

...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:

Betty Mitchell, mother of Betsy Clevenger	
Lisa King and twins, niece of Margi McCarthy	
Bryan Johnston, brother of Sindy Keplinger	
Alexis Kramer, friend of Mark and Dantria Bradley	
Jordan Householder, friend of Mark and Dantria Bradley	Luke Stewart
Ella Jane, granddaughter of Mike Moser	
Adam Oas, nephew of Debbie Strickland	
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	Stephen Strickland
Lauren Stewart Ball, daughter-in-law of Sherri Kenski	Victoria Mayo
Maranda Mazyck, mother of Robin Mazyck	Virginia Crane
Paul Foltz, grandson of Betsy Clevenger	Lois Lowry
Ray Crump, friend of Vincent and Jeanne Guidi	
Kyunga Han, sister of Sook Han	Foster Caffi, friend of Sandra Chase
Meg Barr, friend of Wanda Carr	Shannon Svenson
Brittney Gunn, niece of Wanda Carr	Ruth Grogan
Michael Myers, nephew of Carol Burns	Kayla Sherfey
Nancy Morris, friend of Clarence Brown	Donna Dye
Natalie Cheatham, friend of Trish Bradley	Kate Svenson
Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones	
Laurence Rabarijohn, mother of Nivo Robjhon	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
Dr. Tara L. Covey, friend of Sandra Chase	Frank West
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:
 Joanne Ross and family on the death of her husband, George Ross

If you placed a name on the prayer list that can now be removed, please contact Dottie Rogerson in the church office, drogerson@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

OUR SERVICE:
 Greeters: Emily Wilson, Charles Cox, Mark Pearson,
 Liz McConville, Elizabeth Moss
 Fellowship Hours: Bible Fellowship Class

Hearing devices are available upon request from the ushers.
Presiding Bishop: Young Jin 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
 Dir. of Christian Ed. for Children: Becki Stewart Dir. of Youth Ministries: Trish Bradley
 Dir. of Music Ministries: Patrick Vaughn Pianist: Justin B. Dean
 Dir. of Weekday Children's Programs: Maribeth Day



(Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver, cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org)
NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 –
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45 a.m.
Bible Fellowship is studying Romans in Room 111.
Exploring Faith in Life meets in Room 303.
Immanuel is studying *Old Testament Prophets for Today* in Room 300.
In His Steps resumes its study of *Love Walked Among Us* in Room 302.
Issues in Christianity is studying 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 resumes its study of *Facing Your Giants* in the Parlor.
Williams Bible Class is studying Men of the Bible in Room 118.

THE GRID
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
Grades 6-7: room 209
Grades 8-9: room 308
Grades 10-12: Youth Room (room 105)

Don't forget Ramp tonight - 5 to 7:30 p.m. See you there!

Final payments for the Ski Trip are due to Trish today.

 **Children's Ministries** ☀️
 (Director: Becki Stewart, bstewart@annandale-umc.org)

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 3 years - 5th Grade, 9:45 a.m.
Little Lambs Class (2-3 year olds): Room 206
Good Shepherd Class (4 year olds): Room 312
GODLY PLAY (Kindergarten through 5th Grade): 3rd floor Classrooms
Chapel, Celebration Singers and Cherub Choir resumes Jan. 12

Register your child for Sunday School and Chapel. Forms available from teachers and on 3rd floor.

Pick up PICTURES WITH SANTA from the 3rd Floor Parent Resource Area. (across from 310).

Job well done! Congratulations to the 3rd-4th grade class who helped raise over \$3100 for Heifer International. Gifts to Heifer help purchase the gift of an animal to help a family feed themselves. Thanks to 3rd- 4th grade teachers and to everyone who contributed!

Come KNOW, GROW, and SOW with us!



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
January 5, 2014, 10:30 a.m. • EPIPHANY SUNDAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE
WELCOME OF VISITORS
+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
VOLUNTARY Justin Dean

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" *FWS No. 2173

+CALL TO WORSHIP
 Leader: Darkness is not limited to night skies; darkness invades our spirits and our souls.
People: In darkness of doubt and despair we have lived, until we witnessed the birth of the Savior.
 Leader: Now the light has truly come to us!
People: Darkness has been banished away!
 Leader: Arise! Shine! For the Light of God's love has come!
All: And we shall be led to that Light in joy and celebration. Amen.

