

AUMC WITNESS

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

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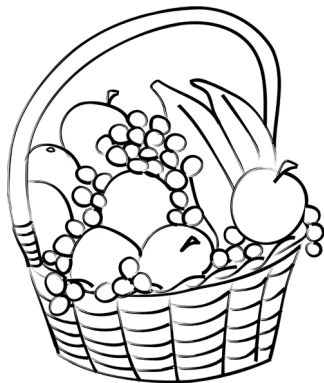
The Fruit of the Spirit

We here at AUMC are moving in exciting ways to pursue the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Through our discernment process we have some targeted priorities, and have summed our efforts up in three words: Connect, Grow, Serve.

The first of our targeted priorities is that we all find ways to grow in our own discipleship; after all, it takes disciples to make disciples. The evidence of our connection to God, our growth through worship and study, is how we express the love of God to the world.

Love is indeed at the center of it all, because God is love. To highlight how these expressions are experienced, your clergy staff is preparing a sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit. This "fruit" is to be found in Galatians 5:22, and is singular in the Greek, with nine attributes: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These attributes, Paul writes, are in contrast to the way the world would have us live out our lives, and make our witness an invitation to a holy alternative community of love. Love begins it. Love sustains it. Love concludes it.

Dr. Clarence Brown



- All church **October Food Drive** to benefit food ministry at Heritage Drive Campus
- **AUMC T-shirts** are available for \$10 each in youth and adult sizes. Purchase shirts in the church office. Exact cash or check payable to AUMC with "t-shirt" in the note line. (All sizes including adult XL are available.)

Upcoming Sermons:

- Sept. 28: Joy**, Dr. Brown
- Oct. 5: Peace** (World Communion Sunday), Rev. Carrillo
- Oct. 12: Patience** (Laity Sunday led by UMW), Dr. Brown
- Oct. 19: Kindness**, Rev. Johnson-Oliver. Children's Sabbath: special service focused on the needs of children and youth across the U.S. Children's choirs sing. 24 hour prayer vigil for children and youth begins.
- Oct. 26 (ONE service at 10:30 a.m.): Generosity** (Consecration Sunday) with guest preacher, the Rev. Ed Garrett. Fall Fun Fest, 3-5 p.m.
- Nov. 2: Faithfulness** (All Saints' Sunday), Dr. Brown
- Nov. 9: Gentleness**, Dr. Brown
- Nov. 16: Self Control**, Rev. Carrillo.

COMING THIS SUNDAY

"Brownies with Brown" New Member Class will meet Sept. 28 at 9:30 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.

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

Car wash for youth: The youth have scheduled a car wash for Sunday, Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the back parking lot. Suggested donation is \$20 per car. Drive-ups are welcome or see a youth to make a reservation. Help support AUMC youth activities!

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A New Fruit Salad

For many this season, each day is like the first day of school all over again. The alarm goes off at 6:00 a.m., but you make the mistake to hit the snooze button one too many

times. Now the plans you had to enjoy peace and quiet before the chaos has become a race against the clock. You wake up the children and rush them into the car with a to-go breakfast. As you (safely) drive a little too close to other cars, fabricating a whole new sign language, you ask your children: where are your lunch bags? Now you have to drop them at school and go back home to grab their lunches. Sound familiar?

At times, new beginnings do not sound very exciting or all that new. We tend to go back and continue the way we operated the last time around, racing against the clock.

The sermon series "Fruit of the Spirit" is not something new either, and some will say it's not very exciting. But, as I reflected on the fruit of the spirit in the body of Christ (that means all y'all), a basket of fruit with oranges, a pineapple, cherries, bananas, and many other fruits came to mind. These are everyday fruits—nothing new or special. But when they come together, they make a terrific fruit salad.

On Connect Sunday, we talked about how important it is to journey with God as one body. Just imagine what fruits our church would bear if we, too, were deeply connected and nourished together. Stop hitting the snooze button and come join the body of Christ on Sunday as we bring our first fruits to God.

Eduardo

Registration is underway for the AARP Safe Driver Course for Seniors, coming to AUMC on Nov. 3 and 4. Those who complete the two-day course will receive a certificate to submit to their auto insurance company which often results in a reduction of the premium. For those who have completed the course in the past, many insurers require you to take the course every three years to maintain the rate reduction. The course will meet in AUMC's Media Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with an hour off for lunch. The cost is \$15 for AARP members (bring your card) and \$20 for non-members. Space is limited, so register early; call Jane Underhill at 703-573-2056. If you get a machine, leave your name and number, and we will confirm your reservation. Pay on the first day – cash or checks made out to AARP.

