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MY PRESENCE, MY GIFTS AND MY SERVICE.

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	Valorie Andrist
Tari Foltz, daughter-in-law of Betsy Clevenger	Dorothy Armstrong
Kelly Maurer, friend of Louise Golobic	Polly Robinson
Kim Good, friend of Sheila Kyer	Lisa Thomasson Fitchett
Mike Herrman, friend of Erin McKenney	Rick Hampton
Jane Kable, mother of Michelle Ohmke	Preston Adams
Chip Boswell, cousin of Davis Oliver	Victoria Mayo
Lauren Stewart Ball, daughter-in-law of Sherri Kenski	Stephen Strickland
Maranda Mazyck, mother of Robin Mazyck	John Reeves
Paul Foltz, grandson of Betsy Clevenger	Lois Lowry
Ray Crump, friend of Vincent and Jeanne Guidi	Kyunga Han, sister of Sook Han
Meg Barr, friend of Wanda Carr	Shannon Svenson
Brittney Gunn, niece of Wanda Carr	Foster Caffi, friend of Sandra Chase
Michael Myers, nephew of Carol Burns	Ruth Grogan
Nancy Morris, friend of Clarence Brown	Kayla Sherfey
Natalie Cheatham, friend of Trish Bradley	Donna Dye
Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones	Kate Svenson
Laurence Rabarijohn, mother of Nivo Robjohn	Evie Gibson
Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn	Charles George
Jay Walker, friend of Julie West	Helen Grant
Sandra Jewett, friend of Elaina Carrillo	Helen Smith
Arlene Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	Foy LaFone
Bert Harrold, friend of Jerry Beyer	Frank West
Kiesha Morris, goddaughter of Cyndi Jones	Virginia Crane
Carolyn Johnson, friend of Allan Cogswell	Mary Ann Marples
Landyn Lee Jensen, son of Jaelyn Bradley	Ellie Whitfield, CDC
Jeffrey Gaines, friend of Jaie Brown	Jeryl McLeod, sister of Jaie Brown
Dr. Tara L. Covey, friend of Sandra Chase	Robin Evans

"Judy and I thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers following my heart surgery. We greatly appreciate the expressions of concern from the AUMC staff and congregation, and feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful and caring church. I am well on my way to a full recovery!"  
- Rick Hampton

For bereaved members and their families:

Pat Vaughn and family on the death of his aunt, Jo Vaughn.  
Long-time AUMC member Elizabeth Barrow's interment is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 16, 1 p.m., Arlington Cemetery.

OUR SERVICES:

Greeters: Jessica Vance, Brittlea Brown, Steve Naugle,  
Amanda Witkowski, Brad Otto, Donald Johnson, Bliss Miga  
Fellowship Hours: Trustees Committee

**Hearing devices are available upon request from the ushers.**

Presiding Bishop: Young Jim Cho, Richmond Area Virginia Conference

District Superintendent: Rev. Kenneth Jackson

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Clarence R. Brown, Jr.

Associate Pastor: Rev. Eduardo Carrillo

Associate Pastor, Adult Discipleship: Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver, J.D.

Associate Pastor, Hispanic Outreach: Rev. Luz Zuleta

Accountant: Wanda Carr Dir. of Weekday Children's Programs: Maribeth Day

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Communications Manager: Barbara Gordon Membership Secretary: Dottie Rogerson

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Dir. of Music Ministries: Patrick Vaughn Pianist: Justin B. Dean



(Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver, cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45 a.m.

Bible Fellowship is studying Romans in Room 111.

Exploring Faith in Life is studying Advent Study 2013 in Room 303.

NEW! Immanuel Class is studying "Old Testament Prophets for Today" in Room 300.

In His Steps is studying Advent Study 2013 in Room 302.

Issues in Christianity is studying When Christians Get it Wrong in Room 307.

Kaleidoscope meets monthly.

Parents and Promises meets in Room 305.

Spiritual Heroes meets in Room 210.

Women in Search of Truth is studying Esther by Beth Moore in Room 306.

Women of the Day is studying Advent Study 2013 in the Parlor.

Williams Bible Class is studying Men of the Bible in Room 118.

Thursday Small Group is also studying Advent Study 2013 on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in Room 210.

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

## THE GRID

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

TONIGHT is our Ramp Christmas Party. Pizzas will be served – be sure to bring a drink or a snack to share. Also don't forget to wear your ugly Christmas sweaters and bring a wrapped White Elephant gift (under \$5) for a gift exchange.



