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

For our ongoing ministries

For the sick and those in need:

Brent Lewis, friend of Marcelo M. Soliz	Jim Shepard
Amy and Jasmine daughter and granddaughter of Margaret Bruce	
Victoria Collier, friend of Chris Bradley	Janel, friend of Kelly FitzGibbon
Tasha Giacomopoulos, friend of Chris Bradley	Freda Hill
Carol Kocheisen, friend of Liz Walker	Robin Evans
Graham Nichols, nephew of Liz Walker	Janet Petty Sabo
Betty Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	Nancy Sayre
Dave Sherfey, nephew of Gary Sherfey	Dale Hay
Lauren Ball, daughter-in-law of Sherri Kenski	Stella Byers
Rick Cogswell, brother of Allan Cogswell	Dan DeSouza
John Quansah, cousin of Sarah Bentsi-Enchill	Paul Flynn
Ashleigh Blumer, friend of Bizer family	Stefan Ohmke
Richards family, relatives of Trish Bradley	Lisa Fitchett
Bill Marts, brother-in-law of Cyndi Jones	Rachel Senyitko
Pam Seale, friend of Margi McCarthy	Becky Lynch
Ron Spangenberg, father of Laurie Scheible	Patti Jones
Cayden, nephew of Debbie Strickland	Evie Gibson
Jonathan Brown, nephew of Bobbi Yancey	Bill Stacy
Paula Thompson, friend of Allan Cogswell and Jessica Mayo	
Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase	
Brenda Andrews, sister of Sindy Keplinger	Liz Plewes
Sarah Magis, friend of Debbie Strickland	Lenora Spelman
Donald and Connie Pearson, parents of Mark Pearson	Charles George
Leany Hall, niece of Vincent and Jeanne Guidi	
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville	Andrew Miga
Matthew McConville, nephew of Jim McConville	Victoria Mayo
Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond	Ed Oliver
Andy Murphree, brother of Nancy Davis	
WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones	Michael Boley, friend of Ed Bock
Tom Mix, friend of Pete and Alice Snitzer	
Tari Foltz, daughter-in-law of Betsy Clevenger	Val Andrist
Michael Nemoh, son of CDC teacher	Janet Woods
Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones	Vincent Guidi
Arlene Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	
Nicole Miller, friend of Elaine Hiner	Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
Dr. Tara L. Covey, friend of Sandra Chase	
Grace Brakefield, aunt of Sandy Barker	

For bereaved members and their families:

Lenora Spelman and family on the death of her husband, James Spelman

**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*



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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.**

**Bible Fellowship** is studying the Book of Proverbs in Room 111.

**Connect - New Members Class** meets on March 1 and 15 in the Sanctuary.

+ **Exploring Faith in Life** is studying *The Life You've Always Wanted* in Room 303.

+ **Immanuel** is studying *The Life You've Always Wanted* in Room 300.

+ **In His Steps** is studying *The Life You've Always Wanted* in Room 302

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

+ **Parents and Promises** is studying *The Life You've Always Wanted* 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 *The Life You've Always Wanted* in the Parlor.

+ **MORE CLASSES AND GROUPS participating in Lenten Study 2015**

**Grace & Truth Small Group** meets on first and third Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

**Lenten Small Group** meets on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in Room 209.

**Thursday Bible Study** meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Room 210.

## THE GRID

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

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Confirmation Class** - Hughes Hall

**Middle School** - Room 209

**Senior High** - Room 105/Youth Room

**Youth Choir will not meet today.**

**Reminder** - Tonight is High School Night at Ramp. (Don't worry, middle school students, your Ramp night is next week!) Hope to see all of our 9th-12th students out tonight, 5 to 7:30 p.m.!

**Planet Wisdom Youth Conference is March 13-14.** Cost is \$80, which covers event, overnight lodging, and meals. See Trish for details, including scholarships!



## Children's Ministries

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

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:45 a.m.**

**Cherub Choir** (2 years and 3-4 year old class): during Sunday School, room 311

**Chapel** (4 years-3rd grade): 11 a.m. service after MWC, room 313. **Parents:** you must sign up to help as the 2nd adult if your child participates.

**Sacraments Class** (3rd-5th graders): during the 11 a.m. service, room 311

**Sacrament of Baptism Class:** Today.

**Sacrament of Communion Classes:** March 1 and 8.

Registration required. Forms available at the Parent Resource Area (across from 310).

**Love and Logic Parenting Classes:** Feb. 22 - March 22.

Registration forms available in atrium, Parent Resource Area, and online.

**Thanks** to everyone who helped with Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, especially the UMM who cooked! The supper raised \$439 for AUMC Lenten Mission Projects.