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 Sunday, Oct. 5.

Heritage Food Drive: The third Sunday of every month is collection day for the food distribution site at the Heritage Campus. Bring non-perishable food to the main AUMC campus on Sunday, Oct. 19.

Volunteers are needed to serve after-school meals at Poe Intermediate School this fall. For details, contact Sheila Kyer, 703-981-6080 or Kyer027@aol.com.

Cookie time – bakers needed! The Annandale UMC Kairos Prison Ministry Team is responsible for baking 1,000 dozen cookies to take to the men of Greenville Correctional Center! A cookie sign-up sheet, prison-approved recipes and instructions are on the table in the Atrium. Sugar-free and gluten-free cookies are especially needed. If you cannot bake cookies but want to make a donation for supplies, make your check payable to AUMC, designated for Kairos Cookies, by Sunday, Oct. 5. Others will do the baking! Place your cookies, one dozen per quart freezer bag, in the AUMC kitchen freezer by Sunday, Oct. 12, and label them "Kairos Cookies." Contact Bill Iwig at 301-365-7532 if you have questions.

AUMC'S Earth & Spirit Group is sharing information about procuring solar power. Ever thought about solar-generated electricity for your home to help the earth and reduce energy costs? A co-op was formed in support of residential solar power, comprised of the Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light, known by AUMC's Earth & Spirit Group; the Community Power Network (a professional not-for-profit that forms and encourages solar-seeking co-ops); and Virginia Sun – Citizens for Solar (a network of solar power supporters). Co-op benefits may include: 1) The co-op will obtain a lower price for a larger number of installations; 2) the Community Power Network has successful experience with over ten regional co-ops; and 3) GWIPL has assisted several churches with solar power. For information, visit www.vasun.org/solarize-virginia/nova-interfaith/. If you don't have internet access, contact AUMC's Earth & Spirit leader John Dodge at 703-941-7533.

DATEBOOK

Sept. 25 – UMM Steak Dinner

Sept. 28 – Youth Car Wash

Oct. 8 – Wednesday Night Together

Oct. 18 – CROP Walk

Oct. 26 – Fall Fun Fest

NEWS IN BRIEF

Haiti Mission Trip: We are continuing AUMC's relationship with the Haitian people in Petit Goave, Haiti, with a mission trip from Jan. 8-17, 2015. Our team will be performing light construction as well as hosting a two-day Bible school program. If you are interested in participating, contact Mark Bradley at Bradleyfam@aol.com.

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. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. For details, contact Music Director Pat Vaughn, 703-256-8330 or pvaughn@annandale-umc.org.

Heritage Drive Update: After a busy summer when 700 sandwiches were made each week, shoes were collected for 80 children, and 65 families received new, red re-usable bags donated by the AUMC Earth and Spirit Group, the work continues! **Feed the Hungry:** Help is needed with food distribution, Heritage campus, every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. For more information call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424. **Serve as a Tutor:** AUMC's Heritage Drive Tutoring Program assists elementary and middle-school students on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. 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. Volunteer as a teacher at the **ESL Program**. Anyone who would be interested in volunteering at the ESL Program this fall can call Mike or Liz Hoefler at 703-845-7751.

College kids and parents: the AUMC family wants to keep in touch with you while you're away at school! Please send your name and address to Dottie Rogerson, drogerson@annandale-umc.org so we have the correct address for cards and care packages.

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.

Teddy Bear Brigade starts this month. Help comfort hurting children in third-world countries by donating new or gently-loved stuffed animals. Place them in a bin in the Atrium. The aim is to have the animals "on site" to be given as Christmas presents, so bring donated stuffed animals by Oct. 12. Questions? Call Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424.

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

Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner and program is scheduled for Oct. 8 in Wright Hall. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. The menu on Oct. 8 will be harvest salad, beef stew, biscuits, and caramel apple cake. The program will be provided by Pat Vaughn and Justin Dean, Hymns of the Faith. Everyone is invited! WNT is a fun time for fellowship, great food and interesting program info. Register for dinner 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) and \$25 per family maximum.

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. 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.

