

AUMC WITNESS

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

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It's time for Awesome August!

In August, we'll be celebrating the end of summer with a single service and fun activity every Sunday! Join our church family for hands-on mission projects, music, games, and more!

+ 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! After the service, we'll be heading out to Mason District Park for a picnic lunch, a church-wide softball game, and a grounds clean-up (service project). The lunch will be a potluck, with the church providing hot dogs and hamburgers.

+ Aug. 10, Mission Day of Service: Stop Hunger Now! Experience the joys of teamwork as we all lend our hands to package over 40,000 meals to be delivered to the hungry worldwide.

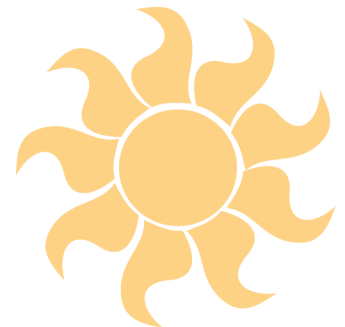
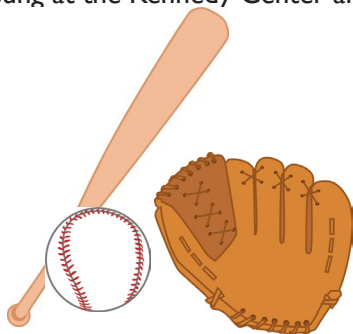
+ Aug. 17, BBQ lunch and Navy Sea Chanters Concert. The official US Navy chorus will be performing in the Sanctuary, so come experience a patriotic group that has sung at the Kennedy Center and presidential inaugurations!

+ Aug. 24, Take Me out to the Ballgame! Nationals vs. Giants, 1:35 p.m. Summer is the time for baseball, and AUMC's bought a block of seats for this local game! Tickets are limited, so buy yours fast in the church office on weekdays or in the Atrium after services (\$20, cash or check) to sit with other members and enjoy the show!

+ Aug. 31, Movie Night Under the Stars. Join us in the back parking lot for the fun of watching a movie outside on a hot night with a crowd of church friends.

+ School Supplies Drive. We'll be collecting school supplies all summer in bins in the Atrium so that local children can have what they need to start school in September. Before we send off the supplies to the Heritage Drive campus for distribution, we'll pack them in backpacks and bless them, along with the backpacks of AUMC children, so that God's light may truly shine on them all!

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



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The Currency of Truth

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior!

I continue here our mutual exploration of Eric Law's helpful, holistic offering on stewardship

entitled *Holy Currencies: Six Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries* (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2013). We have reviewed the currencies of time and place, relationships, wellness and leadership. This day we wrestle with something more nuanced: the currency of truth.

Law begins the chapter with a quote from scripture. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6) He notes the often polarizing, one dimensional way the word "truth" can be used. He then contrasts it with a broader concept, pointing to the word in Hebrew and Chinese. The Hebrew word, he informs us, is a three letter word which utilized the first, middle, and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. He draws from this that truth can often times not be a static element in time, but something that must be seen over a trajectory of experiences, pointing to the placement of "the truth" in between "the way" and "the life" in John's gospel. "Way" and "life" are not static points. They are multi-dimensional. As Law puts it, "A way is traveled through time; there is a direction, a movement from one place to another. A life is lived over a period of time in different places, and in relationships with different people" (p.31).

Similarly, he notes that the Chinese ideogram for truth contains two figures. The top figure is the ideogram for the number ten; the bottom is the ideogram for table. With ten being the number of completeness within the culture, Law suggests that truth necessitates multiple perspectives upon the matter on the table before us.

Using these two related concepts Law concludes that, for Christians, the process of discerning the truth involves two things: tracing the entire trajectory of the life of Jesus Christ – the beginning, the middle and the end (keeping in mind that the end was really a resurrected beginning). We must study his actions, his relationships, his willingness to lay down his life and his rising with love and grace. Second, to discern the truth we must be willing to become cruciform – to pattern our lives after that of Jesus. To be willing to extend ourselves in love, to see the other as God sees them and exhibit an unshakable faith in God.

In other words, truth for Law is seen as a journey – a faith journey that we are sharing together. It is truthfully worth pondering.

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,

Clarence
Clarence



Beth Moore Live Simulcast: Saturday, Sept. 13, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 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. Visit the website to register, www.annandale-umc.org.

DATEBOOK

July 18 - Aug. 2: Brazil Mission Trip

July 27: Youth Missions Sunday

July 28-Aug. 1: Youth Week

Aug. 3: Single Sunday service; Park picnic, potluck, games, and cleanup

Aug. 10: Single Sunday service; Stop Hunger Now; Young Adults meet

Aug. 17: Single Sunday service; Navy Sea Chanters Concert and BBQ

Aug. 24: Single Sunday service; AUMC Day at the Ballpark; Young Adults meet

Aug. 31: Single Sunday service; Movie Night Under the Stars

NEWS IN BRIEF

All Our Neighbors Need Shoes! How wonderful would it be if everyone had shoes and socks to wear while Walking in God's light?! Our mission project for Vacation Bible School was collecting new socks and shoes for our friends at Safe Haven and the Heritage Drive campus area. The greatest needs are sneakers and work boots for men sizes 8-10, women's sneakers sizes 6-8 and all children's sizes. Donation bins are located in the atrium. Last day to bring in new shoes and socks is Friday, **Aug. 29**.

