



AUMC WITNESS

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

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SENSATIONAL SEPTEMBER!

August has been Awesome at AUMC and September will be Sensational! Get ready for inspiring messages, excellent classes and small groups for all ages, a dedicated children's ministry, an awesome youth ministry, an active young adult program, an outstanding music program, and a tremendous commitment to missions! Before your autumn calendar fills up, make note of these upcoming activities:

Sunday, Aug. 31, one Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary); dress casual, wear an AUMC T-shirt! 7 p.m., (back parking lot or Wright Hall) Singalong and Movie Night Under the Stars! Everyone invited to sing some popular Disney songs and watch "Raiders of the Lost Ark". Free! Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Refreshments will be sold to benefit Missions.

Sunday, Sept. 7, Connect Sunday: *Through God's Love we Connect, Grow and Serve*
- 8:30 and 11 a.m., Sanctuary: Worship Service. Clarence, Cynthia and Eduardo will all preach about "Through God's Love We Connect..."
- 9:45 a.m. Sanctuary: Children's Ministry promotion, Sunday School registration, blessing of children, parent orientation, and classroom visits
- Wright Hall: Academy of Discipleship (Adults) Open House during both coffee hours

Wednesday, Sept. 10:
- 5:45 p.m., Wright Hall: Wednesday Night Together Fellowship Dinner. The program will be provided by AUMC's Brazil Mission Team at 6:30 p.m.
- 7:15 p.m., Choir Room: Adult Choir Open House. All adults interested in singing with the choir for Sunday worship are welcome!

Saturday, Sept. 13: Beth Moore live simulcast, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Register now at www.annandale-umc.org. Dig into scripture with world-class author and Bible teacher Beth Moore and worship with Travis Cottrell.

Sunday, Sept. 14: Convocation Sunday

- 8:30 and 11 a.m., Worship Service with guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society
- 9:15 a.m. Celebration Singers resumes for K-5th grade children
- 9:45 a.m. children and youth Sunday School classes begin and Cherub Choir for preschoolers resumes
- 9:45 a.m. special combined adult Sunday School with presentation by the Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe.
- 11 a.m. Children's Chapel resumes for children 4 years - 5th grade (children attend worship with parents; chapel follows Moments with Children)
- 12:15 p.m. Young Adults meet for lunch and discussion
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Choir resumes
- 5 p.m. Ramp resumes (grades 6-12)
- 5 p.m. Annanbells handbell ensemble for college age and up, resumes

Saturday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m., Hughes Hall: Open forum discussion about Contemporary Worship at AUMC. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, Sept. 21, 5 p.m., Youth parents' back-to-school meeting

Sermons this fall: Fruit of the Spirit

Based on Galatians 5:22 - 26 NRSV: *By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.*

- Sept. 21:** Love
- Sept. 28:** Joy
- Oct. 5:** Peace (World Communion Sunday)
- Oct. 12:** Patience (Laity Sunday led by UMW)
- Oct. 19:** Kindness (Children's Sabbath)
- Oct. 26:** Generosity (Stewardship Sunday)
- Nov. 2:** Faithfulness (All Saints' Sunday)
- Nov. 9:** Gentleness
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The Currency of Truth

The season of Pentecost is celebrated annually on the church's liturgical calendar. Considered the birthday of the church, on the Day of Pentecost in the New Testament, the Holy Spirit descended on

the disciples like tongues of fire, they began to speak in tongues, and 3,000 people were baptized. Peter preached from the prophet Joel, proclaiming that God would pour out God's spirit on all flesh; sons and daughters would prophecy, there would be dreams and visions, and all who called on the name of The Lord would be saved.

Annually, we celebrate this miraculous day fifty days after Easter. Then we enter the season called Ordinary Time. Here, ordinary does not mean normal or commonplace; rather it refers to the ordinal counting of Sundays following Pentecost. Literally, the calendar says first, second, third Sunday "after Pentecost." The season after Pentecost lasts for 23 Sundays, accounting for almost half the year, from Pentecost to just before Advent.

Noticing this liturgical season after Pentecost caused me to pose the question, what happened after the New Testament Pentecost? What happened after the resurrection, the ascension, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Perhaps understanding how the early church behaved after Pentecost could provide a model for the church today.

