

...AND I WILL SUPPORT THE CHURCH WITH MY PRAYERS,
MY PRESENCE, MY GIFTS AND MY SERVICE.

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

For our ongoing ministries

For the sick and those in need:

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| Maria Perez, mother-in-law of Dawn Perez | Sherril Reid |
| Paul Fabricant, friend of Dottie Rogerson | Catie McConville Padgett |
| Pauline Dray, friend of Joan Oliver | WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones |
| Maureen Hitchings, friend of Sheila Kyer | Stefan Ohmke |
| Carsten Christensen, friend of Mikaela O'Brien | Ed Oliver |
| Jeanette Cyrus, aunt of Robin Patton | Jeryl McLeod, sister of Jaie Brown |
| Emily, daughter of Dana and Dana Goward | Lynette Dillard |
| David Gordon, friend of Rosemary Perdue | Bill Stacy |
| Anna Erecell Traynham, aunt of CDC teacher | Jerry Bruce |
| Donald and Connie Pearson, parents of Mark Pearson | Charles George |
| Steve Jarvis, brother of Becki Stewart | Mary Breslin and her family |
| Glenn Adams, friend of Pete and Alice Snitzer | |
| Lenny Hall, niece of Vincent and Jeanne Guidi | Liz Plewes |
| Laura Horn, mother-in-law of Eldon Hildebrant | Janet Woods |
| Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville | Andrew Miga |
| Matthew McConville, nephew of Jim McConville | Victoria Mayo |
| Marcy Larriva, friend of Cyra Doty and Louise Golobic | Evie Gibson |
| Ann Woodle, friend of Betsy Clevenger | Homer Ambrose, Jr. |
| Jasmine Gardner, friend of Charles Cox | Patti Jones |
| Kathy James, friend of Natashi Anthony | |
| Justin Shim, friend of Kyla Carney | Michael Boley, friend of Ed Bock |
| Rev. Debra Copeland, friend of Julie Montgomery | |
| Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond | Stella Byers |
| Andy Murphree, brother of Nancy Davis | Rachida Bent-Maria |
| Kris Travis, friend of Chris Bradley | Ines Vaughn, mother of Pat Vaughn |
| Bo Ramsey, friend of Carolyn Cook | Paul Oliver, father of Davis Oliver |
| Tari Foltz, daughter-in-law of Betsy Clevenger | Val Andrist |
| Michael Nemoh, son of CDC teacher | Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn |
| Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones | Roger Gray, friend of Joan Oliver |
| Lauren Ball, daughter-in-law of Sherri Kenski | Virginia Crane |
| Shatirah Thompson, cousin of Chris Bradley | Donna Dye |
| Dr. Tara L. Covey, friend of Sandra Chase | Vincent Guidi |
| Grace Brakefield, aunt of Sandy Barker | |
| Arlene Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase | |
| Tatiana, friend of Betsy Clevenger | |
| Bob Levy, friend of Pat and Gary Sherfey | |

For bereaved members and their families:

Family and friends of Mildred Atkins

Family and friends of Ruth Evans

OUR SERVICE:

Greeters: Emily Wilson, Charles Cox, Jason Schnur, Dale Ruhter,
Don Johnson, Rachel Bruns

Fellowship Hours: Trustees Committee

Hearing devices are available upon request from the ushers.

Presiding Bishop: Young Jin Cho, Richmond Area Virginia Conference

District Superintendent: Jeffrey P. Mickle

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Clarence R. Brown, Jr.

Associate Pastor: Rev. Eduardo Carrillo

Associate Pastor, Adult Discipleship: Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver, J.D.

Dir. of Christian Ed. for Children: Becki Stewart *Dir. of Youth Ministries: Trish Bradley*

Dir. of Music Ministries: Patrick Vaughn

Pianist: Justin B. Dean

Dir. of Weekday Children's Programs: Maribeth Day

Seminary Intern: Jim Harrington



(Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver, cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org)

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.

Immanuel is studying *The Advent Conspiracy* in Room 300.

In His Steps is studying *The Advent Conspiracy* in Room 302.

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

Kaleidoscope meets **today** in Room 310.

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.

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

ADVENT CONSPIRACY - Weekday classes and groups

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

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

THE GRID

(Director: Trish Bradley, tbradley@annandale-umc.org)

Classes combined this week, in youth room.

Ramp Christmas party tonight! 5 to 7:30 p.m. - be sure to bring snacks and drinks to share, along with a wrapped White Elephant gift. Don't forget to wear your most stylish holiday attire.

Christmas Caroling at Evergreen House is on Saturday, Dec. 20. Meet at AUMC at 3 p.m. - pick up at AUMC at 5 p.m. (No Ramp that evening)

There will be no Sunday School classes on Dec. 28.



Children's Ministries

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

No Sunday School classes or chapel today! Enjoy the Christmas Pageant!

Breakfast for pageant children and volunteers at 9:45 a.m. in Wright Hall.

Christmas Pageant Thanks... Today we celebrate the gift of the Christmas Pageant brought to us by our children. We are very blessed to have Christi Schwarten who, as Producer, spent countless hours organizing all the details for the Pageant. Many thanks to our director, Nancy Bonanno, and to all of the wonderful adults who helped to make this wonderful tradition possible! We appreciate your generous gift of time and talent

St. Nick's Workshop: thanks to those who made the St. Nick's Workshop a festive time for families to be together during the Advent season. Thanks to all who donated items for the Secret Santa Shop. Proceeds go to support Youth and Children's Ministries. Thanks to Sherri Kenski for organizing crafts, to our wonderful youth "elves", and especially to Joni Laurence for all her work for the Secret Santa Shop.

