

...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:

Jonathan Brown, nephew of Bobbi Yancey	Joan Power
Cayden, nephew of Debbie Strickland	Becky Lynch
Paula Thompson, friend of Allan Cogswell and Jessica Mayo	
Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase	Peggy Ward
Brenda Andrews, sister of Cindy Keplinger	Sherril Reid
Nicole Miller, friend of Elaine Hiner	Janet Petty Sabo
Maureen Hitchings, friend of Sheila Kyer	Stefan Ohmke
Carsten Christensen, friend of Mikaela O'Brien	Barbara Moen
Sarah Magis, friend of Debbie Strickland	Catie McConville Padgett
Emily, daughter of Dana and Dana Goward	Lynette Dillard
David Gordon, friend of Rosemary Perdue	Bill Stacy
Anna Erecell Traynham, aunt of CDC teacher	Freda Hill
Donald and Connie Pearson, parents of Mark Pearson	Charles George
Steve Jarvis, brother of Becki Stewart	WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones
Maria Perez, mother-in-law of Dawn Perez	Mary Breslin and her family
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
Bob Levy, friend of Pat and Gary Sherfey	
Michael Boley, friend of Ed Bock	Kris Travis, friend of Chris Bradley
Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond	Ed Oliver
Andy Murphree, brother of Nancy Davis	
Glenn Adams, friend of Pete and Alice Snitzer	Donna Dye
Pauline Dray, friend of Joan 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	Vincent Guidi
Lauren Ball, daughter-in-law of Sherri Kenski	Virginia Crane
Shatirah Thompson, cousin of Chris Bradley	
Dr. Tara L. Covey, friend of Sandra Chase	
Grace Brakefield, aunt of Sandy Barker	
Paul Oliver, father of Davis Oliver	Jeryl McLeod, sister of Jaie Brown
Arlene Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	

For bereaved members and their families:

Cherrie Welch and family on the death of her mother-in-law.

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 begins studying the Book of Proverbs in Room 111.

Connect - New Members Class meets on Jan. 18 in the Sanctuary.

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 discussing The Wesleyan Way in Room 302

Issues in Christianity is studying "Moral Decision Making" in Room 300.

Parents and Promises meets in Room 305.

Speaking of Faith is listening to podcasts with 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 Serving from the Heart in the Parlor.

THE GRID

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

Youth Sunday School Classes

Confirmation Class - Hughes Hall

Middle School - Room 209

Senior High - Room 105/Youth Room

Youth Choir will meet today at 12:15 p.m. in the Choir Room!

Ramp tonight - 5 to 7:30 p.m. Come experience Underground Reality: Colombia and learn more about the persecuted church and ways that young people are sharing God around the world.

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)

Babypalooza (Parents with infants and toddlers through age 3): Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:45 a.m.

Good Shepherd Class (3-4 years old): Room 312

GODLY PLAY (Kindergarten through 5th Grade): 3rd floor Classrooms

CHAPEL (4 years-3rd grade): 11 a.m. service after MWC, room 313

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

Cherub Choir (2 years and 3-4 year old class) resumes Jan. 25

Children may join choir or Sunday school at any time. Registration required. Forms are available from teachers and in the Parent Resource area across from 310.

Good Samaritan Kids (3rd-5th Grade) Almost Lock-in is coming soon!

Want to receive the weekly Children's Ministry (CM) Parent Eblast? Contact Becki at bstewart@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

January 11, 2015 • 8:30 and 11 a.m.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

INTROIT "Down in the River to Pray" arr. Mennicke
Adult Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+OPENING SONG "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"
Hymnal No. 605

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

People: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.

Leader: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children.

People: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

Leader: Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love.

All: Amen.

+OPENING PRAYER

God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, be with us this day as we remember the story of Jesus' baptism. Help us to remember that you claim us at our baptism, and gift us to reach others. Remind us again of the many ways in which we are empowered to serve. May the living out of our baptism be a sign of hope for your world. Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love. We open our hearts to you this day. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Becki Stewart
(11 a.m. - Children may leave for Children's Chapel)

ANTHEM "Wade in the Water" arr. Hayes
Adult Choir

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.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11 8:30: Carol Burns; 11: Peter Taylor

+HYMN "Spirit Song" Hymnal No. 347

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

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 4:1-10

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

SERMON "Considering Our Gifts" Dr. Brown

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

+SENDING FORTH

+CLOSING HYMN "Whatever You Do" On Screens
 (to the tune of *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*)

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "One Spirit of Love" On Screens
*Many gifts, one spirit of love,
 one spirit of love
 Many gifts, one spirit of love,
 one spirit of love*

+POSTLUDE Justin Dean, piano

+Please stand as you are able.

