



# AUMC WITNESS

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

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## **United Methodist Conference:**

### **“Lord, Renew Us With Your Spirit”**

Nearly 4,000 clergy and laity representatives of United Methodist churches across Virginia will gather at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Va., June 20-22 for the Annual Conference meeting of worship, mission projects, celebration of ministries and conducting the business of the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church. In addition to AUMC’s clergy, Delegates from AUMC include Kevin Sabo, Julie West, Elizabeth Moss and Janet Petty. The theme of the gathering is “Lord, Renew Us With Your Spirit.”

Bishop Young Jin Cho is the first Korean-American to lead the Virginia Conference and the first Korean-American elected bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church. Among the items to be conducted during the Conference will be the ordination of new clergy; a memorial service to remember those who died since the last Annual Conference session; and the announcement of pastoral appointments to all the churches in the conference. Bible Study will be led by the Rev. Dr. Elmer Colyer, professor of Historical Theology and Wesley Studies at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Iowa and pastor of a United Methodist congregation. Conference preachers will be Bishop Robert Hayes of the Oklahoma area, Rev. Dr. Rhonda Van Dyke Colby, Dean of Student Life at Shenandoah University, and Bishop Cho.

Mission and service will be emphasized, with a worship service during which a special offering will be taken to support a variety of ministries, including Imagine No Malaria, a denomination-wide effort to end malaria in Africa; Cambodia church construction and Christian education; Mozambique lay leadership and communication training; Brazil Shade and Fresh Water program for street children; promotion of mission engagement of Virginia Conference small membership churches; Community Outreach Program

## **AUMC is Walking in God’s Light!**

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! July 7-11 will be a week of fun, friendship, and learning! Each day we focus on a theme that reminds us every day we walk in God’s loving presence. During the week we will hear stories of God showing the people the way through the wilderness, Jesus welcoming Zacchaeus to join him, and how Paul experienced a life changing event on the road to Damascus.

Why is VBS important?

- Meet new friends as you serve alongside one another.
- See how the whole church works together! It’s truly an intergenerational event. Adult volunteers are still needed!
- Many children who come don’t go to church regularly, or ever.
- VBS is an outreach to our local community.
- Hear the wonderful, life giving stories of God – again!
- Using your spiritual gifts as you love God and love your “littlest” neighbor.
- Remember how fun church can be! Get away from your every day routine or out from behind the computer and play a little.
- Feel the joy of being with kids and even be like a kid again!
- See Clarence in his natural element – a room full of kids telling God’s wonderful story of love.
- Serve God with your whole heart, body, and mind!

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in Roanoke; Agape Children’s Center in Horntown; and connection of Virginia Conference churches with Haiti mission projects.

More information about this year’s session, including live streaming of the event and the conference agenda, is available at [www.vaumc.org/ac2014](http://www.vaumc.org/ac2014).

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## *The Blessing of Place and Time*

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior! I continue here with stewardship reflections I have gleaned from *Holy Currencies: Six Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries* by Eric Law. We have spoken of relationships and wellness. I would

offer here thoughts on the currency of time and place.

In introducing this currency, Law tells stories about his journey, particularly about a formative time in his college and seminary training when he was invited to be a part of a retreat. The spiritual invigoration he experienced led him to believe that the places the retreats inhabited were holy spaces, imbued with spiritual vitality. After becoming a staff person for one of the retreat centers, he quickly found out that it was not the place that was holy. It was the people and purpose that infused the events with the energy he experienced.

Law goes on to develop this thought by defining the currency as follows: "Currency of place" refers to the properties from which your church/ministry operates, and other properties owned by, or which can be accessed by, your church or ministry. "Currency of time" is the paid and volunteer time that leaders and members offer to the church or ministry, often engaging the currency of place. Churches are only poor when they do not utilize these two currencies effectively and faithfully.

Notice that the spatial dimension is not the only important thing in his discussion. In developing our currency of time and place we also need money and gracious leadership. Money is used to pay for the maintenance needs and improvement of the place. Money is also used to pay for staff time—both clergy and lay employees—to maintain the place and enable ministries in it.

We are blessed with both: a wonderful facility that engages the community for a wide array of holy purposes – housing the homeless, a staging place for feeding the hungry, providing safe space for the children in our community, providing a place for community conversations – and a people with a heart for God's mission. All of that is wonderful, but means very little if we don't continue with great intention. So, during this season of reflecting on stewardship, I ask you to reflect on the currency of time the Lord needs from you. It is worth pondering.

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,

*Clarence*  
Clarence



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Each day is filled with fun and engaging activities for the children – from nature walks, to creative crafts, engaging science lessons to joyful music and puppet shows. Be sure your children and grandchildren are signed up! Invite the neighbors and your friends! Sign up to be one of those laughing and following Jesus as we walk in God's light together!

