

...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:

Tony Krakoviak, father of Sally Bizer	Catie McConville Padgett	Peggy Ward
Brenda Andrews, sister of Sindy Keplinger	Sherril Reid	Janet Petty Sabo
Nicole Miller, friend of Elaine Hiner	Stefan Ohmke	Barbara Moen
Maureen Hitchings, friend of Sheila Kyer	Paul Oliver, father of Davis Oliver	Lynette Dillard
Carsten Christensen, friend of Mikaela O'Brien	Emily, daughter of Dana and Dana Goward	Bill Stacy
Jeanette Cyrus, aunt of Robin Patton	David Gordon, friend of Rosemary Perdue	Freda Hill
Anna Erecell Traynham, aunt of CDC teacher	Donald and Connie Pearson, parents of Mark Pearson	Charles George
Steve Jarvis, brother of Becki Stewart	Maria Perez, mother-in-law of Dawn Perez	Mary Breslin and her family
WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones	Justin Shim, friend of Kyla Carney	Liz Plewes
Lenny Hall, niece of Vincent and Jeanne Guidi	Laura Horn, mother-in-law of Eldon Hildebrant	Janet Woods
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville	Matthew McConville, nephew of Jim McConville	Andrew Miga
Victoria Mayo	Evie Gibson	Homer Ambrose, Jr.
Marcy Larriva, friend of Cyra Doty and Louise Golobic	Ann Woodle, friend of Betsy Clevenger	Jasmine Gardner, friend of Charles Cox
Tatiana, friend of Betsy Clevenger	Kathy James, friend of Natashi Anthony	Rev. Debra Copeland, friend of Julie Montgomery
Patti Jones	Michael Boley, friend of Ed Bock	Kris Travis, friend of Chris Bradley
Ed Oliver	Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond	Andy Murphree, brother of Nancy Davis
Vincent Guidi	Glenn Adams, friend of Pete and Alice Snitzer	Pauline Dray, friend of Joan Oliver
Ines Vaughn, mother of Pat Vaughn	Tari Foltz, daughter-in-law of Betsy Clevenger	Michael Nemoh, son of CDC teacher
Jeryl McLeod, sister of Jaie Brown	Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones	Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
Virginia Crane	Lauren Ball, daughter-in-law of Sherri Kenski	Shatirah Thompson, cousin of Chris Bradley
Donna Dye	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	

For bereaved members and their families:

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

OUR SERVICE:

Greeters: Scott Fleming, Jerry Beyer, Mark Pearson, Rachel Bruns, Wilton Ward

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



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

NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 4: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.

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

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

Immanuel is studying *The History of Christian Worship* in Room 300.

In His Steps is studying *The Wesleyan Way* in Room 302.

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

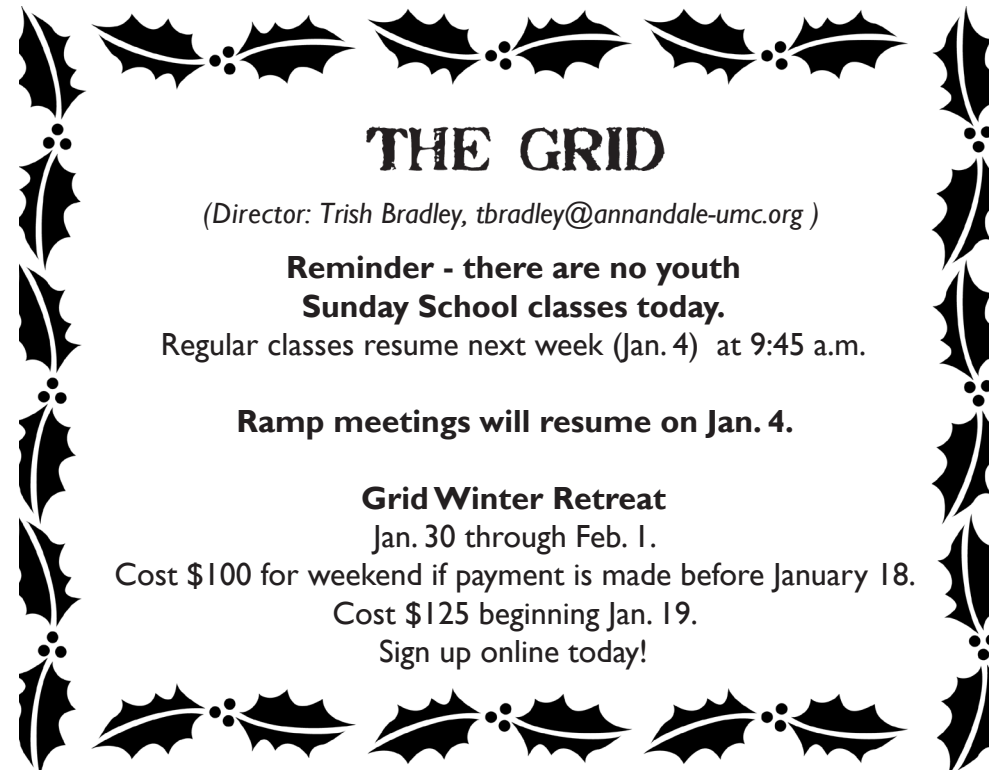
Parents and Promises meets in Room 305.

