



# AUMC WITNESS

*Our Mission: Love God, Love Neighbor, Serve the World*

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Don't miss the fun  
at the **AUMC Fall Fun  
Fest on Sunday, Oct. 26, 3 – 5  
p.m.** A chili cook-off and cobbler baking  
contest, Trunk or Treat, moon bounce, pumpkin  
decorating, face painting, games, cookie walk,  
obstacle course and more is planned for all ages!  
To sign up for the chili cook-off or cobbler bakeoff  
(sponsored by the Young Adults) send email Rev.  
Eduardo Carrillo, [ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org](mailto:ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org). To  
participate in the pumpkin decorating contest, email  
Trish Bradley: [tbradley@annandale-umc.org](mailto:tbradley@annandale-umc.org). If you  
would like to decorate your car trunk, your  
van or pickup truck for "Trunk or Treat",  
email [bstewart@annandale-umc.org](mailto:bstewart@annandale-umc.org).

**The Annandale Parade** is  
scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 25, 10  
a.m. – 12 noon.** AUMC will have a presence  
including the United Methodists Against  
Human Trafficking, children and youth  
ministries and DIRT (the disaster response  
team). The parade begins in the AUMC  
parking lot.



**All Saints Sunday is Nov. 2.** On Sunday, Nov. 2, AUMC will celebrate All Saints Day. What is All Saints Day? United Methodists believe in saints, but not in the same manner as some other churches. We recognize Matthew, Mark, Paul, John, Luke and other early followers of Jesus as saints, and many United Methodist churches are named after these saints. United Methodists believe "... there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human who gave himself a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:5-6a). United Methodists call people "saints" because they exemplified the Christian life. In this sense,

every Christian can be considered a saint. John Wesley, co-founder of the Methodist Church, believed we have much to learn from the saints, but he did not encourage anyone to worship them. Wesley's focus was entirely on the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

On Nov. 2, AUMC will recognize and celebrate All Saints' Day and "all the saints who from their labors rest," by reading the names of AUMC members who died in the past year. Come and celebrate their lives!

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## The Currency of Money

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior! I write today the last in my offerings on Eric Law's book, *Holy Currencies: Six Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries*. The last coincides with our stewardship campaign, Consecration Sunday, which will culminate in our celebrating in worship that offering of our time, talents, gifts and service. I write last about the

Currency of Money for several reasons.

**First**, because to focus on money is to distort the holistic meaning of stewardship, something many churches are guilty of. The biblical sense of stewardship is to focus on our responsibility to care for things that are not our own. Knowing God to be the creator of all is to understand that we are to care for and use responsibly everything that God has given. Everything we have, are or will be are gifts from God.

**Secondly**, the focus on money usually is directed to the concrete things of the church: budget, building, staff and the like. This is a misdirected focus, taking us away from the spirituality of it, the need we have to align the resources God has given with our God given purpose.

**In reflecting** on this, Law returns us to the functionality of money, reminding us that in early societies money was not used. Bartering, the trading of goods and services that helped communities grow and thrive was the mode of exchange. There arose occasions and seasons, however, when what one had to trade did not coincide with one's neighbor's need. Some measure of exchange was needed. Money was born. Money was, in Law's words, "... simply a temporary medium of exchange... (W)e lost sight of the original purpose of money and decided to accumulate it as a commodity rather than keeping it moving as a medium of exchange." (*Holy Currencies: Six Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries*, Kindle Locations 3195-3197).

**This movement** toward the consideration of money as something to be acquired and accumulated – while important – can be transformed into something that we value more than our relationship with God. For some, money can become our god. Thus, as we collectively discern our commitment to giving, as we move to the consideration of holistic, biblical stewardship of everything generally and money specifically, I would echo here Law's foundational assumptions:

- God owns everything.
- God gives abundantly.
- We are not to keep God's resources; we are to circulate these resources.
- God's blessings are then recycled to create more blessings.

In the end, we will be blessed.