For more information, contact Becki Stewart at [bstewart@annandale-umc.org](mailto:bstewart@annandale-umc.org) or 703-256-8330.

**Our Neighbors Need Shoes!** How wonderful would it be if everyone had shoes and socks to wear while Walking in God's Light? The mission project for VBS week is a shoe and sock drive for our friends at Safe Haven and the Heritage Campus area. The greatest needs are sneakers and work boots for men sizes 8-10, women's sneakers sizes 6-8, and children's all sizes. There will be donation bins in the Atrium. New shoes and socks only, please.

### **Coming in September: Beth Moore Live**

**Simulcast:** Saturday, Sept. 13, 8 am – 4:30 pm. Dig into Scripture with world-class author and Bible teacher Beth Moore and worship with Travis Cottrell during this unforgettable Living Proof Live Simulcast experience! If you've ever enjoyed studying the Word through Beth's Bible studies, you'll love experiencing her teaching via simulcast. Beth's mission is to guide women everywhere into a richer, more fulfilling relationship with the Father. Why? Because the Word of God is real, it's alive, and it works every day. Watch upcoming issues of the Witness newsletter, web site and Sunday bulletin for registration information.

## DATEBOOK

June 20 – Music Appreciation Dinner

July 6 – ACCA food pantry collection

July 7-11 – Vacation Bible School

July 14-17- Kids in Mission

July 13-19 – Youth Mission Trip

July 28-Aug. 1 - Youth Week

# NEWS IN BRIEF

**Disaster Response Team Called to NC:** Eleven Disaster Response Team (DIRT) members, four from AUMC, responded to a call from UMVIM and the United Methodist Church in North Carolina to assist with disaster relief for residents in Chocowinity, NC, who were affected by a recent tornado. The team worked eight-hour days removing trees and debris from properties. Two team members were trained in chain saw usage and cleared the large trees. Other team members hauled debris and cleared items scattered by the tornado. Teams from local churches and South Carolina worked with us and the Salvation Army provided lunch. Our team assisted 6-8 homeowners whose property suffered significant damage. Several of the homeowners assisted in the cleanup and shared their stories and heartaches from the disaster. AUMC team members were Erin McKenney, James Rodriguez, Gary and Pat Sherfey. Our team was grateful that they were able to help begin the process of cleanup and rebuilding and thanks the congregation for its ongoing support and prayers for this ministry.

**To save postage and paper costs,** AUMC's Witness newsletter will be printed and mailed once a month instead of every two weeks. The mailing date will be the next to last Tuesday of each month: July 22, Aug. 19, Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 (one week earlier due to Christmas). The mailing date is also the date by which the monthly Witness newsletter is posted on the AUMC website. Most of the information in the Witness is also in the weekly Sunday worship bulletin, on the AUMC website, and the weekly AUMC Connect email blast. Many events are highlighted on the church facebook page.

**AUMC's Mission Committee** thanks the congregation and family for again being generous in sharing your gifts to reach our Lenten Mission Project goal. All of our 2014 projects, both local and international, will be funded completely. The funds collected create smiles, hope, and love across Annandale and around the world. You are a blessings to others, and we are truly a mission church!

**Picture Time!** Everyone is encouraged to make an appointment and have their photo taken for the new AUMC Directory. There is no charge to have your photo taken, and participating families will receive a free copy of the directory and an 8x10 family portrait. Additional portraits may be purchased but there is no obligation to buy. Photos will be taken at AUMC June 17-21 and June 24-28. To make an appointment to have your photo taken, visit the table in the Atrium before and after Sunday morning worship or click on the link on the home page of the church web site [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org).

**Support ACCA on June 19!** For more than 45 years, ACCA—the Annandale Christian Community for Action—has been serving local families in need. On Thursday, June 19, ACCA is joining with the United Way in a 24-hour online giving day to raise money for local nonprofits serving our community. Encourage your family and friends to support ACCA on June 19 at [www.DoMore24.org](http://www.DoMore24.org). ACCA is a coalition of churches that provide day care, food, rental assistance, furniture, and other services to low-income families in the Annandale/Bailey's Crossroads area. ACCA serves all, regardless of religion, race or ethnic background. Visit the ACCA website, [www.ACCAcare.org](http://www.ACCAcare.org), or follow ACCA on Facebook to learn more.

**Sermon Series Preview:** June 22, "All God's Children Got Stories" – Dr. Sara Miller, Professor Emeritus, NVCC; June 29, "Prodigal 2.0" – Dr. Brown; July 7, "Heaven for Real?" – Dr. Brown; July 13, "Loving God" – Rev. Carrillo; July 20, "Wholeness" – Rev. Johnson-Oliver; July 27, Youth Mission Sunday – Trish Bradley.

