

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. It will be closed Dec. 24 and 31. To volunteer as a tutor, receptionist, helping with snacks, or in some other way, contact Jerry Beyer at beyerga@gmail.com or 703-399-1395.

Help with food distribution, 7901 Heritage Dr., every **Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m.** except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. For details, call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

An Evening in December – Christmas Recital will be held Sunday, **Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.** The sanctuary will be filled with the sounds of the season as members of our congregation bring their gifts of instrumental and vocal music. The program is free.

Year-end reminders: All gifts to be credited for 2014 tax purposes must be received in the church office by 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, **Dec. 31** or postmarked by Dec. 31. If you are considering making a stock offering to the church, please process it as soon as possible. If you are responsible for expense vouchers for your work area, vouchers must be submitted on or before Wednesday, **Dec. 17.**

A Brethren Christmas Concert will be held Sunday, **Dec. 21** at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and are available after worship services.

Buy pecans, help UMW Missions! UMW is selling a new crop of pecans and walnuts after each Sunday worship service. To reserve a case of 24 or to make a special request, contact Joni Laurence at 703-941-7481, or Sally Bizer at 703-256-3373. Make checks to AUMW.

Christmas wreaths will be sold by Boy Scout Troop 150 before and after Sunday services until they are sold out. All funds go toward trips, events, and equipment.

The Communion Steward Committee needs more stewards to assist with setting up communion in the Sanctuary. If you are interested, contact Emily Wilson, 703-876-5858 or Garry Bell, gbell@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

The need is greater than ever this time of year. A special offering is taken on Communion Sundays (first week of each month) to help our neighbors in need. So when you see the plates by the communion rail this morning, please give generously.

Share your love for AUMC with future generations. Leave a legacy gift through your will or estate plan to Annandale UMC. To discuss potential gifts to the AUMC Foundation, contact Bill Iwig at 301-365-7532.

To place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Dec. 24, please complete this form and return it to the church office with a check payable to AUMC for \$11 per plant **today. Please use a separate form for each plant ordered. No telephone orders will be accepted.**

Poinsettia given by: _____

Phone: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

In memory/honor of: _____

(Check one) I will take the poinsettia Give poinsettia to shut-ins



Academy of Discipleship
Annandale United Methodist Church

Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 A.M.

Bible Fellowship is studying the Epistle of James in Room 111.

Brownies with Brown for new members meets in Room 212C.

Exploring Faith in Life is studying *Making Sense of the Bible* in Room 303.

AC Immanuel is studying the *Advent Conspiracy* in Room 300.

AC In His Steps is studying the *Advent Conspiracy* in Room 302

Issues in Christianity is studying "Moral Decision Making" in Room 307.

Kaleidoscope meets Dec 14 in Room 310.

AC Parents and Promises is studying the *Advent Conspiracy* in Room 305.

Speaking of Faith is listening to podcasts by Krista Tippet in Room 210.

Williams Bible Class is studying Men of the Bible in Room 118.

Women in Search of Truth is studying a Beth Moore study in Room 306.

AC Women of the Day is studying the *Advent Conspiracy* in the Parlor.

AC Advent Conspiracy - Weekday groups participating

Monday Night: Grace and Truth small group – Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor

Thursday Night: Thursday Bible Study at 7 p.m. in Room 209

THE GRID

Youth Sunday School Classes meet in Youth Room. Classes will be combined in December.

Join us for Ramp tonight at 5 p.m.!

Ramp Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 14 - 5 to 7:30 p.m. Come rocking your ugliest Christmas sweater or other ridiculous holiday attire. Don't forget to bring a small wrapped gift (under \$5) for White Elephant gift exchange and snacks or drinks.



Children's Ministries ☀

(Director: Becki Stewart, bstewart@annandale-umc.org)

Christmas Pageant – LAST DAY TO REGISTER. Children 3 yr old class (as of Sept. 30)-5th grade. Pick up and turn in forms at Parent Resource Area (3rd floor across from 310).

Advent Calendars for families with children are available in the Atrium and the Parent Resource Area.

Saturday, Dec. 13: Pageant Practice.

9-11:30 a.m. – 4th-5th gr. and ALL Guardian Angels. 10-11:30 a.m.. 4 yrs- 3rd gr.

Saturday, Dec. 13: St. Nick's Workshop. Noon-2 p.m. Light lunch, craft activities, cookie decorating, shop the Secret Santa Shop (\$1-5) with the Youth Elves, picture with Santa and more. Invite your friends and neighbors for the children's event! Follows Pageant practice.

Thanks to the 3rd-5th grade GS (Good Samaritan) Kids for preparing and serving the meal for our Hypothermia guests on Nov. 30. Also thanks to the parents who were present and made it possible.

OUR PRAYERS: (Please put prayer requests in writing or call the office.)