New Member Class "Brownies with Brown" meets **July 27** 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 AUMC. Topics range from Wesleyan Theology to United Methodism 101. For details, call 703-256-8330.

Young Adults' lunch discussion following Sunday worship will meet **Aug. 10 and 24** at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Eduardo Carrillo, ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org.

Sign up for eGiving and help ensure that AUMC receives the support needed for operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer. To enroll, visit <http://www.annandale-umc.org/> and click on the Online Giving button. Thank you for your continued support of our church family with your time, talent and treasure!

Sermon Series Preview: July 27, Youth Mission Sunday – Trish Bradley. During Awesome August, the sermons will be based on the book of Romans, sometimes referred as Apostle Paul's masterpiece. One Sunday worship service is planned at 10:30 a.m. during August. In September, the sermons will be about "the fruits of the spirit."

Reading Books Needed: The Annandale UMC Tutoring Program, Heritage Drive campus, welcomes donations of used reading books for children in grades 1 – 8. Place donated books in the bin marked for Heritage Drive Reading Books located under the coat racks near the front entrance to the church. If you have any questions, contact Barb Pearson at barbjpearson@gmail.com or 703-323-6114.

AUMC's Early Learning Program has openings for the fall for **ages 1 – 4**. Call 703-256-8667 for information.

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: **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 carried in the Sunday worship bulletin, on the AUMC website, in the AUMC Connect email blast, and on the church Facebook.

An AUMC Mission Team is in Brazil working for the Shade and Fresh Water Project. Read about their progress on <http://blog.travelpod.com/travel-blog/brazil2011/8/tpod.html>, which is also linked from the main AUMC page.

Sandwich making every Thursday, 3 – 4 p.m. at the Heritage Drive Campus. Help make 700 sandwiches for families whose children receive free lunch during the school year. Food Distribution operates at Heritage 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.

Directory Team Volunteers

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers for the photography events for the new AUMC Directory. Their cheerful and dedicated effort made the event possible. The photographers were impressed by all the friendly members of AUMC. The greeters were: Shirley Bailey, Sally Bizer, Virginia Cannon, Sheri Kenski, Cyndi Jones, Don Johnson and Pam Thomas. They were the best! Also, Jolie Fleming, Rosemary Perdue, Luanne Pond and Terri Ruhter signed up to work June 24, 25 and 27 if they were needed. Tina Svenson was our leader of the AUMC Directory Photo event and spent countless and loving hours in planning, organizing the schedule, and printing the updated daily appointments. I was honored to be on Tina's team.

Sincerely,
DeEtte Johnson

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., July 22	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues, August 5	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., August 6	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., August 12	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., August 12	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., August 19	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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New District Superintendant

Bishop Young Jin Cho announced on March 10 that, effective July 1, the Rev. Jeffrey P. Mickle, pastor of St. Stephen's UMC in Burke on the Alexandria District, will be the new Alexandria District superintendent.

Mickle is a former chair of the conference Board of Ordained Ministry. He has served St. Stephen's since June 2007, having served previously in Shenandoah, as associate at Aldersgate in Alexandria, at Resurrection in Virginia Beach and Belmont in Richmond.

He is married to the Rev. Deborah Austin, who is also a United Methodist elder. They have two adult sons: Jon in Atlanta and Ben in Seattle.

Mickle is a graduate of the Divinity School at Duke University (M. Div. and Th.M.). He earned his undergraduate degree in History at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

Excerpted from the official Virginia Conference announcement at http://www.vaumc.org/pages/news/2014vanews/2014vanews_micklekimnews

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, July 27

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. E. Wilson, C. Cox, S. Naugle;

9:30 a.m. M. Pearson;

10:30 a.m. W. Ward, E. Moss

Welcome Desk: 8:30 a.m. M. Cody, N. Sayre;

11 a.m. A. Lohr, M. Sherwood

Fellowship hour: United Methodist Men

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. J. Clarke, A. Cogswell, S. Kenski,

S. Fleming(c)

11 a.m. C. Jones, C. Jones, G. Sherwood,

P. Shockley (c)

Single Service, Sunday, August 3

Door greeters:

9 a.m. R. Hampton, W. Lord, J. Schnur; B. Otto,

10 a.m. L. McConville, D. Johnson, R. Bruns

Welcome Desk: L. Miller, J. Lord

Ushers: 10:30 a.m. J. Petty, C. Perdue, P. Shockly, K. Sabo (c)

Single Service, Sunday, August 10

Door greeters:

9 a.m. J. Beyer, J. Maxwell, K. Redden, D. Ruhter,

10 a.m. W. Ward, L. McConville, R. Bruns

Welcome Desk: J. Brooks, S. Kenski

Ushers: 10:30 a.m. G. Sherfey, P. Thomas, E. Carrillo, P. Sherfey (c)

Single Service, Sunday, August 17

Door greeters:

9 a.m. J. Vance, S. Naugle, B. Otto,

10 a.m. D. Johnson, L. McConville, R. Bruns

Welcome Desk: K. Soulen

Ushers: 10:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, E. Sackey, G. Rothman, R. Gordon(c)

NEXT DEADLINE:

Friday, August 8 is the deadline for the August 19 Witness which covers August 24, 31 and September 7 and 14.