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 resumes Jan. 4 in Room 306.

Women of the Day meets in the Parlor.



THE GRID

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

**Reminder - there are no youth
Sunday School classes today.**

Regular classes resume next week (Jan. 4) at 9:45 a.m.

Ramp meetings will resume on Jan. 4.

Grid Winter Retreat

Jan. 30 through Feb. 1.

Cost \$100 for weekend if payment is made before January 18.

Cost \$125 beginning Jan. 19.

Sign up online today!



Children's Ministries

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

No children's Sunday school, children's choirs, or chapel today

Jan. 4: Sunday School resumes for 3-4 year olds – 5th Grade, 9:45 a.m.

Jan. 11:

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

Cherub Choir (3-4 year old class) resumes Jan. 25

Chapel (4 year olds – 3rd grade) follows Moments with Children, 11 a.m. worship

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 from the Atrium.



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

December 28, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

+GATHERING SONG "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
*FWS No. 2088

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
Hymnal No. 240

+CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: The Christmas tree lights have dimmed.
People: **The once-wrapped gifts have been shared.**
Leader: But the awesome love of God still shines brightly in our hearts.
People: **Our spirits resound with the good news of salvation.**
Leader: God is with us!
All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

+OPENING PRAYER
Lord of mercy and joy, You have given to us the blessing of your Son Jesus who will make known your presence, forgiveness, and love to each one of us. Be with us this day and keep our hearts and minds open to receive your love and peace. Enable each of us to be people of joy and hope as we encounter others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Jim Harrington

+HYMN "Because He Lives" Hymnal No. 364

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 4:4-7

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE
OFFERTORY

Caroline Evans, 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

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:22-40

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Reflections on the Journey" Young Adults of AUMC

SENDING FORTH

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Sing We Now of Christmas", vs. 1-3

Hymnal No.237

+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

Caroline Evans, piano

+Please stand as you are able.

* The Faith We Sing supplementary hymnal

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

OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 21 Sunday Worship: 410 Sunday School: 130
Offerings Last Sunday: \$27,515.22

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of father
and grandfather, Kenneth McEwen, by Willa Ogata.

Congratulations to Jim and Molly Cromwell who celebrate their 53rd
wedding anniversary Dec. 30.

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. Two worship services will be held next Sunday, Jan. 4, at 8:30 and 11 a.m. A new Sermon Series begins next week: "Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service". Rev. Dr. Brown will preach **Jan. 4 and 11.**

Holiday schedule: The church office will be closed on Thursday, **Jan. 1.**

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.

The need is greater than ever. A special offering is taken on Communion Sundays (first week each month) to help ACCA and for our neighbors in need. So when you see the plates by the communion rail on **Jan. 4,** please give generously!

Babypalooza is coming to AUMC! On Sunday, **Jan. 11** at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary, the AUMC Children's Ministry will host a celebration/information session for parents with new infants. In the past year, 19 babies have been born into our congregation. The birth of a baby is something special, whether the new addition is a family's first, second, or third child. AUMC celebrates children in special ways including an announcement in the bulletin, a rosebud on the altar, and baptism. Babypalooza will be an opportunity for parents with new infants to gather for fellowship, to meet other new parents, and to learn how AUMC celebrates children. Information will be provided about the Methodist tradition of infant baptism, the AUMC nursery, and a chance to meet the AUMC's professional childcare supervisor. Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Becki Stewart at bstewart@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

Young Adults' lunch discussion following Sunday worship will meet **Jan. 11 and 25** at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Eduardo Carrillo, ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org.

Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner is scheduled for **Jan. 14** in Wright Hall. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. Register for dinner by noon on **Jan. 12** 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.

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.

Join the Communion Steward Committee which assists 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.

Important: Help reduce postage and paper costs by signing up to receive the monthly Witness newsletter via email instead of by U.S. mail. Please send an email to Dottie Rogerson drogerson@annandale-umc.org to request your name be added to the email distribution list. Note: AUMC does NOT share its email distribution list with outside organizations.



Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 11 – Young Adults Lunch Discussion

Jan. 11 – Babypalooza

Jan. 14 – Wednesday Night Together



Volunteer office assistance needed. Would you like to help the church office staff during busy times by answering the phone, making copies, collating, and other clerical tasks? The time commitment is minimal: usually 1-3 hours. If you are interested in adding your name to a list of folks who would be willing to be called when there is a need for a volunteer, please contact Joyce Kitzmiller, jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

Clothe the children! Donations of new or gently used clothing for infants and children are being collected for families who live around the Heritage Drive campus. A Children's Clothes Closet collection box is located on the third floor of AUMC Parent Resource Area (near room 311).

Feed the hungry! Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution, Heritage campus, 7901 Heritage Dr., every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. **except Jan. 1,** when the site will be closed. For details call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

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, 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. 31.**

Help support AUMC activities: purchase an AUMC T-shirt for \$10 each in youth and adult sizes or an AUMC car magnet for \$5 (supports youth missions). Purchase in the church office. Please pay with exact cash or by check payable to AUMC with "t-shirt" or "magnet" in the note line.

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.

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 _____