+OPENING PRAYER Rev. Carrillo
Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise Ones, who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Becki Stewart
 (No Children's Chapel on Communion Sundays)

ANTHEM "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Farnell
 Donna Morgan, Jennifer Pagnard and Christi Schwarten, trio

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SERMON SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60:1-9
 Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Light Still Shines" Dr. Brown

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Minister: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**
All: **Glory to God, Amen.**

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Justin Dean, piano

+DOXOLOGY

Hymnal No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal No. 17

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

Justin Dean, piano

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMISSIONING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Holy Spirit, to give ourselves for others. Unite your church throughout the world as we commission your servants to deliver these tokens of Christ's love to our home-bound members, that your name may be praised in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING FORTH

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

"We Three Kings"

Hymnal No. 254

+BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

"On Eagle's Wings"

Hymnal No. 143

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

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+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. 29 Sunday Worship: 182 Sunday School: 34
Offerings Last Sunday: \$10,032.56

Congratulations to Charles and Emma George who celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary Jan. 9.

Events at AUMC!



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 **this month.**



Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner will resume on Wednesday, **Jan. 8,** 5:45 p.m. The menu will be Italian salad, baked ziti and meatballs, garlic bread and tiramisu cake. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, **Jan. 6,** and can be made on the pew attendance pad, on the web site www.annandale-umc.org or by sending an email to Joyce Kitzmiller - jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org.



Living with Passion and Purpose is the title of the four-week sermon series which begins **Jan. 12.** Don't miss it! Visit Academyofdiscipleship.com for discussion and recommended reading.

New Member Class: "Brownies with Brown" will be held on Sunday, **Jan. 12,** 9:45 a.m. in room 212C. The class, taught by Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr., is a time of exploration and discernment of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ at Annandale UMC. Topics will range from Wesleyan Theology to United Methodism 101; from Stewardship to Spiritual Gifts. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call 703-256-8330.

ESL teacher training: Teachers are needed for an English as a Second Language program at the Heritage Drive campus and 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. ESL classes will be at the Heritage campus, the training will be at Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church.

In the Spirit of the Season: As part of learning about sharing and caring, Mrs. Newell's Weekday Preschool class collected 26 pairs of children's mittens/gloves, 10 hats and 4 scarves for distribution at the Heritage Drive clothing closet. Also, an ELP parent who is a Mary Kay director, donated 80 gift bags of hand lotion and gloves as part of their Adopt-a-Mom program. These were given to women picking up food at our distribution site.

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 8, 5:45 p.m. – Wednesday Night Together

Jan. 12, 9:45 a.m. - Brownies with Brown new member class

Jan. 17-20 -Youth Ski Trip

Feb. 12, 5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Together

Feb. 15 - Stop Hunger Now

The AUMC Mission Team to Haiti will be posting updates on this blog: AUMCHaiti2014.blogspot.com. Check it out!

News You Can Use: Stay Informed! News about AUMC is as close as your "in box" or a click of your mouse! Have you visited the AUMC Facebook page? Go to the web site www.annandale-umc.org and click on the "f" in the top right hand corner. Would you like to be notified of funerals at AUMC? Send an email to drogerson@annandale-umc.org and ask to be notified when funeral services are scheduled here. Did you know you can receive the Witness newsletter via email? (save paper and postage) Ask to be included on the email distribution by sending an email to drogerson@annandale-umc.org.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up 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.

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).

Fighting hunger year 'round: Volunteers are needed for sandwich making and food distribution at the Heritage Drive campus. **Every Thursday,** volunteers make sandwiches for guests at Bailey's Homeless Shelter from noon – 1 p.m. and help distribute food from 5 – 7 p.m. The second Tuesday each month – Jan. 14 and Feb. 11 – volunteers make 600 sandwiches and then transport them to Poe Elementary to be the evening meal for the after school program. Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches at 1:30 p.m. and to distribute the sandwiches at 3:30 p.m. For more information call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

Thank you from Weekday Preschool parents: Many parents have said they are grateful for the enhanced security at AUMC. They appreciate the concern for children's safety and are more comfortable leaving their children here.

~Maribeth Day

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.