**Young Adults' lunch discussion** following Sunday worship will meet June 22, July 13, Aug. 10 and Aug. 24 at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Light lunch will be provided. Contact Eduardo Carrillo for details, [ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org](mailto:ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org).

**Awesome August at AUMC:** Mark your calendars for special events of fun and fellowship planned for August. Don't miss these "something for everyone" opportunities to bring 8:30 and 11 congregations together for one worship, to stay connected with church family members (and friends) during the doldrums of August, and to participate in hands-on mission projects.

**+ A single worship service** will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in August. Everyone will be encouraged to dress casual and/or wear their AUMC t-shirts. Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a.m.

**+ Sunday, Aug. 3, Let's Go to the Park!** For a picnic lunch at Mason District Park, a church-wide softball game, and a grounds clean-up (service project).

**+ Aug. 10, Mission Day of Service!**

**+ Aug. 17, BBQ lunch and Sea Chanters Concert**

**+ Aug. 24, Take Me out to the Ballgame!** Nationals vs. Giants, 1:35 p.m.

**+ Aug. 31, back parking lot, Movie Night Under the Stars.**

**+All summer services: Collecting School Supplies** (see bins in Atrium) with a tentative backpack packing and blessing on an August Sunday morning.

Watch for registration information and other details in upcoming worship bulletins, the Witness newsletter, web site and AUMC Connect.



## MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., June 24	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues, July 1	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., July 2	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., July 8	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., July 8	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., July 15	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 307

Check the **AUMC Connect** email newsletter for **Lectionary Texts, upcoming activities, and more!** Contact **Dottie Rogerson, DRogerson@annandale-umc.org**, to receive the weekly **AUMC Connect**.

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## WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

### Sunday, June 22

**Door greeters:** 8:10 a.m. R. Hampton, W. Lord; 9:30 a.m. B. Brown;  
10:30 a.m. L. McConville, E. Moss

**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 a.m. E. Herbst, M. McCarthy

**Fellowship hour:** United Methodist Men

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Groves, S. Kenski, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey(c)  
11 a.m. D. Davis, P. Straub, R. Witkowski, P. Adams (c)

### Sunday, June 29

**Door greeters:** 8:10 a.m. S. Fleming, J. Beyer; 9:30 a.m. D. Ruhter;  
10:30 a.m. L. McConville, E. Moss

**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 M. Cody, N. Sayre; 11 a.m. A. Lohr, M. Sherwood

**Fellowship hour:** Witness/Missions Committee

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, A. Cogswell, E. Sackey, S. Fleming(c)  
11 a.m. C. DeLeon, R. Gallagher, G. Rothman, P. Snitzer (c)

### Sunday, July 6

**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 S. Kyer, S. Keplinger; 11 A. Lohr, M. Sherwood

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Groves, S. Naugle, J. Petty, K. Sabo (c)

11 a.m. E. Carrillo, G. Sherwood, J. Thomas, R. Gordon (c)

### Sunday, July 13

**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 J. Brooks, S. Kenski; 11 K. Nietze, D. Johnson

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, R. Roberts, R. Gordon, E. McKenney (c)

11 a.m. D. Davis, R. Gallagher, C. Perdue, P. Adams (c)

**NEXT DEADLINE** Friday, July 11 is the deadline for the July 22 Witness which covers July 27 and August 3, 10 and 17.

**Help the Youth!** AUMC car magnets are available for a suggested donation of \$5 each as a fund raiser for AUMC's summer Youth Mission Trip. (Please pay by check or with exact change.) The magnets can be purchased in the church office during the week. The Youth appreciate your support!

**AUMC's Early Learning Program** has openings for the fall for ages 1 – 3. Call 703-256-8667 for information.

**Volunteer opportunities at the Heritage Drive Campus:** Food Distribution operates on Thursdays from 5 - 7 p.m. Contact Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424. ESL classes meet on Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. Contact Mike or Liz Hoefer at 703-845-7751.

**Attention gardeners:** If you have extra harvest which your family cannot use, it would be a blessing to a family in Annandale. Bring your donations to the Heritage Drive campus Fellowship Hall any Thursday afternoon. If you have questions, call Betsy Clevenger 703-425-6424.

**Upper Room Readers:** Upper Room devotional booklets are available from AUMC and are located in the brochure racks by the front door. To help off-set the costs, those who take the Readers are requested to contribute \$5. Checks should be made payable to AUMC with "Upper Room Reader" in the note line.

**Help ensure that AUMC receives** the support needed for operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer: sign up for eGiving! Enroll today by visiting the website <http://www.annandale-umc.org/> and clicking on the Online Giving button. Increased participation in eGiving helps stabilize our church's finances during the summer when many are away on vacation. An alternative to E-Giving: automatic withdrawals from your bank account. Forms are available in the church office.

**New Member Class** "Brownies with Brown" will meet on Sunday, June 29 and July 6 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 details, call 703-256-8330.