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OUR PRESENCE: Jan. 4 Sunday Worship: 360 Sunday School: 120
 Offerings Last Sunday: \$14,430.78

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Alex and Kate Witkowski on their first birthday by Cleve and Linda Askins.

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of her cousin, James Ray Taylor, by Sherri Kenski.

Rosebud on the Altar celebrates the birth of Logan Braxton Boyd, son of Amanda and Logan Boyd, born Dec. 18, 2014.

Flowers in the Atrium are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of their father and grandfather, Dr. William F. Summers on his birthday, by Nancy, Zea and Casey Bonanno.

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. Our sermon series continues next week: "Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service". Rev. Dr. Brown will preach.

Events at AUMC!



Today! Parents of newborns and toddlers are invited to Babypalooza at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. 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! For more information contact Becki Stewart bstewart@annandale-umc.org.

Young Adults' lunch discussion following Sunday worship will meet **today** and **Jan. 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. Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown will present highlights from his recent trip to Korea with other church leaders. The menu will be: turkey tetrazzini, green salad, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, and peach praline bread pudding. Register for dinner by noon **tomorrow** 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.

Our AUMC Mission Team is serving in Haiti until **Jan. 17**. Read about their progress at <http://aumchaiti2015.blogspot.com/>. Blessings to our team members: Mark Bradley, Pam Jones, Molly Wilmarth, John Rogerson, Jim Wall, Maurice Lindsey, Jr., Michelle Lindsey, Maurice Lindsey, Sr., Richard Wright, and Laura Cook.



Discipleship Event – The State of the Dream: Annandale UMC Reflects on How We are Living Dr. King's Legacy, **Sunday, Jan 18** at 12:30 pm. Panel discussion will feature pastors and members of AUMC reflecting on the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lunch provided. RSVP for lunch by noon on **Thursday, Jan. 15** to jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

It's new! Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr., will lead a new Sunday morning class called Connect, **Jan. 18** at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The gathering is a time of exploration and discernment of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ at AUMC. The informal format will include time for Q&A. This is especially for visitors and potential new members, but everyone is welcome.



Lenten Study 2015 - The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg - begins Sunday, **Feb 15**. Small groups are forming now to participate in this church-wide study. If you would like to lead a new or existing group during this study, contact Rev. Johnson-Oliver at cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org.

Parenting with Love and Logic classes for parents of young children will be held on Sundays, **Feb. 22 - March 22**, 4-6 p.m., in room 210 and will be taught by Maribeth Day, Executive Director of AUMC Weekday Children's Programs. Program cost is \$25/person; \$35/couple and child care is \$15 per family. For registration and other information call 703-256-5244 or email mday@annandale-umc.org. Registration forms are also available in the church office.

Service Opportunity: Women, men, or youth are needed to serve as ushers for the 8:30 worship service once a month. If interested or for more information, contact Randy Gordon, rgordon@ngfa.org or call the church office 703-256-8330.

The Communion Steward Committee needs volunteers who 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.

Feed the hungry! Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution, Heritage campus, 7901 Heritage Dr., every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. For more information call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

The Children's Clothing Closet at the Heritage Drive campus needs volunteers. For information call Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424.

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 14 – Wednesday Night Together
Jan. 18 – The State of the Dream
Jan. 19 – Church office closed for MLK Day
Jan 30 – Feb 1 - Youth Winter Retreat
March 14 – Stop Hunger Now



The ACCA Food Pantry needs volunteers to serve as Food Captains to help with managing and referring delivery food requests submitted to ACCA by Fairfax County. Volunteer drivers are also needed to make deliveries to portions of Alexandria, Annandale and Baileys Crossroads. Contact Theresa Speake at 703-933-9306 or tspeake@cox.net to learn about the duties and requirements.

ACCA Pantry Update: The pantry made 104 deliveries in December assisting 323 people and provided 26 Christmas baskets. The pantry remains low in small bags of rice, dried black beans, cereal, jelly, canned fruit, cookies, and crackers. Thanks to everyone for their continued support of the pantry. AUMC collects non-perishable food for the ACCA pantry the first Sunday of each month.

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 willing to be called when there is a need for a volunteer, contact Joyce Kitzmiller, jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

Times are tight; help AUMC save postage and paper costs. Sign up to receive the monthly Witness newsletter via email instead of USPS mail by contacting Dottie Rogerson, drogerson@annandale-umc.org. If you do not receive it, but would like to, please contact the church office. AUMC does not share its email lists.

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 collection box is at the AUMC Parent Resource Area (near room 311).

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.

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				25	July			12	19	26
February		8		22	August	9	16	23	30	
March		15	22	29	September			20	27	
April		12	19		October			11	18	
May		17	24	31	November	8	15			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 _____