec 15, they will begin a study of the book *Old Testament Prophets for Today*. Author Carolyn Sharp offers a brief introduction to each of the prophets, developing the theological themes as well as how the prophetic message is relevant today. Led by Janet Woods, this class welcomes new participants.

Academy of Discipleship Spring Semester: Have an idea for a class or small group? Interested in becoming a small group leader? Contact Rev. Johnson-Oliver to update your class information for spring or to share your ideas about small groups at AUMC.

THE GRID

TONIGHT is our Ramp Christmas Party. Pizzas will be served; bring a drink or snack to share. **Wear your ugly Christmas sweaters and bring a wrapped White Elephant gift** (under \$5).

ELVES NEEDED! Youth and adult volunteers needed for our Santa's Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 14. See online registration for all available positions.

Youth Sunday School classes will combine and all meet in the Youth Room on **Dec. 15 and 22**.

NEXT WEEK during Ramp (12/15), we will be attending a Live Nativity at Parkwood Baptist Church. This event is free – be sure to sign-up online to ensure your spot in the van. Additional drivers needed – meet at AUMC at 6 p.m., returning 8 p.m. No dinner will be served – please plan accordingly.



Children's Ministries

(Director: Becki Stewart, bstewart@annandale-umc.org)

Christmas Pageant – LAST DAY TO REGISTER. Children 3 yr old class (as of Sept. 30)-5th grade. Get and turn in forms at the Parent Resource Area (3rd floor across from 310).

LAST SUNDAY for Heifer International purchase!

Advent Calendars are available in the Atrium and the Parent Resource Area on the 3rd floor.

Saturday, Dec. 14: PAGEANT PRACTICE

9-11:30 a.m.: 4th-5th gr. and ALL Guardian Angels. **10-11:30 a.m.:** 4 yrs- 3rd gr.

Saturday, Dec. 15: ST. NICK'S WORKSHOP, Noon - 2 p.m. Light lunch, craft activities, cookie decorating, shop the Secret Santa Shop (\$1-5) with the Youth Elves, picture with Santa and more. Invite your friends and neighbors for the children's event! Follows Pageant practice.

Thanks to the 3rd-5th grade KIMyr (Kids In Mission Year Round) for preparing and serving the meal for our Hypothermia guests on Dec. 1.

...AND I WILL SUPPORT THE CHURCH WITH MY PRAYERS,
MY PRESENCE, MY GIFTS AND MY SERVICE.

OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 1

Sunday Worship: 444

Sunday School: 125

Offerings last Sunday: \$22,521.00

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of their mother, Marti Moyer, by Andi Lohr and Mitzi Sherwood.

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother, Julia D. Chase, by Sandra Chase.

Rosebud on the Altar celebrates the birth of Andrew Benjamin Schools, son of Kristina and Jason Schools, born Nov. 30. Andrew is the grandson of Sheila Kyer.

Flowers in the Atrium are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Cameron Nathaniel Snitzer by the Snitzer family.

OUR PRAYERS: (Please put prayer requests in writing or call the office.)

For our ongoing ministries

For the sick and those in need:

Adam Oas, nephew of Debbie Strickland

Tari Foltz, daughter-in-law of Betsy Clevenger

Kelly Maurer, friend of Louise Golobic

Kim Good, friend of Sheila Kyer

Mike Herrman, friend of Erin McKenney

Jane Kable, mother of Michelle Ohmke

Chip Boswell, cousin of Davis Oliver

Lauren Stewart Ball, daughter-in-law of Sherri Kenski

Maranda Mazyck, mother of Robin Mazyck

Paul Foltz, grandson of Betsy Clevenger

Ray Crump, friend of Vincent and Jeanne Guidi

Meg Barr, friend of Wanda Carr

Brittney Gunn, niece of Wanda Carr

Michael Myers, nephew of Carol Burns

Nancy Morris, friend of Clarence Brown

Natalie Cheatham, friend of Trish Bradley

Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones

Laurence Rabarijohn, mother of Nivo Robjhon

Jay Walker, friend of Julie West

Arlene Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase

Kiesha Morris, goddaughter of Cyndi Jones

Carolyn Johnson, friend of Allan Cogswell

Landyn Lee Jensen, son of Jaclyn Bradley

Polly Robinson

Rick Hampton

Victoria Mayo

John Reeves

Kyunga Han,

Ruth Grogan

Donna Dye

Foster Caffi, friend of Sandra Chase

Evie Gibson

Helen Grant

Foy LaFone

Virginia Crane

Ellie Whitfield, CDC

Jeryl McLeod, sister of Jaie Brown

Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn

Sandra Jewett, friend of Elaina Carrillo

Bert Harrold, friend of Jerry Beyer

Jeffrey Gaines, friend of Jaie Brown

Jeryl McLeod, sister of Jaie Brown

Dr. Tara L. Covey, friend of Sandra Chase

For bereaved members and their families:

Mollie Yancey and Barbara Yancey and family on the death of their husband and father, John Yancey

Events at AUMC!

Secret Santa Shop items are due today in the atrium and 3rd floor Parent Resource Area. **Today's the last Sunday** to give an animal through Heifer Project International to a hungry family.

Security system – AUMC's new security system will become operational on Monday, Dec. 9. During office hours (8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday) use door # 2 to enter the church (center front door with straight ramp). A bell and intercom on the column near the handicap button will connect you to the church office and someone there will buzz the door open. During Weekday Preschool and Early Learning Program drop off and pick up times, that door will be unlocked. After 4:30 pm use the the unlocked far left glass door of the main entrance (#1). On Sundays, the doors will be open as usual. If you unlock a door, please lock it behind you. Exit any door at anytime.

Wednesday Night Together dinner (5:45 p.m.) and Advent Worship and Communion will be on **Dec. 11**. The menu will feature baked potato soup, mixed green salad, biscuits, and Oreo cheesecake cupcake. The meal price (pay at the door) is \$8 per person, \$3 for children under 12, and \$25 per family maximum. Dinner reservations are due by noon on Monday, **Dec. 9**, at www.annandale-umc.org or by contacting Joyce Kitzmiller, jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

Seeking chorus members for the Wizard of Oz: Children (3rd grade and above), youth and adults interested in being a flying monkey, Munchkin, Ozian, Winkie, or another "chorus" part in AUMC's production of *The Wizard of Oz* should contact Barbara Gordon, bgordon@annandale-umc.org. Performances are scheduled for **Feb. 27, 28 and March 1, 2014**. Rehearsals begin in January.

Rising Hope Christmas Angel gifts are due back to AUMC by **Dec. 10**. Gifts can be for boys or girls, ages 5-16, and the suggested spending is \$15-40. For details, see the Giving Trees in the Atrium.

A Christmas Love Feast will be held at the Heritage Drive campus on Sunday, **Dec. 22, 7 p.m.** **Anyone who would like to sing at the Love Feast** is invited to attend rehearsals with the Heritage choir on Tuesdays, **Dec. 10 and 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

The annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented on **Dec. 15** at both worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. The children will retell the story of Jesus' birth complete with Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, animals, and more! Check the back of this insert for practice details.

An Evening in December Christmas Recital will be presented on **Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.** Members of the congregation will fill the sanctuary with songs of the season.

UMW is selling nuts after worship services. To reserve a case or make a special request, call Joni Laurence at 703-941-7481 or Sally Bizer at 703-256-3373. Thank you for supporting UMW missions.

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. Bring items to the box outside of the church office; give stamps to the office staff.

You are invited to place an angel on the atrium Christmas tree in honor or memory of a loved one, or to the Glory of God. After Christmas, take the angel home or donate it for future years.