

...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:

Lynn Dannenfesler, friend of Dawn Perez	Andi Lohr
George FitzGibbon, father of Gary FitzGibbon	Burns/Myers families
Alvin Teegarden, friend of the Wilkins family	
Gail Stoker, friend of Lois Solomon	Sue, friend of Erin McKenney
Luis Vasquez, son-in-law of Dottie Rogerson	Kurt Kruger
Brent Lewis, friend of Marcelo M. Soliz	
Beverly Thompson, mother of Amy Floyd	Lynette Dillard
Randy Grotolouschen, step brother of Randy Gordon	Faye Liming
Gary Thatcher, friend of Betsy Clevenger	George Hill, Jr.
Serge Kostum, cousin of Peter and Alice Snitzer	
Edith Clark, friend of Jane Underhill	Aubrey, daughter of Cherrie Welch
Jasmine Gardner, friend of Charles Cox	
Drew and Erin Halford, brother of Jenny Otto	Janet Woods
Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones	Melanie Wirick
Victoria Weyant, mother of Debbie Strickland	Paul Flynn
Darren McFate, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	Jane May
Micah Martino, nephew of Patricia Martino-Shapiro	Vincent Guidi
Robin Holmes, friend of Betsy Clevenger	Jim Shepard
Victoria Collier, friend of Chris Bradley	Lisa Fitchett
Tasha Giacoumopoulos, friend of Chris Bradley	
Stephen Lawson, son of Liz Lawson	Jean Ross, sister of Jack Underhill
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	Liz Plewes
Dave Sherfey, nephew of Gary Sherfey	Dale Hay
Rick Cogswell, brother of Allan Cogswell	Dan DeSouza
Ashleigh Blumer, friend of Bizer family	Bill Stacy
Bill Marts, brother-in-law of Cyndi Jones	Ed Oliver
Pam Seale, friend of Margi McCarthy	Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
Ron Spangenberg, father of Laurie Scheible	Patti Jones
Cayden, nephew of Debbie Strickland	Evie Gibson
Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase	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	
Michael Boley, friend of Ed Bock	WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones
Andy Murphree, brother of Nancy Davis	
Tari Foltz, daughter-in-law of Betsy Clevenger	

Bereaved members and their families:

Garry Perkins and family on the death of his mother

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

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Seminary Intern: Jim Harrington



Academy of Discipleship  
Annandale United Methodist Church

(Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver, [cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org](mailto:cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org))

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.

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

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

Immanuel is studying *Mark: Hope for the Gentiles* in Room 300.

In His Steps is studying *Love Walked Among Us* in Room 302.

Issues in Christianity resumes today in Room 307.

Parents and Promises is studying *Alpha* 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 *Living Like You Belong to God* in the Parlor.

SUNDAY, 12:30 p.m. - Young Adult lunch and discussion on May 10 in Room 210.

MID WEEK CLASSES - Visit [www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship](http://www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship).

## THE GRID

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class - Hughes Hall

Middle School - Room 209; Senior High - Room 105/Youth Room

Youth Choir will meet today from 12:15-1 in the Choir Room! See you there!

**A HUGE thank you** to Dr. Kendall Soulen for coming to our Q&A time at Ramp on April 19. We still have a LOT of questions to go through, (and I'm sure you can come up with some more) so Dr. Soulen will be back tonight to continue answering questions with us. Hope to see you at Ramp, 5 - 7:30 p.m.!

**Summer Mission Trip:** Attention high school students (and current eighth graders) - sign up is now available for this summer's ASP mission trip. Dates for the trip are July 12-18, and the cost of the trip is \$350. Spaces are limited - \$100 down payment due at the time of sign up to ensure spot in the trip. Sign up online.

**Parents** - we are still looking for chaperones during those dates to help with transportation and helping on site. See Trish for more information.

**Parents** - please also be sure to check out the last few slots available for Ramp meals. There are only a few Sundays left before the summer!



## 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.

Choir sings today at 11 a.m. service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 year olds through 5th grade): 9:45 a.m., 3rd floor classrooms.

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

No Chapel on Communion Sundays.

**REGISTRATION for VBS is now open!** Join us for God's Camp - Discovering Faith, July 20-24, 9 a.m. - noon Monday through Friday. Children age 3 (as of Sept. 30, 2014) - 4th Grade. Go to [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org) to sign up your child or to be a volunteer. Forms also available in the office, atrium, or on 3rd floor across from 310.

