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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:

Peggy Ward	
Tony Krakoviak, father of Sally Bizer	WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones
Maria Perez, mother-in-law of Dawn Perez	Sherril Reid
Paul Fabricant, friend of Dottie Rogerson	Janet Petty Sabo
Maureen Hitchings, friend of Sheila Kyer	Stefan Ohmke
Carsten Christensen, friend of Mikaela O'Brien	Barbara Moen
Jeanette Cyrus, aunt of Robin Patton	Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
Emily, daughter of Dana and Dana Goward	Lynette Dillard
David Gordon, friend of Rosemary Perdue	Catie McConville Padgett
Anna Erecell Traynham, aunt of CDC teacher	Bill Stacy
Pauline Dray, friend of Joan Oliver	Justin Shim, friend of Kyla Carney
Donald and Connie Pearson, parents of Mark Pearson	Charles George
Steve Jarvis, brother of Becki Stewart	Tatiana, friend of Betsy Clevenger
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 Hildebrandt	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	Mary Breslin and her family
Rev. Debra Copeland, friend of Julie Montgomery	Donna Dye
Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond	Ed Oliver
Andy Murphree, brother of Nancy Davis	Rachida Bent-Maria
Kris Travis, friend of Chris Bradley	Paul Oliver, father of Davis Oliver
Michael Boley, friend of Ed Bock	Ines Vaughn, mother of Pat Vaughn
Tari Foltz, daughter-in-law of Betsy Clevenger	Val Andrist
Michael Nemoh, son of CDC teacher	Bo Ramsey, friend of Carolyn Cook
Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones	Vincent Guidi
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	
Grace Brakefield, aunt of Sandy Barker	
Roger Gray, friend of Joan Oliver	Jeryl McLeod, sister of Jaie Brown
Arlene Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	
Bob Levy, friend of Pat and Gary Sherfey	

For bereaved members and their families:

Jim Harrington and family on the death of his grandmother, Kathren Harrington

OUR SERVICE:

Greeters: Rick Hampton, Willie Lord, Brad Otto,
Wilton Ward, Elizabeth Moss
Fellowship Hours: United Methodist Men

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*



Academy of Discipleship
Annandale United Methodist Church

(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.

Parents and Promises is studying *The Advent Conspiracy* in Room 305. It will not meet on Dec. 28.

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 resumes Jan. 4 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, resumes Jan. 5, 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)

Sunday school classes will be combined today and will meet in the Youth Room (Room 105). There will be no Youth Sunday School classes next Sunday (Dec. 28).

Ramp meetings will resume on Jan. 4.

Grid Winter Retreat - Jan. 30 through Feb. 1.

Cost \$100 for weekend if payment is made before Jan. 18. Cost \$125 beginning Jan. 19. Sign up online today!



Children's Ministries

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 year olds – 5th grade): 9:45 a.m.

Celebration Choir (K -5th grade): 9:15 a.m., room 311

Cherub Choir (3-4 year olds): during Sunday School

Thanks to the many generous volunteers who gave their time and talents to make St. Nick's Workshop such fun for so many children and their families!

Pick up Pictures with Santa in the Atrium.

UPCOMING

Dec. 24, 4 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service

A special service for families that includes familiar carols, the telling of the story, candlelight, and the children coming to bring stars to place on the nativity scene. Children's Choirs will sing.

Dec. 28: No Sunday School, choir, or chapel for children.

Jan. 4: Children's Sunday School resumes

Jan. 11: Celebration Singers and Chapel resumes



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

December 21, 2014, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE (8:30 a.m.) Justin Dean, piano

INTROIT (11 a.m.) "Do You Hear What I Hear?" arr. Simone Brethren

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+**GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE**

+**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

People: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

Leader: for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

People: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Leader: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

People: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

Leader: he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

All: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

+**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear", vs. 1, 3, 4

Hymnal No. 218

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

8:30 a.m. Stephens Family, 11 a.m. Witkowski Family

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Our liturgy continues...

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem.

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.*

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Becki Stewart
(11 a.m. – Children may leave for Children’s Chapel after Moments.)

ANTHEM “Mary, Did You Know?” arr. Greer
Adult Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ever faithful God, through prophets and angels, you promised to raise up a holy child who would establish a household of peace and justice. Open our hearts to receive your Word, that we may open our doors to welcome all people as sisters and brothers, and establish your household in our time. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON 8:30 a.m. B. Herbst, 11 a.m. S. Reynolds Luke 4:16-21

+CHORUS “Make Me a Servant” *FWS No. 2176

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:26-38

Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “A Reindeer Impression” Trish Bradley

SENDING FORTH

+RECESSIONAL HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth” Hymnal No. 431

+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.