**The GS Kids** (3rd-5th grade) Almost Lock was great fun! We have a service project planned for March 22 and will be collecting items for children in Haiti. Details to come!

**Vacation Bible School:** July 20 -24 – Save the Date!



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

February 22, 2015 • 8:30 and 11 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Gilpin

Youth Choir; Wesley Vaughn, solo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Holy is the Lord"

On Screens

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

Leader: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.

**People: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

Leader: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

**All: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymnal No. 39

Baptismal Candidate (11 a.m.): Addison Grace Seals,

daughter of Robert and Kimberly Seals

Refrain: *Addison Grace, God claims you.*

*God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.*

*We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be. (Refrain.)*

*We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow. (Refrain.)*

*We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. (Refrain.)*

*And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lullaby. (Refrain.)*

+OPENING PRAYER

We come before you, O God, to confess what you already know – we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own. Cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Becki Stewart

(11 a.m. – Children may leave for Children's Chapel and Sacraments Class)

ANTHEM

"I Will Keep My Eyes on You"

Berry

Youth 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.

LAY READING John 15: 9-17 8:30: Paul Hartley; 11: Pam Adams

+CHORUS "Be Glorified" \*FWS No. 2150

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION MOMENT

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE OFFERTORY "Be Still, My Soul" arr. Lopez Justin Dean, piano

+DOXOLOGY Hymnal No. 95 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION SERMON SCRIPTURE Nehemiah 8:1-10 Minister: The Word of God for the People of God. People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Joy of the Lord!" Dr. Brown

SENDING FORTH

+CLOSING HYMN "The Joy of the Lord" On Screens

+BENEDICTION +CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Change My Heart, O God" \*FWS No. 2152 Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

+POSTLUDE "Christians, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Hayes Justin Dean, piano

+Please stand as you are able. \* Faith We Sing Supplementary Hymnal

...AND I WILL SUPPORT THE CHURCH WITH MY PRAYERS, MY PRESENCE, MY GIFTS AND MY SERVICE. OUR PRESENCE: Feb. 15 Sunday Worship: 281 Sunday School: 115 Offerings Last Sunday: \$13,983.88

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Robert and Adollaya on their 8th wedding anniversary, Robert's birthday, and Roseya Underhill on her 2nd birthday, by Jane and Jack Underhill.

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 refreshments and coffee in Wright Hall immediately after today's worship service. The Sermon Series and Lenten Study continues next week - The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg. Rev. Dr. Brown will preach.

Events at AUMC!



Lenten Study 2015 - The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg Eight small groups are participating in this church-wide study. See back of bulletin for details. Books and reading guides are available in Wright Hall.

Today – Chapters 4 & 5 – Slowing Down and Celebrating – Dr. Brown Mar. 1 – Chapters 6 & 8 – Praying and Confessing – Dr. Brown

Today: Are you curious about AUMC's international missions?

Are you interested in participating in an upcoming trip to Mozambique (May), Brazil (August), or Haiti (January)? If so, please come to an information session in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. or at 12:15 p.m. after the second service. Team leaders will discuss plans for the teams, timing, costs and answer questions. If you are interested, but unable to attend, contact Erin McKenney for Mozambique (hoopsfan1@verizon.net or 703-403-1742), Ryan Witkowski for Brazil (witkowskir@gmail.com or 703-635-6062), or Mark Bradley for Haiti (bradleyfam@aol.com or 703-390-2726).

Today: Parenting with Love and Logic classes for parents of young children begin today and will meet Sundays through 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. Register online at www.annandale-umc.org and click on "Academy of Discipleship." For information call 703-256-5244 or email mday@annandale-umc.org. Registration forms are also available in the church office.

Today: Sign up for Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner and Lenten program scheduled for Feb. 25. Dinner is at 5:45 p.m. and the program is at 6:30 p.m. Mark your reservation on the pew pad or contact the church office by noon tomorrow via email to Joyce Kitzmiller, jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330. Meal price is \$8 per person, \$3 for children under 9, and \$25 per family maximum. Make checks payable to AUMC. The menu will be parmesan-cruste tilapia, pasta Alfredo, roasted cauliflower, Caesar salad, and chocolate cake. The next WNT will be March 11. A brief Lenten Communion Service will be held in the Sanctuary every Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., through the end of March.