**Volunteers** - 5th grade and older - are needed to help with a class or center.

Contact Becki at [bstewart@annandale-umc.org](mailto:bstewart@annandale-umc.org) or 703-256-8330.



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

May 3, 2015 • 8:30 and 11 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

VOLUNTARY

"10,000 Reasons"

arr. Bettcher

Annanbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8:30 a.m.) "Lift High the Cross" Hymnal No. 159

+SPECIAL MUSIC (11 a.m.) "Sing Unto the Lord" Miller and Reynolds

Celebration Singers

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Carrillo

Leader: We have gathered from our different places to worship here.

**People: How good it is to worship together in unity!**

Leader: We come from our different occupations, our diverse activities.

**People: How good it is to worship together in unity!**

Leader: We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.

**All: How good it is to worship together in unity!**

+OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, we boldly pray to you, confident that you will not reject us. In spite of our human failings, your love continues to draw us together. Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love. Sing with us today, as we proclaim the good news of your grace. Dance with us today, as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ. How good it is to be together! Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Becki Stewart

(11 a.m. Children may leave for Sacraments Class)

ANTHEM

"With All My Heart"

Wissinger

Annanbells

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:10-28

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Going to the Dogs"

Dr. Brown

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYER  
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Minister: Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
All: **Glory to God, Amen.**

**OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE  
OFFERTORY**

*"A Celtic Ring"*

Geschke  
Annanbells

**+DOXOLOGY**

*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.*

Hymnal No. 95

**+PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION  
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Hymnal No. 17

**SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION  
COMMUNION MUSIC**

Justin Dean, piano

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMISSIONING**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Holy Spirit, to give ourselves for others. Unite your church throughout the world as we commission your servants to deliver these tokens of Christ's love to our homebound members, that your name may be praised in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

**+HYMN OF RESPONSE** *"All Who Hunger"* \*FWS No. 2126

**+BENEDICTION**

**+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *"I Just Want to Be Where You Are"*

On Screens

*I just want to be where You are,  
dwelling daily in Your presence.  
I don't want to worship from afar,  
draw me near to where You are.*

**+POSTLUDE**

*"Blessed Assurance"*

arr. Raney  
Justin Dean, piano

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

**"The Stone's Rolled Away; Now What?"** Our post-Easter sermon series continues about the top reasons people come to church and leave the church. Rev. Johnson-Oliver will preach May 10, talking about the perception that "church is inhospitable". We extend a special welcome to visitors and 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 worship service.

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**OUR PRESENCE:** April 26 **Sunday Worship:** 403 **Sunday School:** 159

*Rosebud on the Altar* celebrates the birth of Kaliru Sundaramoorithy, son of Robin and Sundar Sundaramoorithy, born April 13.

## Connect

**Don't rush off!** Take a few minutes to visit with others in Wright Hall (fellowship hall) after worship. If you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself.

**Calling all men!** On Mother's Day, **May 10**, we are going to give our ladies in the Adult Choir the morning off and fill our loft with the men of AUMC! We will rehearse on Wednesday, **May 6**, from 8-8:45 p.m. in the choir room. Prior choir experience is not required, just a willing heart for God and a desire to sing with a great group of guys! For details, contact Pat Vaughn, pvaughn@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

**High School and College Grads:** An upcoming issue of the Witness will highlight AUMC's 2015 college and high school graduates. Please send a digital photo and the following information: name of student, degree, name of high school/college/university, and any other information you would like to share, such as name of parent(s) and future plans (college, graduate school, new job, etc.). Also list what AUMC activities the student has participated in (choir, acolyte, crucifer, mission trip, etc.) Please email information to bgordon@annandale-umc.org by **May 8**.

**Visitors and new members** are invited to attend "Connect" on **May 10**, a time of exploration and discernment of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ at Annandale UMC. The informal gathering will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and will be led by the Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr. The program will include time for Q&A.

**Young Adults** will meet for lunch and discussion on **May 10 and 24** at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Light lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Rev. Eduardo Carrillo, ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org.