Pick up your family Advent Calendar! Available in the Atrium and the Parent Resource Area on the 3rd floor.



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

December 14, 2014, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

INTROIT

"Keep Your Lamps"

arr. Thomas

Adult Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Harrington

Leader: Good friends, rejoice. God is with you.

People: Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God, still God is with us.

Leader: God's love is forever. You are beloved.

People: Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.

Leader: God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.

ALL: Praise be to God for such wondrous love. Amen.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" On Screens

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Our liturgy continues...

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

People: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymnal No. 204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

8:30 Rev. Carrillo, 11 Rev. Johnson-Oliver

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE
OFFERTORY

Justin Dean, piano

+DOXOLOGY

Hymnal No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

HYMN

"What Child is This?", vs. 1

Hymnal No. 219

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-11

Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

"I'm Soooo Happy!"

Dr. Brown

SENDING FORTH

+RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Joy to the World", vs. 1, 2, 4

Hymnal No. 246

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Hymnal No. 234

*O come, let us adore him,
O Come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

+POSTLUDE

Justin Dean, piano

+Please stand as you are able.



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OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 7 Sunday Worship: 578 Sunday School: 149
Offerings Last Sunday: \$ 24,852.97

Flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of Marti Moyer by Andi Lohr.

Flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Matthew and Joshua Lopez on their birthdays by Liz and Tom Plewes.

Events at AUMC!



Welcome! We pray that something in our worship today – the message, the music, the fellowship - will touch you, and we invite you to come back and worship with us again. Join us for fellowship, refreshments and coffee in Wright Hall immediately after today's worship service.

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. See back of bulletin for small groups participating in this study.
Dec. 21 – "Love All" – Rev. Johnson-Oliver

Seminar/Kaleidoscope: today at 9:50 a.m. in Room 310, Dr. Jack Underhill will do a retrospective and highlight topics covered during the last 10 years of the Seminar.

New Member Class "Brownies with Brown" meets **today** at 9:45 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 **today** at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Eduardo Carrillo, ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org.

An Evening in December – Christmas Recital will be held **tonight** at 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.

Today is the deadline to provide cash donations or recreation equipment for the Mission Team to take to Haiti in January. Cash donations to purchase supplies or donations of these items are needed: two regulation-size soccer balls, an air pump for the soccer balls, six Chinese jump ropes, eight plastic beach balls to use with parachutes, stickers (anything child oriented), and 100 wooden clothes pins. The Haiti Mission Team will be doing construction work, relational ministry and hosting Vacation Bible School for 350 children in Petit Grove. Place donations in the marked boxes in the Atrium. Bring cash to the church office. For more information, contact Pam Jones at 703-820-0058 or foueverfree@verizon.net.

Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner and Advent communion program is scheduled for **Dec. 17** in Wright Hall. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. The menu Dec 17 will be: Italian salad, tortellini and meatball soup, breadsticks, eggnog pie. 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 are due by noon on Monday, **Dec. 15**.

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 next 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.

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.



Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 17 – WNT and Advent Program

Dec. 21 – A Brethren Christmas Concert

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship 4, 7 and 11 p.m.

Dec. 28 – Single worship service, 10:30 a.m. No Sunday School

Jan. 10 - Babypalooza

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

Buy pecans, help UMW Missions! A limited number of pecans (whole and in pieces) and walnuts are being sold by the UMW after each Sunday worship service. Make checks payable to AUMW.

Next Sunday. Dec. 21, is the deadline for the Advent Giving Tree. This is an opportunity to deliver hope to children, families in need, the homeless, and victims of human trafficking this holiday season. Select a tag from the Christmas tree near the center doors of the sanctuary. The Missions Committee is collecting "Alternative Giving" donations for 100,000 Homes, to the food programs at the Heritage Drive campus and Safe Haven, and to victims of human trafficking.

Christmas Eve services: Dec. 24, 4 p.m., a Family Candlelight Christmas Eve service; 7 and 11 p.m., Candlelight worship service. Childcare will be available at 7 p.m.

Poinsettia delivery: If you would like to deliver a poinsettia to a shut-in or homebound member, the signup sheet is on a table in the Atrium. Poinsettias can be taken following the **Christmas eve** service for delivery in the next couple of days.

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, contact Jerry Beyer at beyerga@gmail.com or 703-399-1395. The Tutoring Program will be **closed Dec. 24 and 31**.

Feed the hungry: Help with food distribution, Heritage campus, 7901 Heritage Dr., every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. **except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1**, when the site will be closed. For more information call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

Christmas wreaths will be sold by Boy Scout Troop 150 before and after Sunday services until they are sold out. This is the troop's only fundraiser each year, and your support is appreciated. All funds go toward camping trips, events, and equipment.

Share your love for Annandale UMC 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.

AUMC magnets (\$5) and T-shirts (\$10) can be purchased in the church office during the week. Please pay exact amount in cash or write a check to AUMC.

Inclement Weather Announcements: When the weather is severe enough to cancel services/activities, information will be recorded on the office voice mail system. Call 703-256-8330 to hear the recorded message.

Altar flowers are needed for Sunday, Dec. 28. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of a loved one, please return the form below, along with a check, made payable to AUMC. Cost is \$25 per arrangement.

Name of Donor: _____ Phone: _____
Check one: In Memory of In Honor of

- Please leave the flowers for distribution to homebound or those in the hospital.
- I will take the flowers.