Donate winter clothes for the homeless: A collection is underway for mostly men's coats, sweatshirts, stocking caps, jeans, socks, underwear, and waterproof gloves. Women's winter clothing will be taken, but most of the homeless are men. Items should be clean without holes. Label each item with gender (men or women) and size. Place donated clothes in the box under the coat racks. For more information, contact Bliss Miga 202-468-2983 or bl.miga7@gmail.com.

Friends and Family Comedy Revue will be Saturday, Oct. 11, 6 p.m. at AUMC. The show is put on by the National Association of Livin' on Laughter Gospel Comedy Association. For information call 571-242-2841.

CIRCLE NEWS

DEBORAH: Mon., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., Rm 210. Prog.: Sandy Barker will review the book, *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*. Dev.: Carol Irons.

LYDIA: Thurs., Oct. 16, 10 a.m., Rm 209. Prog.: Creating baskets of personal items for ladies identified by Bethany House. Hostesses: Rosemary Perdue and Joan Power. Dev.: Shirley Bailey.

MARTHA: Mon., Oct. 22, 1 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Heritage Dr. Campus. Prog.: A study of Women of the Bible lead by Betsy Clevenger. Dev.: Betsy Clevenger. There will be light refreshments served.

M&M's: Sat., Oct. 18, 8 a.m. at the home of Pat Sherfey. Hostess: Erin McKenney. Dev.: Terri Ruhter.

AS ALWAYS, NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT ALL MEETINGS!!

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Sept. 23	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Wed., Oct. 1	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues, Oct. 7	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Oct. 14	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Oct. 14	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., Oct. 21	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.

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Welcome our intern, Jim Harrington!

Jim is a native of Falls Church and has been a member of Friendship UMC since 1991. Jim and his wife, Kathy, were married two years ago and live in the Westlawn neighborhood of Falls Church. Jim works for the MITRE Corporation as a modeling and simulation engineer and Kathy is an instructional coach for Alexandria City Public Schools. Both have long served the church in youth ministry and recently received their professional certification in youth ministry through the Virginia Conference. After resisting a call to ministry for some years, Jim began his journey of discernment and seminary education in 2010. He is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Wesley Theological Seminary on the elder track with an anticipated completion of May 2016. As part of Wesley's Practice in Ministry and Mission program, Jim will be serving as an intern at Annandale UMC for the next two years to develop skills in worship, pastoral care, community outreach and leadership. Jim is looking forward to his time of learning and ministry at Annandale UMC.

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 jkitzmler@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, Sept. 28

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

Welcome Desk: 8:30 E. Herbst, M. McCarthy; 11 L. Scheible

Fellowship hour: Witness/Missions Committee

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, S. Groves, S. Kenski, E. McKenney (c)

11 a.m. S. Fleming, R. Gallagher, C. Perdue, R. Gordon (c)

Sunday, Oct. 5

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. J. Maxwell, K. Redden, S. Naugle; 9:30 a.m. M. Pearson; 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson, R. Bruns

Welcome Desk: 8:30 J. Lord; 11 a.m. A. Gribben

Fellowship hour: Bible Fellowship Class

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, A. Cogswell, J. Petty, K. Sabo (c)

11 a.m. E. Carrillo, J. Thomas, P. Snitzer, P. Shockley (c)

Sunday, Oct. 12

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. R. Hampton, W. Lord, J. Schnur; 9:30 a.m. D. Ruhter; 10:30 a.m. W. Ward, E. Moss

Welcome Desk: 8:30 J. Brooks, S. Kenski; 11 K. Nietzsche

Fellowship hour: Deborah Circle/Funeral Ministry

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. J. Clarke, R. Roberts, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey (c)

11 a.m. E. Carrillo, R. Gallagher, P. Straub, R. Gordon

Sunday, Oct. 19

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. S. Fleming, J. Beyer;

9:30 a.m. B. Otto; 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson, R. Bruns

Welcome Desk: 8:30 E. Herbst, M. McCarthy;

11 a.m. L. Scheible

Fellowship hour: Education Committee

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, D. Pemberton, E. Sackey, E. McKenney (c)

11 a.m. S. Fleming, G. Rothman, R. Witkowski, P. Adams (c)

NEXT DEADLINE:

Friday, Oct. 10 is the deadline for the Oct. 21 Witness which covers Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, 8, and 15.