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

9:45 a.m. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES OR CHAPEL TODAY. Enjoy the Christmas Pageant!

Breakfast for children and volunteers participating in the pageant in Wright Hall.

Christmas Pageant Thanks...

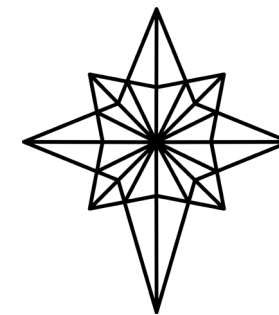
Today we celebrate the gift of the Christmas Pageant brought to us by our children. We are very blessed to have Marianna Conroy who as Producer spent countless hours organizing all the details for the Pageant. Many thanks to our director, Nancy Bonanno, and to all of the wonderful volunteers who make this wonderful tradition possible!

We appreciate your generous gift of time and talent.

St. Nick's Workshop: thanks to those who made the St. Nick's Workshop a festive time for families to be together during the Advent season. Thanks to all who donated items for the Secret Santa Shop. Proceeds go to support Youth and Children's Ministry projects. Thank you Nancy Sherman for organizing crafts, to our wonderful youth "elves", and especially to Joni Laurence for all her work for the Secret Santa Shop.

Pick up your family Advent Calendar! Materials available in the Atrium and the Parent Resource Area on the 3rd floor.

Come KNOW, GROW, and SOW with us!



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

December 15, 2013 • 8:30 and 11 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

WELCOME OF VISITORS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

"African Advent Carol"

Barrett  
Adult Choir

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Hymnal No. 206

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Good friends, rejoice. God is with you.

People: Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God, still God is with us.

Leader: God's love is forever. You are beloved.

People: Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.

Leader: God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.

ALL: Praise be to God for such wondrous love. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Our liturgy continues...

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Lord of Joy we await your coming with great expectation. Our lives are marked by joy even when our circumstance might prove to the contrary. May we bring joy to every heart this Advent season. Amen.

RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymnal No. 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Carrillo

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE  
OFFERTORY

Justin Dean, piano

+DOXOLOGY

Hymnal No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN

"What Child is This?", vs. 1

Hymnal No. 219

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:2-11

Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Is He the One?"

Dr. Brown

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### SENDING FORTH

+RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Joy to the World", vs. 1, 2, 4

Hymnal No. 246

+BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

"Star-Child"

\*FWS Hymnal No. 2095

*Hope for peace Child, God's stupendous sign,  
down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine,  
This year, this year, let the day arrive when  
Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

+POSTLUDE

Justin Dean, piano

+Please stand as you are able.

\* Faith We Sing Supplementary Hymnal

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OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 8 Sunday Worship: 419 Sunday School: 95  
Offerings Last Sunday: \$12,361.51

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of their grandson, Matthew Lopez on his birthday, by Liz and Tom Plewes.

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of their grandson, Joshua Lopez on his birthday, by Liz and Tom Plewes.

Flowers in the Atrium are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of Hazel J. Hartsoe by Joseph D. Hartsoe.

## Events at AUMC!



**Advent Study 2013:** "Messianic Prophecies: Hope for a Savior". TODAY: Rejoice in the Lord! See back of bulletin for groups participating in this study.

**Immanuel Sunday school class** now meets in room 300. Today, the class begins a study of *Old Testament Prophets for Today*. Author Carolyn Sharp offers a brief introduction to the prophets, developing theological themes as well as how the message is relevant. Led by Janet Woods, this class welcomes new participants.

**Tonight! An Evening in December Christmas recital** will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Members of the congregation will bring their gifts of instrumental and vocal music and fill the sanctuary with songs of the season.

**Wednesday Night Together** fellowship dinner and Advent Worship and Communion will be held on **Dec. 18**, beginning at 5:45 p.m. The menu will be chicken noodle soup, garden ranch salad, biscuits, and gingerbread. The meal price is \$8 per person, \$3 for children under 12, and \$25 per family maximum. Dinner reservations are due by noon tomorrow, **Dec. 16**, at [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org) or by contacting Joyce Kitzmiller, [jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org](mailto:jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org) or 703-256-8330.

**Due to last week's inclement weather**, sandwich making for Poe Elementary has been rescheduled for Tuesday, **Dec. 17**, 1:30 p.m. at the Heritage Drive campus.