**Food and fellowship:** Wednesday Night Together dinner will be on **May 13** in Wright Hall at 5:45 p.m. The menu will be green salad, pork tenderloin, apple sauce, vegetables, rolls and banana pudding for dessert. The program at 6:30 p.m. will be provided by Seminary Intern Jim Harrington on the topic of Faith Sharing. Register by noon, **May 11** 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 is \$8 per person, \$3 for children under 9, and \$25 per family maximum.

## Grow

Participate in a **Book Reading and Anti-Trafficking Fair** on Saturday, **May 9**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in Wright Hall. Barbara Amaya, an award-winning advocate and local survivor of human trafficking, will offer a free book reading of her memoir *Nobody's Girl* and local anti-trafficking organizations will exhibit their work. Everyone is invited to this special event to learn how to identify, prevent, and respond to human trafficking in our community.

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

**The Annandale Book Lovers** will meet **May 17** at 7 p.m. in the parlor to discuss any Perry Mason title. Everyone is welcome!

**The AARP Safe Driver Course** for Seniors will be held at AUMC on **June 1 and 2**. Those who complete the two-day course will receive a certificate which often results in a reduction of the insurance premium. 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. Register by calling Jane Underhill at 703-573-2056.



## Mark Your Calendar



**May 9** – Book Reading/Anti-Trafficking Fair

**May 10** – Mother's Day (men only choir)

**May 10** – Food Drive for Heritage Food Site

**May 13** – Wednesday Night Together

**May 16** – ACCA Furniture Delivery

**June 1-2** – AARP Smart Driver Course

**June 7** – AUMC's Got Talent, Ice Cream Social

**June 13** – Taste of Annandale (AUMC is a sponsor)

## Serve

**Join the Brazil Mission Team** from AUMC which will return to Belo Horizonte, Brazil, this summer! The trip will occur the last week of July and the first week of August, with exact dates to be finalized based on airline rates. The cost will depend on the airline rates, and is estimated to be between \$2,000 and \$2,500. Those attending for just one week will have a reduced rate. Contact Ryan Witkowski at witkowskir@gmail.com or 703-635-6062. Commitments are needed by **May 15**.

**ACCA's furniture ministry**, which delivers donated furniture to needy families, needs volunteers. AUMC's next date to assist is Saturday, **May 16**, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. For details, contact Brad Rothermel bigbadbrad63@hotmail.com or 703-256-3511.

**Feed those in need:** make sandwiches for the Poe after school program on Tuesday, **May 26** at 1 p.m. Meet at the Heritage Campus of AUMC, 7901 Heritage Dr. Distribute food to needy neighbors at Heritage campus every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m. Contact: Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424. Help prep and serve after-school meals at Poe Middle School one Tuesday per month. Contact: Sheila Kyer, 703-981-6080 or Kyer027@aol.com.

**Recycling opportunities:** AUMC's Earth and Spirit Bible Class is collaborating with a private firm to collect specific items to be recycled and then converted to new products ("upcycled"). Collection boxes are on a table in the hallway outside Wright Hall. Items that can be recycled are tape dispensers and cores (Scotch tape reels) and specific personal care items: mouthwash bottles and caps, deodorant containers and caps, toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers, and toothbrushes. It is important that all items are clean before left in the collection boxes! There is a potential for a small donation to AUMC from the firm if the amount of items collected is substantial.

**There is still time!** Support our community and the world through AUMC's Lenten Mission projects. To make a donation, and for more information, visit www.annandale-umc.org or call the church office 703-256-8330.

**Volunteer as shepherds and center leaders** at AUMC's Vacation Bible School "God's Camp – Discovering Faith" **July 20-24**, 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Becki Stewart, bstewart@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

**Go on the ASP mission trip** to Brenton, WVA, with the Appalachian Service Project (ASP), scheduled for **Oct. 5-11**. The team will be doing relational ministry and home repairs. Cost for the 7-day trip is \$450 and includes transportation, lodging, meals and all construction materials. Cost for a shorter trip is \$300. Email John Clarke, clarkejhl@gmail.com. Commitments are needed with a nonrefundable deposit.

**Help tutor** elementary and middle-school students on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Campus. "Reading Buddy" volunteers are also needed. To volunteer, contact Jerry Beyer at beyerga@gmail.com or 703-399-1395.

**Wear an AUMC tshirt** in the community: Purple AUMC tshirts are available for \$10 each in the church office. All sizes: children, youth and adult.