

...AND I WILL SUPPORT THE CHURCH WITH MY PRAYERS,
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:

Sherry Meadors, mother of Tabitha Temple	Luke Stewart
Ella Jane, granddaughter of Mike Moser	Valorie Andrist
Adam Oas, nephew of Debbie Strickland	Dorothy Armstrong
Tari Foltz, daughter-in-law of Betsy Clevenger	Polly Robinson
Kelly Maurer, friend of Louise Golobic	Lisa Thomasson Fitchett
Kim Good, friend of Sheila Kyer	Rick Hampton
Mike Herrman, friend of Erin McKenney	Preston Adams
Jane Kable, mother of Michelle Ohmke	Stephen Strickland
Chip Boswell, cousin of Davis Oliver	Victoria Mayo
Lauren Stewart Ball, daughter-in-law of Sherri Kenski	John Reeves
Maranda Mazyck, mother of Robin Mazyck	Shannon Svenson
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	Ruth Grogan
Brittney Gunn, niece of Wanda Carr	Kayla Sherfey
Michael Myers, nephew of Carol Burns	Donna Dye
Nancy Morris, friend of Clarence Brown	Kate Svenson
Natalie Cheatham, friend of Trish Bradley	
Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones	
Foster Caffi, friend of Sandra Chase	Robert Evans
Laurence Rabarijohn, mother of Nivo Robjhn	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
Dr. Tara L. Covey, friend of Sandra Chase	Virginia Crane
Carolyn Johnson, friend of Allan Cogswell	Mary Ann Marples
Landyn Lee Jensen, son of Jaclyn Bradley	Ellie Whitfield, CDC
Jeffrey Gaines, friend of Jaie Brown	Jeryl McLeod, sister of Jaie Brown

For bereaved members and their families:

Pat Vaughn and family on the death of his aunt, Jo Vaughn.
Cyndi Jones and family on the death of her goddaughter, Kiesha Morris.

OUR SERVICES:

Greeters: Emily Wilson, Charles Cox, Steve Naugle,
Mark Pearson, Wilton Ward
Fellowship Hours: United Methodist Men

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
Assistant to DCEC: Stephanie Haley	Dir. of Youth Ministries: Trish Bradley
Business Administrator: Garry Bell	Facilities Maintenance Manager: Taye Nadi
Cemetery Manager: Mike Moser	Media Specialist: Diana Dzikiewicz
Communications Manager: Barbara Gordon	Membership Secretary: Dottie Rogerson
Dir. of Christian Ed. for Children: Becki Stewart	Office Manager: Joyce Kitzmiller
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 is studying “Old Testament Prophets for Today” in Room 300.

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

Issues in Christianity will resume on Jan. 5 and study the Afterlife in Room 307.

Kaleidoscope meets monthly.

Parents and Promises meets in Room 305.

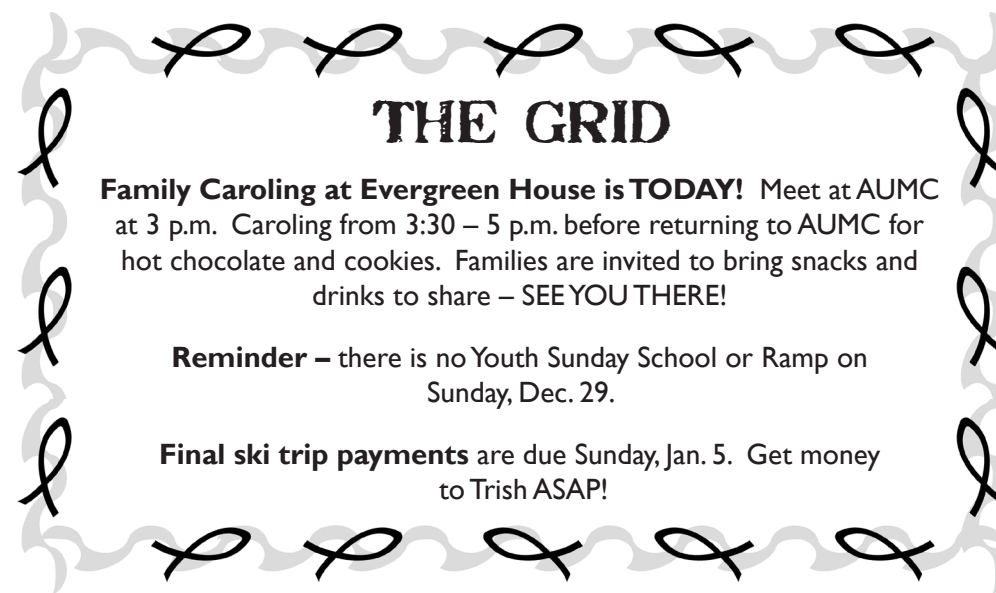
Spiritual Heroes meets in Room 210.

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.



THE GRID

Family Caroling at Evergreen House is TODAY! Meet at AUMC at 3 p.m. Caroling from 3:30 – 5 p.m. before returning to AUMC for hot chocolate and cookies. Families are invited to bring snacks and drinks to share – SEE YOU THERE!

Reminder – there is no Youth Sunday School or Ramp on Sunday, Dec. 29.

Final ski trip payments are due Sunday, Jan. 5. Get money to Trish ASAP!



Children's Ministries ☀

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2 year olds – 5th Grade: 9:45 a.m.