**A Christmas Love Feast** will be held at the Heritage Drive campus on Sunday, **Dec. 22**, 7 p.m. A Love Feast seeks to strengthen the bonds and the spirit of harmony, goodwill, and congeniality, as well as to forgive past disputes and instead love one another. Anyone who would like to sing at the Love Feast is invited to attend rehearsals with the Heritage choir on Tuesday, **Dec. 17**, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

**Drivers are needed Thursday, Dec. 19**, between 6:30 and 7 p.m., to take folks home after 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 (flour, oil, sugar, etc.). In the dark, cold December evening, it will be difficult for folks to walk home carrying the extra bags. If you can provide transportation on Dec. 19 to one or more families from the Heritage Drive campus to their nearby home, please contact Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424 or [etclevenger@verizon.net](mailto: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, members of AUMC. The Ogoni are one of the many indigenous people in the region of southeast Nigeria.

**Christmas Caroling:** AUMC children and youth will be caroling at Evergreen House on **Dec. 22**, 3-5 p.m., and anyone who wants to join the kids should meet at the church at 3 p.m. Hot chocolate and treats will follow the singing!

**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 today.

**Christmas Eve services: 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.

**Make a difference this Christmas season!** You can help house the homeless, stop human trafficking or feed those in need by making a donation on behalf of your relatives or friends. 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 gift card.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Dec. 22** – Brethren Christmas Concert; Love Feast at Heritage Drive campus

**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve worship at 4, 7 and 11 p.m.

**Dec. 29** – ONE worship service, 10:30 a.m., led by college students

**Jan. 5** – ONE worship service, 10:30 a.m.

**Jan. 8** – Wednesday Night Together



**Welcome Desk volunteers needed** for 11 a.m. worship service. If interested, contact Kendall Soulen, [ksoulen@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:ksoulen@wesleyseminary.edu) or 703-624-0814.

**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](mailto:jmorris55@verizon.net) or 703-200-6300 to sign up.

**The Haiti Mission Team needs donations** of children's play equipment. Please bring the following items and place in marked boxes in the Atrium by Friday, **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 BJs), child-oriented stickers, clothes pins, and 350 felt tip markers any size box. For more information, contact Pam Jones at 703-820-0058 or [foueverfree@verizon.net](mailto:foueverfree@verizon.net).

**Planning is underway** for an English as a Second Language program at the Heritage Drive campus. Teachers are needed and ESL teacher training is scheduled for **Jan. 25** from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. To sign up or for details, email Erin Finn, [EFinn@LCNV.org](mailto:EFinn@LCNV.org), who is Director of Classroom Programs for the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia. In your email, please note "I'm interested in becoming an ESL instructor, preferably at the Annandale United Methodist Church trial group at the Heritage campus location." Classes will begin once we have enough volunteers, hopefully in January.

**Wizard of Oz Chorus:** Adults, youth and children interested in being a monkey, munchkin, or other "chorus" part in AUMC's production of the Wizard of Oz should contact Barbara Gordon, [bgordon@annandale-umc.org](mailto:bgordon@annandale-umc.org). Rehearsals begin in January.

**The Bread Team needs volunteers** to make sure that loaves of bread are available on Sundays for the ushers to distribute to first-time visitors. Contact Sheila Kyer, 703-981-6080, to volunteer or get details.

**Children's Clothes Closet:** Please donate new or gently used clothing for infants and children who live around the Heritage Drive campus. A collection box is located on the third floor Parent Resource Area (near room 311).

**Caring Ministries** is collecting stationary and stamps for incarcerated women. Bring items to the box outside of the church office; give stamps to the office staff.

**Fighting hunger during the holidays:** During the very busy holiday weeks, our neighbors still are hungry and need the food we provide each week. Volunteers are needed at the Heritage Drive campus every Thursday, including Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Help make sandwiches for Bailey's Homeless Shelter's guests from noon – 1 p.m. and help distribute food from 5 – 7 p.m. For details call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

**Inclement Weather Announcements:** When the weather is severe enough to cancel services/activities, information will be recorded at 703-256-8330.

**With AUMC's new security system**, to enter the building during office hours use the center front door with straight ramp. During WPS and ELP drop off and pick up times, that door will be unlocked. Otherwise the door will be locked. A button and intercom on the column near the handicap button will connect you to the church office and someone there will buzz the door open. After 4:30 p.m. use the far left glass door of the main entrance. On Sundays, the doors will be open as usual. Exit any door.