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,

*Clarence*  
Clarence

**Kids' Stuff Consignment Sale:** The Weekday Children's Programs' annual Consignment Sale of children's items will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sale merchandise includes clothing, toys, books, strollers, and other items. There will be many bargains and good quality items. For details, visit [www.AUMCConsignmentSale.com](http://www.AUMCConsignmentSale.com).

**AUMC's Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar** will be Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 30 craft vendors and artists, a used book sale by UMM and a bake sale by the youth. No entrance fee! Volunteers are needed to post signs, set up on Nov. 7, check in, and clean up on day of event. To volunteer, contact Cyra Doty at [radu94@aol.com](mailto:radu94@aol.com) or 703-354-5330.

**Festival Choir Christmas 2014:** We are gearing up for our annual Christmas service on Dec. 7. If you are college age or above and love to sing the songs of this season, we invite you to join the Adult Choir for this short time commitment. We will rehearse every Wednesday through Dec. 3 from 7:15 - 8 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you are interested, contact Pat Vaughn at [pvaughn@annandale-umc.org](mailto:pvaughn@annandale-umc.org).

**Wednesday Night Together** fellowship dinner (5:45 p.m.) and program (6:30 p.m.) will be Nov. 12 in Wright Hall. The menu will be carrot salad, crunchy chicken tenders, baked macaroni and cheese, and carrot cake. The program will be a presentation by the Brazil Mission Team. Register by noon on Nov. 10 online at [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org), by emailing [jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org](mailto: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 max.

**Donate winter clothes for the homeless:** A collection is underway for mostly men's coats, sweatshirts, stocking caps, jeans, socks, underwear, and waterproof gloves. Women's winter clothing will also be taken. Items should be clean without holes, labelled with gender (men or women) and size. Place clothes in the box under the coat racks. For details, contact Bliss Miga 202-468-2983 or [bl.miga7@gmail.com](mailto:bl.miga7@gmail.com).

**Volunteers are needed** for ACCA's furniture ministry, which delivers donated furniture to needy families. AUMC's next date to assist is Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. For details, and to volunteer, contact Peter Taylor, 703-477-3903.

## DATEBOOK

- Oct. 25** – Annandale Parade
- Oct. 26** – Consecration Sunday (one service, 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch)
- Oct. 26** – Fall Fun Fest
- Nov. 8** – Craft Bazaar
- Nov. 11** – Veterans' Day Tribute
- Nov. 12** – Wednesday Night Together



**AUMC and American Legion  
Post 1976 Remember Our  
Cemetery Veterans  
Tuesday, November 11**

American Legion Post 1976 will make its annual Veterans Day tribute to veterans buried in AUMC Cemetery on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 9 a.m. During the ceremony, an American flag will be implanted in each interred veteran's gravesite. Members of the congregation and the community are invited to witness and participate. Those attending should gather at the cemetery flagpole at 8:50 a.m. Veterans Day is an appropriate time to become acquainted with the dignity, beauty, and historical richness of the AUMC cemetery which contains not just the burial sites of the 35 military veterans to be honored this day, but also the resting places of many AUMC saints and members of our church's founding families. For additional information, contact Mike Moser at 703-591-1210 or email [mmoser@annandale-umc.org](mailto:mmoser@annandale-umc.org).