Celebration Choir (K -5th Grade): 9:15 a.m., Room 311

Cherub Choir (2-3 year old and 4 year old class): During Sunday School

Pick up PICTURES WITH SANTA from the Atrium.

UPCOMING

Dec. 24, 4 p.m.: Family Christmas Eve Service.

A special service for families that includes familiar carols, the telling of the story, candlelight, and the children coming to bring stars to place on the nativity scene. Children's Choirs will sing.

Dec. 29: No Sunday School, choir, or chapel for children.

Sunday School resumes Jan. 5.

Children's Choirs and Chapel resumes Jan. 12.

Come KNOW, GROW, and SOW with us!

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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

December 22, 2013 • 8:30 and 11 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

WELCOME OF VISITORS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Christmas Presence”

arr. Parks
Brethren

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”, vs. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7
Hymnal No. 211

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

People: **Thanks be to the God of light.**

Leader: In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and peace.

People: **Thanks be to the God of peace.**

Leader: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

People: **That sign is in the One to come--the One that God is sending.**

Leader: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.

People: **And so we cry to the heavens in our distress. Our cries are heard!
God is responding in love and hope.**

Leader: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

People: **Let us be ready to receive the blessed gift of the Savior.**

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Let us pray:

All: **God of Light, God of Hope, we come and gather this morning knowing that your never-ending presence is with us. We recognize that sometimes we do not acknowledge your steadfast love in our lives, that sometimes our lives become so busy that we leave little to no room for you. But even when we are in the midst of our darkest hour, your light shines through and illuminates every corner of our hearts. Let us remain in your love, in your light, in your Holy Presence. 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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11 a.m.) Hymnal No. 39

Baptismal Candidate:

Jayden Kyan Coleman, son of Eddie and Anna Coleman

Refrain: *Jayden Kyan, God claims you.*

God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.

We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be. [Refrain.]

We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow. [Refrain.]

We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. [Refrain.]

And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lullaby. [Refrain.]

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Becki Stewart

(11 a.m. – Children may leave for Children's Chapel)

ANTHEM "Do You Hear What I Hear?" arr. Simeone

Brethren

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

LAY READING Matthew 1:18-25

8:30 a.m. B. Senyitko, 11 a.m. L. Witkowski

+HYMN "Come, Emmanuel" On Screens

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE Isaiah 7:10-16

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "God With Us" Rev. Carrillo

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING FORTH

+HYMN OF RESPONSE "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Hymnal No. 220

+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

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

OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 15 Sunday Worship: 654 Sunday School: 121

Offerings Last Sunday: \$30,579.56

Congratulations to Rudy and Sue Meekins who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary Dec. 13.

Congratulations to Danny Laurence, who is graduating Dec. 21 from the University of Maryland. If you, your son or daughter are graduating in December from a college or university, please send an email to bgordon@annandale-umc.org so the graduates' names can be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Events at AUMC!



Advent Study 2013: "Messianic Prophecies: Hope for a Savior". **Today:** God With Us! See back of bulletin for groups participating in this study.

Christmas Caroling: AUMC children and youth will be caroling at Evergreen today, 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 tonight at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance after worship today or \$15 at the door.

A Christmas Love Feast will be held at the Heritage Drive campus tonight at 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.

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.

Holiday Schedule: The Church office will be closed on Christmas day, Wednesday, **Dec. 25,** Thursday, **Dec. 26,** and Wednesday, **Jan. 1.**

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

The Haiti Mission Team needs donations of children's play equipment. The team will depart for Haiti on **Jan. 6** and is scheduled for construction work and providing Vacation Bible School for the 300 to 350 Haitian children. Please bring the following items and place in marked boxes in the Atrium by Friday, **Dec. 27:** 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.

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 staff.



Mark Your Calendar

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

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.

Bailey's Crossroads Hypothermia: Volunteers are needed to help with setup on nights when the Bailey's Crossroads Homeless Shelter is at capacity and AUMC serves as an overflow site. Setup is easy and takes less than an hour, and it ensures that the homeless men and women in our area have a safe, warm place to spend the night. Contact Jay Morris at jmorris55@verizon.net or 703-200-6300 to sign up.

ESL Teachers Needed: 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. (snow date Feb 1). Training will include basics of language learning and teaching as well as practice putting lessons together. To sign up for the training or for more information, send an email to Erin Finn 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 as soon as we have enough volunteers to teach ESL, hopefully in January. ESL classes will be at the Heritage campus, the training will be at Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church.

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.

Welcome Desk volunteers are needed for 11 a.m. worship service. If interested, contact Kendall Soulen, ksoulen@wesleyseminary.edu or 703-624-0814.

Wizard of Oz Chorus: Adults, youth and children 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 for more information. The full production is scheduled for **Feb. 27, 28 and March 1,** 2014. 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. The volunteers pick up loaves of bread at an Annandale bakery on Saturdays, wrap them up, and bring them to church by the 8:30 a.m. worship service the following day. The number and rotation of volunteers needed depends on how many volunteer. To volunteer, or for more information, contact Sheila Kyer, 703-981-6080.

Children's Clothes Closet: Donations of new or gently used clothing for infants and children are being collected for families who live around the Heritage Drive campus. A collection box is located on the third floor of AUMC Parent Resource Area (near room 311).

Inclement Weather Announcements: When the weather is severe enough to cancel services/activities, information will be recorded on the office voice mail system. Call 703-246-8330 to hear the recorded message.