To begin an exploration of what happened after Pentecost, we need look no further than Acts 2:42, quoted above, along with subsequent verses. The text tells us that they devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings, fellowship, and the breaking of bread, and prayer. They gathered in the temple and in small groups, known as house churches. They witnessed signs and wonders, cared for the poor, and welcomed new people who were being saved.

In sum, discipleship happened after Pentecost. Discipleship is the process of forming and transforming people into committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Discipleship includes study, fellowship, personal devotion, answering the call to service. Discipleship may begin in corporate worship, but is deepened through small group study and fellowship as well as one-on-one mentoring and shepherding.

This fall, as AUMC classes and small groups begin,

we encourage you to make discipleship a priority in your life. We pray that the Holy Spirit will fill you anew with a burning desire to devote yourselves to the teachings of Jesus, the apostles, and other teachers of the faith. We invite you to commit to a bible study or small group and to answer the call to service. Then we can experience the blessings of God that occur after Pentecost.

Blessings,

Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver

Young Adults' lunch discussion following Sunday worship will meet Sept. 14 and 28 at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Eduardo Carrillo, ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org.

ACCA Food Drive: The first Sunday of the month is AUMC's day to collect food for the Annandale Christian Community for Action. Please bring non-perishable food on Sundays, Sept. 7 and Oct. 5.

The Rainbow Exercise Class resumes its Wednesday and Friday schedule on Sept. 24, from 9:15 -10:30 a.m. in Wright Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Where there's a Will, there's a Way to give to AUMC: Your will is among the most important documents you will ever sign! It is a personal document in which you express your wishes about the disposition of your property after your death. Your will is a statement that reflects how you wish to distribute your property and bestow gifts on the people closest to you and on charitable organizations most meaningful to you during your lifetime. Many people find that including charitable organizations in their wills is a sensible and satisfying way to support the work of organizations in which they strongly believe. A bequest remains the most popular vehicle for distributing property after your death because it does not affect your current assets, income or lifestyle. By directing in your will that a portion of your estate be paid to one or more charities, you can leave an enduring legacy – probably one that is larger than you could have created during your life. It is important to have a will. Should you pass away without a will (i.e., die "intestate"), state laws direct who will receive your estate. No charities will be included unless you name the charity in a valid will. Bequests and planned gifts should be discussed with a financial advisor and a tax or legal professional. Please contact Bill Iwig, President of the Annandale UMC Foundation, at 301-365-7532, to discuss potential gifts to Annandale UMC through your will or estate plans.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Summer Shoe Drive ends Aug. 29. Bring new socks and new shoes for our friends at Safe Haven and Heritage Drive campus. The greatest needs are sneakers and work boots for men sizes 8-10, women's sneakers sizes 6-8 and all children's sizes. Place in the bins in the Atrium.

School Supplies Drive ends Aug. 31. Help local children begin the new school year by donating these items (new): crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, wide-ruled notebook paper, and composition notebooks. Supplies will be distributed to families in need at the Heritage Drive campus.

There's a place for you in the choir! If you are an adult, looking for an opportunity to share your voice on Sunday mornings, look no further! Our Adult Choir provides music for 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services September – July and we always welcome new members. Anyone who is interested is invited to the Adult Choir Open House on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7:15 p.m. This is a no pressure event, so come and give us a try! Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. For details, contact Music Director Pat Vaughn pvaughn@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

AUMC T-shirts are still available for \$10 each in youth and adult sizes. Visit the t-shirt table in the Atrium on Aug. 24 or purchase shirts in the church office. Exact cash or check payable to AUMC with "t-shirt" in the note line. Wear your AUMC shirt to Sunday worship in August!

Update on the AUMC air conditioning ventilation project: If you use the Media Center, Music Room, lower Atrium, or the Child Development Center, you have noticed greatly improved air conditioning ventilation and lower humidity in recent weeks. As communicated a few months ago, the large air handling unit was replaced and other renovations to the system were completed by Capitol Boiler Works, Inc. under the supervision of our Trustees. The cost of this project was approximately \$250,000. The Finance Committee has arranged a bank loan to help cover the costs and will seek funds from the congregation later this fall to cover this loan. Thank you in advance for your support of our facilities that support our many missions and programs at Annandale UMC.

Serve as a Tutor: AUMC's Heritage Drive Tutoring Program will assist elementary and middle-school students Wednesdays this fall from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. starting Sept. 17. Tutors will help students with their homework, primarily math and reading. To volunteer as a tutor, receptionist, helping with snacks, or in some other way, or if you have any questions, contact Jerry Beyer at beyerga@gmail.com or 703-399-1395.