**Military Veterans Interred in Annandale United Methodist Church Cemetery**

- James Benjamin Bladen**, U.S. Air Force, Site 36C, passed 2006
- Betty M. Bullock**, U.S. Navy, Site UG20A, passed 2007
- Howard B. Bullock**, U.S. Army Site UG20B, passed 2013
- Edward Blocksom Bunch**, U.S. Army, Site 77A, passed 1972
- William Chapman**, U.S. Navy, Site 76A, passed 2007
- Aubrey Chason**, U.S. Army, Site 28A, passed 2009
- Henry C. Cock**, Army, (Confederate) Site OS12, passed 1910
- Dale Farringer**, U.S. Navy, Site 57E, passed 1993
- Philip Gibson**, U.S. Army AF, Site 7C, passed 2004
- Theodore P. Gleiter**, U.S. Navy, Site 71A, passed 2009
- F. Dean Hannah**, U.S. Navy, Site 53A, passed 1996
- George Hartley**, U.S. Army, Site UG15B, passed 2006
- George W. Hill, Sr.**, U.S. Army, Site 34A, passed 2011
- John A. Jackson**, U.S. Army, Site 62A, passed 2011
- Edward Kysar**, U.S. Army, Site 69A, passed 2004
- Maurice Lacy**, U.S. Army, Site 60D, passed 2003
- Margaret Ann LaPlante**, U. S. Army, Site UG13B, passed 2013
- Charles Lynch Jr.**, U.S. Air Force, Site 44F, passed 2004
- Charles Lynch Sr.**, U.S. Navy, Site 44 E, passed 1988
- Sam Lynch**, U.S. Army, Site 76D, passed 1981
- Ralph May**, U.S. Army, Site UG12A, passed 2004
- Sanford W. Merryman**, U. S. Navy, Site 33D, passed 1996
- Amy Mikel**, U.S. Army, Site 73B, passed 2005
- Russell Mikel**, U.S. Army, Site 73A, passed 2002
- Malcolm R. Moore**, U.S. Navy, Site 43 E, passed 2008
- John D. Newton**, U.S. Army, Site UG11A, passed 1997
- Jack Pierce**, U.S. Navy, Site 54A, passed 2004
- Donald L. Plucknett**, U.S. Army, Site 8A, passed 2007
- Gene C. Trent**, U.S. Army, Site 79F, passed 2013
- Elhanan W. Wakefield**, U.S. Army, Site OS 4, passed 1920
- Lowell Wakefield**, U.S. Army, Site OSI, passed 1978
- John C. Webb**, U.S. Army, Site 13C passed 2000
- Shelton T. White**, U.S. Army, Site 30E passed 1994
- George H. Williams**, Army (Confederate), Site OS64, passed 1929
- Wasena F. Wright, Jr.**, U.S. Army, Site 42E, passed 2003
- John Joseph Zych**, U.S. Army, Site 66C, passed 1989

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

**Haiti Mission Trip:** We are continuing AUMC's relationship with the people in Petit Goave, Haiti. Our next Mission trip will be from Jan. 8-17, 2015. Our team will be performing light construction as well as hosting a two-day Bible school program. If you are interested in participating, contact Mark Bradley at [Bradleyfam@aol.com](mailto:Bradleyfam@aol.com) for details.

**"Brownies with Brown"** New Member Class will meet Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 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 Annandale UMC. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information, call 703-256-8330.

**Young Adults' lunch discussion** following Sunday worship will meet Nov. 10 at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Eduardo Carrillo, [ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org](mailto:ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org).

**Heritage Drive Ministries:** Help is needed with **food distribution**, Heritage campus, 7901 Heritage Dr., every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. For details call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424. **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 help as a tutor, receptionist, with snacks, or in some other way, or if you have questions, contact Jerry Beyer at [beyerga@gmail.com](mailto:beyerga@gmail.com) or 703-399-1395. **Volunteer as a teacher** at the ESL Program. Anyone interested in volunteering this fall can call Mike or Liz Hoefler at 703-845-7751.

**Collecting Used Books!** The UMM will host a Used Book Sale at the AUMC Holiday Craft Bazaar on Nov. 8. Bring book donations to room 210 beginning Oct. 26. Questions, contact Gary FitzGibbon at 703-963-8707.

## CIRCLE NEWS

**DEBORAH:** Mon., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., AUMC Rm. 210. Prog.: Stuffing Salvation Army stockings. Hostess: Carol Irons. Dev.: Joy Price.

**LYDIA:** Thurs., Nov. 13, 10 a.m., AUMC Rm 209. Prog.: Stuffing Salvation Army stockings. Hostesses: Gloria Rothman & Sally Bizer. Dev.: Shirley Bailey.