* Faith We Sing Supplementary Hymnal

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OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 14 Sunday Worship: 607 Sunday School: 220
Offerings Last Sunday: \$18,196.00

Congratulations to Rudy and Sue Meekins who celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary Dec. 13.

Events at AUMC!



Welcome! Today we conclude the Advent Conspiracy sermon series with “Love All”. See back of bulletin for small groups participating in this study. 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. A new Sermon Series begins on **Jan. 4:** “Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service”. Series will include spiritual gifts inventory and information on opportunities to serve at AUMC. Rev. Dr. Brown will preach **Jan. 4.**

Tonight: A Brethren Christmas Concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and are available after worship services this morning. See Pat Vaughn in the Atrium to purchase tickets.

Today 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 victims 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 at AUMC!
Join us on Wednesday in candlelight celebration of the birth of Christ.
Come at 4 p.m. for a service that’s fun for all ages, including a nativity scene!
Communion services will take place at 7 and 11 p.m.
Childcare is available at 7 p.m.

Poinsettia delivery: If you would like to deliver a poinsettia to a shut-in or homebound member, please sign up on a table in the Atrium. Poinsettias can be taken following today’s worship service or left for Christmas eve.

Serve as a tutor: AUMC’s Heritage Drive Tutoring Program assists elementary and middle-school on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. To volunteer as a tutor, receptionist, with snacks, or in some other way, contact Jerry Beyer at beyerga@gmail.com or 703-399-1395. The Tutoring Program is **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.

Holiday schedule: The church office will be closed on **Dec. 24,** at noon, **Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1.**

Sunday, Dec. 28 worship will be **one service** at 10:30 a.m. led by young adults. Children and youth Sunday School will not meet. Everyone is invited to wear casual attire; wear an AUMC tshirt!

Year-end reminders: All gifts 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, please process it as soon as possible.

Buy pecans, help UMW Missions! UMW is selling a new crop of pecans (whole and in pieces) and walnuts after today’s worship service. Make checks to AUMW.

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.

Volunteers are needed to help staff and maintain the Children’s Clothing Closet on the Heritage Drive Campus. We would like to be able to be open at regular hours starting in **January.** If you can help, we can work around your hours. For information please call Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424.

Babypalooza is coming to AUMC! On Sunday, **Jan. 11** we host this event in honor the “an extraordinary event, an exceptional instance” of 19 (yes, 19) new babies born into our congregation in 12 months! The birth of a baby is something very special, whether the new family addition is your first, second, or third child. The church recognizes children in special ways such an announcement in the bulletin, a rosebud on the altar, and baptism. Babypalooza is a time to come together and hear more about how we welcome you and your precious child into our faith family. Bring your baby or toddler, meet other parents (and babies, of course), learn about what baptism means for infants in the Methodist tradition, hear about the nursery, meet our childcare supervisor and more! January 11 at 9:45 in the sanctuary! No reservations required. For more information contact Becki Stewart bstewart@annandale-umc.org

Discipleship Event – The State of the Dream: AUMC Reflects on How We are Living Dr. King’s Legacy – This panel discussion will take place on Sunday, **Jan. 18** at 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330. For more information, contact Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver.

Collecting for Children’s Clothes Closet: Donations of new or gently used clothing for infants and children are being collected for families who live around the Heritage Drive campus. A collection box is located near room 311.

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

Inclement Weather Announcements: When the weather is severe enough to cancel services/activities, information will be recorded on the office voice mail system. Call 703-246-8330 to hear the recorded message.

Flowers on the Altar Needed: If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of a loved one, please circle the date(s) you wish and return this form with a check, made payable to AUMC. Cost: \$25 per arrangement. Flowers are not placed on the altar on the first Sunday of each month, Communion Sunday; Easter Sunday and the Sunday before Christmas have special flowers.

January		11	18	25	July		12	19	26
February		8	15	22	August	9	16	23	30
March	8	15	22	29	September		13	20	27
April		12	19	26	October		11	18	25
May	10	17	24	31	November	8	15	22	29
June		14	21	28	December		13		27

Name of Donor: _____ Phone: _____

In Memory of In Honor of *(check one)*

I/we wish to leave the flowers for distribution to shut-ins or those in the hospital.
YES _____ NO _____