For our ongoing ministries

For the sick and those in need:

Maria Perez, mother-in-law of Dawn Perez
Maureen Hitchings, friend of Sheila Kyer
Carsten Christensen, friend of Mikaela O'Brien
Jeanette Cyrus, aunt of Robin Patton
Emily, daughter of Dana and Dana Goward
David Gordon, friend of Rosemary Perdue
Anna Erecell Traynham, aunt of CDC teacher
Donald and Connie Pearson, parents of Mark Pearson
Steve Jarvis, brother of Becki Stewart
Glenn Adams, friend of Pete and Alice Snitzer
Lenny Hall, niece of Vincent and Jeanne Guidi
Laura Horn, mother-in-law of Eldon Hildebrant
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville
Matthew McConville, nephew of Jim McConville
Marcy Larriva, friend of Cyra Doty and Louise Golobic
Ann Woodle, friend of Betsy Clevenger
Jasmine Gardner, friend of Charles Cox
Kathy James, friend of Natashi Anthony
Rev. Debra Copeland, friend of Julie Montgomery
Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond
Andy Murphree, brother of Nancy Davis
Bo Ramsey, friend of Carolyn Cook
Tari Foltz, daughter-in-law of Betsy Clevenger
Michael Nemoh, son of CDC teacher
Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones
Lauren Ball, daughter-in-law of Sherri Kenski
Shatirah Thompson, cousin of Chris Bradley
Dr. Tara L. Covey, friend of Sandra Chase
Grace Brakefield, aunt of Sandy Barker
Arlene Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase
Bob Levy, friend of Pat and Gary Sherfey

Stefan Ohmke
Rachida Bent-Maria
Ed Oliver
Catie McConville Padgett
Lynette Dillard
Bill Stacy
Jerry Bruce
Charles George
Mary Breslin and her family
WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones
Liz Plewes
Janet Woods
Andrew Miga
Victoria Mayo
Evie Gibson
Homer Ambrose, Jr.
Michael Boley, friend of Ed Bock
Justin Shim, friend of Kyla Carney
Patti Jones
Stella Byers
Kris Travis, friend of Chris Bradley
Paul Oliver, father of Davis Oliver
Val Andrist
Donna Dye
Vincent Guidi
Virginia Crane
Ines Vaughn, mother of Pat Vaughn
Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
Roger Gray, friend of Joan Oliver
Jeryl McLeod, sister of Jaie Brown
Tatiana, friend of Betsy Clevenger

For bereaved members and their families:

Family and friends of Mildred Atkins
Family and friends of Ruth Evans

OUR SERVICES:

Greeters: Jessica Vance, Steve Naugle, Mark Pearson, Wilton Ward, Elizabeth Moss
Fellowship Hours: Staff Parish Relations Committee

Volunteer as a teacher at the ESL Program on the Heritage campus. Call Mike or Liz Hoefler at 703-845-7751.

Events at AUMC!



Join the Advent Conspiracy! A movement designed to help us all slow down and experience a Christmas worth remembering. Study includes sermon series, book study, and small groups. Next sermon: **Dec 21** – “Love All” – Rev. Johnson-Oliver

“Brownies with Brown” New Member Class meets **today** 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 AUMC. 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.

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

Deliver hope to children, families in need, the homeless, and victims of human trafficking this holiday season by participating in AUMC’s Advent Giving Tree. Look for trees with special tags near the sanctuary’s center doors. The Missions Committee is collecting for local needs, including:
- **\$15-\$25 gifts** identified for pre-teen and teenage boys and girls in the Rising Hope angels program. Gifts should be unwrapped and returned to AUMC **today**.
- **“Alternative Giving”** donations to 100,000 Homes, to the food programs at Heritage Drive campus and Safe Haven, and to victims of human trafficking. The deadline is **Dec. 21**.

Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner and Advent communion program is scheduled for **Dec. 10 and 17** in Wright Hall. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. The menu Dec. 10 will be: tossed salad, bean and ham soup, crescent rolls, harvest dump cake. 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, and \$25 per family maximum. Dinner reservations for Dec. 10 are due by noon on Monday, **Dec. 8**.

St. Nick’s Workshop and Secret Santa Shop (Dec. 13) need donations and helpers by **Dec. 12**. Bring gift wrapping, bags, tissue paper, tags, and new/gently used gifts (board games, soaps, jewelry, and other gifts for dad) to the donation box in the Atrium or 3rd floor Parent Resource Area. To help make crafts contact Becki Stewart bstewart@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330. To help set up, contact Joni Laurence, 703-941-7481 or Laurence4school@verizon.net.

Seminar/Kaleidoscope: On **Dec. 14** at 9:50 a.m. in Room 310, Dr. Jack Underhill will do a retrospective and a few highlights of topics covered during the last 10 years of the Seminar.

The Haiti Mission Team seeks donations for its trip to Petit Goave in January. The team will do construction, relational ministry, and host Vacation Bible School for 350 children. Cash donations or these items are needed: two regulation-size soccer balls, six Chinese jump ropes, eight jump ropes 16’ long (available at Amazon), eight plastic beach balls to use with parachutes, stickers for children, and clothes pins. Place in the marked boxes in the Atrium by Sunday, **Dec. 14**. Bring cash to the church office. For details, contact Pam Jones at 703-820-0058 or foueverfree@verizon.net.