**MARTHA:** Mon., Nov. 17, 1 p.m. Heritage Campus Fellowship Hall. Prog.: Book study of Women of the Bible. Light refreshments will be served. Dev.: Betsy Clevenger.

**M&M's:** Sat., Nov. 15, 8 a.m. at the home of Pat Sherfey. Hostess: Kristine Grow. Dev.: Becki Stewart.

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ALL CIRCLE MEETINGS!



## MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Oct. 28	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues, Nov. 4	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., Nov. 5	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Nov. 11	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Nov. 11	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., Nov. 18	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 302

**Upcoming Sermons:** Fruits of the Spirit - **Oct. 26 (ONE service at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch):** Generosity (Consecration Sunday) with guest preacher, the Rev. Ed Garrett; Nov. 2: Faithfulness (All Saints' Sunday), Dr. Brown; Nov. 9: Gentleness, Dr. Brown; Nov. 16: Self Control, Rev. Carrillo.

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**Food drives:** help our neighbors in need, right here in our community! Bring non-perishable canned and boxed food through the end of October for the Heritage Drive campus food distribution site. Bring non-perishable food on Sunday, Nov. 2, for the ACCA Food Pantry.

**The AARP Safe Driver Course** for Seniors will be taught at AUMC on Nov. 3 and 4. The course will meet in AUMC's Media Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with an hour off for lunch. The cost is \$15 for AARP members (bring your card) and \$20 for non-members. Space is limited, so register early; call Jane Underhill at 703-573-2056. If you get a machine, leave your name and number, and we will confirm your reservation. Pay on the first day – cash or check.

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month** and AUMC is blessed to have three wonderful pastors! Please let them know how much they mean to you.

**Support a trafficking survivor:** Help fill backpacks for survivors with these supplies: bottled water, granola bars, underwear, socks, and toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, washcloths, soap, feminine pads, lotion). Place in the marked bins under the coat rack by the end of October.

**Backpack Assembly:** Nov. 9, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., room 210.

## WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

### SINGLE SERVICE Sunday, Oct. 26

**Door greeters:** E. Wilson, C. Cox, S. Naugle, M. Pearson, W. Ward, E. Moss

**Welcome Desk:** R. Sayre, N. Sayre, D. Johnson

**Fellowship hour:** Finance Committee

**Ushers:** 10:30 a.m. C. Jones, C. Jones, S. Kenski, S. Fleming (c)

### Sunday, Nov. 2

**Door greeters:** 8:10 a.m. R. Hampton, W. Lord, J. Schnur; 9:30 a.m. D. Ruhter; 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson, R. Bruns

**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 L. Miller, V. Cannon;

11 a.m. A. Gribben

**Fellowship hour:** In His Steps Class

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, J. Petty, E. Sackey, K. Sabo (c)

11 a.m. R. Gallagher, C. Perdue,

J. Thomas, R. Gordon (c)

### Sunday, Nov. 9

**Door greeters:** 8:10 a.m. J. Beyer, J. Maxwell, K. Redden; 9:30 a.m. B. Otto; 10:30 a.m. W. Ward, E. Moss

**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 J. Lord; 11 K. Nietzey

**Fellowship hour:** Education Committee

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. J. Clarke, D. Pemberton, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey (c)

11 a.m. S. Fleming, P. Straub, R. Witkowski, P. Snitzer

### Sunday, Nov. 16

**Door greeters:** 8:10 a.m. J. Vance, S. Naugle; 9:30 a.m. M. Pearson; 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson, R. Bruns

**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 R. Sayre, N. Sayre;

11 a.m. L. Scheible

**Fellowship hour:** Kairos Prison Ministry

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, S. Groves, E. Sackey, E. McKenney (c)

11 a.m. R. Gallagher, C. Jones, C. Jones, P. Shockley(c)

## NEXT DEADLINE:

Friday, Nov. 7 is the deadline for the Nov. 18 Witness which covers Nov. 23 and 30 and Dec. 6 and 13.