During this Lenten season, renew your commitment to serve others through the AUMC Mission Program. Consider making a generous Lenten offering by using special envelopes or give online at www.annandale-umc.org. The Missions Committee set a target to raise \$100,000 to fund five local and four international projects: Meals Ministry at Poe Middle School, Stop Hunger Now, Camp Highroad, ACCA, 100,000 Homes, Rebuilding Haiti Mission Project, Brazil Mission Project, Mozambique Mission Project, Africa University Endowment Fund. The Children's Ministry (Good Samaritan Kids) Lenten Mission Project is food programs at Poe Middle and Bailey's Elementary schools.

The AUMC Weekday Preschool and Early Learning Programs will host an Open House for prospective parents on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The informational session followed by a tour begins at 9:30 a.m. for the preschool and at 10:30 a.m. for the ELP. Registration is not required, just come to the Office, room 122. Priority registration for the 2015-2016 school year is Feb. 24 – March 2 for AUMC members.

Playgroup for toddlers: every Friday, 10:30 a.m. – noon, room 206. Contact: Becki Stewart, bstewart@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

Lenten Quiet Day – March 11 – A day of prayer, mindfulness meditation, and other spiritual practices to connect with God and reconnect with ourselves. The day begins with Centering Prayer and concludes with Holy Communion.

Hard boiled eggs are needed for Safe Haven, a day shelter for the homeless. The number of guests who are homeless continues to grow and hard boiled eggs are a popular protein entrée at breakfast. To donate hard boiled eggs or raw eggs, contact Joni Laurence at laurence4school@verizon.net or 703-941-7481 or Erin McKenney at hoopsfan1@verizon.net or 703-403-1742.

Mark Your Calendar

- Feb. 25 – Wednesday Night Together March 11 – Lenten Quiet Day March 11 – Wednesday Night Together March 14 – Stop Hunger Now March 21 - Easter Festival



Christmas in April (Rebuilding Together) is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, and volunteers are needed for half a day or the entire day. AUMC is participating in Christmas in April for the 15th straight year. We will again team up with ACCA/ St Barnabas Episcopal on a local house repair project to a deserving family or Fairfax County group home. The AUMC team may include AUMC youth (age 14 and over), AUMC young and older adults for fun and rewarding work. This project is sponsored by the Missions Committee and ACCA. This is a great opportunity for anyone who needs Community Service Hours. Anybody interested in joining the team or fixing a treat for the workers should email John Clarke, clarkejhl@gmail.com.

An AUMC adult mission trip to Brenton, WVA (Wyoming County) with the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) is scheduled for Oct. 5-11, 2015. The team will be doing relational ministry and home repairs - typical ASP projects - include roofing, drywall and insulation, wheelchair ramps, plumbing, electrical, foundation repair, painting, stair and floor repairs. Volunteers who cannot go for the full 7 days (5 work days and 2 travel days) are welcome. We anticipate some people going on Wednesday afternoon, working 3 days, and returning Sunday. Cost for the 7-day trip is \$450 and includes transportation, lodging, meals and construction materials. Cost for the shorter trip is \$300. Email John Clarke for details, clarkejhl@gmail.com. Commitments are needed with a nonrefundable deposit of \$225 (7 days) or \$150 (4 days).

Save box tops, labels and more: help support Annandale United Methodist Preschool Programs! Bring in "Box Tops for Education" labels from General Mills products and "Labels for Education" from Campbell's Soup products, and deposit in the marked box by door #2. If you shop at Safeway, and have a Safeway rewards card, log on to www.escrip.com, go to "sign up", register your Safeway card, and select the AUMC Preschool Group ID #149029884. If you shop at Harris Teeter, and have a Harris Teeter savings card, give the cashier the AUMC Preschool Code #1481 during checkout and AUMC Preschool will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand purchases. All of these programs award customer loyalty by providing funds to the Preschool. AUMC's Child Development Center is also registered with Harris Teeter and the CDC code is #5814.

Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution, Heritage campus, 7901 Heritage Dr., Thursdays, 5 – 7 p.m. For details call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

Sandwich making: Join the fun making 600 sandwiches on the fourth Tuesday of each month (through June) at 1 p.m. (next on Feb. 24) for the Poe Middle School after school program. Volunteers meet in the Fellowship Hall, Heritage Drive campus. For more information, call Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424.

Volunteers are needed to prep and serve after-school meals at Poe Intermediate School one Tuesday per month. For more information, contact Sheila Kyer, 703-981-6080 or Kyer027@aol.com.

English as a Second Language meets Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., through May 12, AUMC Heritage Campus, 7901 Heritage Dr.

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.

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by including Annandale UMC in your estate plan. You will have the joy of knowing that your gift will help continue the vital ministries of AUMC after your death. Contact Bill Iwig, president of the Annandale UMC Foundation, at 301-365-7532 to find out how your legacy gift can benefit future generations.