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

Save your books! The UMM will host a Used Book Sale at the AUMC Craft Bazaar on Nov. 8. Please save your used books for the sale, but due to limited storage space in the church building, do not bring your books to the church until an announcement is made, probably in October. Questions, contact Gary FitzGibbon at 703-963-8707.

Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner and program is scheduled for Sept. 10 and Oct. 8 in Wright Hall. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. The menu on Sept. 10 will be Caesar salad, white chicken and cheese lasagna, garlic bread, and cherry cheesecake bars. The September program will be provided by AUMC's Brazil Mission Team. Everyone is invited! Register for dinner on the pew pad, online at www.annandale-umc.org, by emailing Joyce Kitzmiller: jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or by calling 703-256-8330. The meal price (pay at the door) is \$8 per person, \$3 for children under 9, (notice age change) or \$25 per family.

All Men are invited to the next UMM Steak Dinner Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in Wright Hall. Bring a friend and RSVP to gary@garyfitzgibbon.com or 703-963-8707.

Attention gardeners: If you have a bountiful crop of vegetables from your garden, you are invited to share your excess harvest with those in need who pick up food on Thursdays at the Heritage campus. Bring fresh produce donations to the food distribution site, 7901 Heritage Dr., on Thursdays by 4 p.m. For more information, contact Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

Feed the Hungry: Sandwich making helpers are needed Thursdays, Aug. 21 and 28 at 4 p.m. to make sandwiches for the food distribution program at the Heritage campus, 7901 Heritage Dr. Help is needed with food distribution, Heritage campus, every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. For more information call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

Volunteers are needed to serve meals at Poe beginning this fall. For more information, contact Sheila Kyer, 703-981-6080 or Kyer027@aol.com.

Flu Shots will be available on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 5-6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 12, 9:30-11 a.m. in room 210. Cost is \$30 or Medicare B. Ages 4 years and older. Reservations are requested, but not required. To make a reservation, please email jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

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MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Aug. 26	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues, Sept. 2	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., Sept. 3	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Sept. 9	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Sept. 9	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., Sept. 16	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 302

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.



Academy of Discipleship Convocation

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary, General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church

Sunday, Sept. 14

Worship: 8:30/11 a.m.

Combined Adult Class with Dr. Henry Crowe at 9:45 a.m.; Sanctuary

The Academy of Discipleship will hold its eighth annual Convocation on Sunday, September 14. Convocation serves as opening worship for the year and an opportunity to bring together all adult classes for a time of shared learning, visioning, and commissioning. Our Convocation Preacher, Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, is the newly appointed General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Henry-Crowe served for 22 years as Dean of the Chapel and Religious Life at Emory University. She has focused on interfaith and ecumenical work, mentoring, and vocational formation of a new generation for social-justice ministries. A key aspect of her work at Emory has been to foster interreligious dialogue in the ever-changing world of religious pluralism.

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Single Service Sunday, August 24

Door greeters: 9 a.m. J. Maxwell, K. Redden, W. Lord, M. Pearson; 10 a.m. W. Ward, L. McConville, E. Moss

Welcome Desk: J. Lord, S. Kenski

Fellowship hour: Mary and Martha Circle

Ushers: 10:30 a.m. J. Thomas, S. Chase, D. Pemberton, E. McKenney (c)

Single Service Sunday, August 31

Door greeters: 9 a.m. S. Fleming, J. Beyer, R. Hampton, D. Ruhter; 10 a.m. D. Johnson, L. McConville, E. Moss

Welcome Desk: S. Kyer, S. Keplinger

Fellowship hour: Lydia Circle

Ushers: 10:30 a.m. G. Rothman, R. Roberts, P. Thomas, P. Snitzer (c)

Two Service Sunday, September 7

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. J. Vance; 9:30 a.m. A. Witkowski, B. Otto;

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

Fellowship hour: Staff Parish Relations Committee

Two Service Sunday, September 14

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. E. Wilson, C. Cox, J. Schnur; 9:30 a.m. M. Pearson;

10:30 a.m. D. Johnson, L. McConville, R. Bruns

Fellowship hour: Trustee Committee

NEXT DEADLINE:

Friday, Sept. 6 is the deadline for the Sept. 16 Witness which covers Sept. 21 and 28 and Oct. 5, 12, and 19.