

...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:

Mitchell Alderton, friend of the Schnur family	Royce Garrett
Lori, Heritage Drive client	Naila Ohmke
Joanie Millan, daughter of Elaine Hiner	
Peter, son of friend of Mike Bizer	Austin Young
The Burneson family, friends of Robert Stewart	Susan Clarke
Roxanne Goeltz, friend of Elaine Hiner	Melvin Harris
Caroline Korves, cousin of Trish Bradley	Charles Cox
Family of Justin Fitch, friend of John Houston	Jim Shepard
Gilbert Sours, friend of Charles Cox, Jr.	Lisa Webb Roudebush
Ron and Dorothy Spangenberg, parents of Laurie Scheible	Evie Gibson
Micah Martino, nephew of Patricia Martino-Shapiro	Ruth Miller
Dean Lasher, brother-in-law of Emma George	Erlinda Punongbayan
Sylvia Hardewig, sister of Winnie Tegge	Betsy Clevenger
Scott Sachs, friend of Marcia Twomey	Bobby Stevenson
Denise Eades, sister of Michelle Prieto	Lisa Fitchett
Barbara Duman, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	Nancy Shaffer
Victoria Weyant, mother of Debbie Strickland	Jim Mumford
Betty Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	Jim Lewis, friend of Bill Iwig
Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones	Charles George
Joseph Kelly, father of Katria and JJ Kelly	
WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones	Lisa Abney, sister of Theresa Bock
Ravine Harmon, friend of Jenny Otto	Donna Dye
Bethany Pope, friend of Rosemary Perdue	Betty Biney
Diane Goldstein, friend of Elaine Hiner	Betsy, friend of Dawn Perez
Stephanie Houston, mother of John Houston	
Elnora Girton, sister of Loretta Nester	Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
Caden, nephew of Debbie Strickland	Dan Pemberton
Agnes Roberts, mother of Rohn Roberts	Lynette Dillard
Isabelle Brown, mother of Clarence Brown	
Family of Mark Alexander Slough	Cindy Tucker, friend of Pam Jones
Sue, friend of Erin McKenney	Melanie Wirick
Delsa Hildebrandt, wife of Eldon Hildebrandt	Dan deSouza
Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase	Ed Oliver
Cindi Beale, friend of Judy McConville	Janet Petty Sabo
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville	
Serge and Sandy Kostun, cousins of Peter and Alice Snitzer	Nilo Langreo
Matthew McConville, nephew of Jim McConville	Bill Stacy

Bereaved members and their families:

Kathy Harrington and family on the death of her mother, Beverly Barton
Laura Miller and family on the death of her husband, Norman Miller

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 Music Ministries: Patrick Vaughn

Dir. of Weekday Children's Programs: Maribeth Day

Dir. of Youth Ministries: Trish Bradley

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.

Alpha Course small group meets in Room 210.

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

Brownies with Brown (New Members) meets today in Room 212C.

Exploring Faith in Life is studying **Advent Study 2015** in Room 303.

Immanuel is studying **Advent Study 2015** in Room 300.

In His Steps is studying **Advent Study 2015** in Room 302.

Issues in Christianity is studying the Lives of Great Christians in Room 307.

Parents and Promises is studying **Advent Study 2015** in Room 310.

Williams Bible Class is studying the Letters of Paul in Room 118.

Women in Search of Truth is studying *Daniel* by Beth Moore in Room 306.

Women of the Day is studying **Advent Study 2015** in the Parlor.

MID WEEK CLASSES – Visit www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship.

THE GRID

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Combined in Youth Room

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

Final rehearsal for Lessons and Carols - Dec. 5, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Ramp will not meet today.

We will serve dinner to our guests during Hypothermia relief on Thursday, Dec. 3. Sign-up online to assist (from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.) or bring corn bread, salad, or desserts (serving chili).

Reminder of upcoming dates:

Decorate-A-Vet Decorating Day on Dec. 5.

Ramp Christmas Party on Dec. 13.

Senior Center Christmas Caroling on Dec. 20.



Children's Ministries

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 years-5th grade): 9:45 a.m.

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

Cherub Choir (3-4 years old; 2 year olds may attend with a parent): 9:55 a.m., room 311.

Children's Chapel does not meet today.

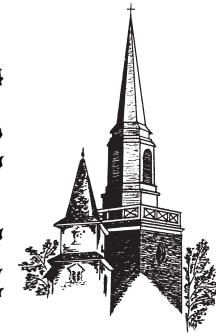
GS (Good Samaritan) Kids prepare and serve the dinner for our Hypothermia guests tonight. Thanks to everyone who helped us fund the dinner.

Dec. 2 – Advent Fair. Make an Advent Wreaths to take home. Wednesday Night Together (WNT) begins at 6 p.m. Reservations required- deadline noon Monday, November 29. Use the pew pad or call the office to make reservations. Whether you come for dinner or not, enjoy creating an Advent wreath (all materials are provided). Also, learn about the Alternative Giving opportunities available during the Advent season. You can purchase gifts in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Dec. 12 – Christmas Pageant practice

Dec. 13 – Christmas Pageant (8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services)

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL – Support this important mission with a donation in memory or honor of someone. Sponsored by older elementary children. See display in the Atrium. Heifer is here for a limited time – Dec. 2, 6, and 13.



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

November 29, 2015 • 10:30 a.m.

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

GATHERING SONG "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Youth Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Johnson-Oliver
GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+OPENING SONG "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Hymnal No. 196

INTRODUCTION VIDEO

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

INTRODUCTION Dr. Brown

+HYMN "Go Tell It On The Mountain" On Screens

BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, who believed without having yet seen. A liberator was to come - a bringer of salvation and redemption.

People: **Today we light the first candle, the candle of hope - a reminder that God spoke his promises through the prophets and that his words came to pass.**

Reader: We renew our faith today, knowing that God is still speaking. That God's word is eternal and true.

People: **We praise God today for his everlasting gifts that are still available to us today. We remember that your promises are for us all.**

HYMN "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" Hymnal No. 218

LAYING OF THE GARLAND

SOLO "I Wonder As I Wander" Matthew Irish

HANGING OF THE EVERGREEN WREATHS

SPECIAL MUSIC "In The Bleak Midwinter" Ensemble

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Becki Stewart
(Children's Chapel does not meet today)

+HYMN "O Tannenbaum" On Screens

LIGHTING OF THE LIGHTS

+HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Hymnal No. 206

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN Rev. Johnson-Oliver
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 I Thessalonians 3:9-13 Loretta Nester

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE Adam Tyler, piano
OFFERTORY

+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 Jeremiah 33:14-16
Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Branches of Hope" Dr. Brown

SENDING FORTH

+CLOSING SONG "O Come All Ye Faithful", vs. 1, 3, 6 Hymnal No. 234

+BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE "Star-Child", vs. 1 *FWS No. 2095
Star-Child, earth-Child, go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod,
This year, this year, let the day arrive when
Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

+POSTLUDE

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

Flowers in the Atrium are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of Norm Miller by Laura Miller.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

To place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Dec. 24, please complete the form below and return it to the church office with your check for \$11 per plant **by Sunday, Dec. 6. Orders without payment will not be accepted. Please use a separate form for each plant ordered.**

No telephone orders will be accepted. Make checks payable to AUMC.

Poinsettia given by: _____

Phone: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

In memory/honor of: _____

(Check one) I will take the poinsettia Give poinsettia to shut-ins

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 2 – Wednesday Night Together, Advent Fair, Charge Conference

Dec. 6 – Lessons and Carols worship service

Dec. 6 – Navy Sea Chanters concert

Dec. 9 – Advent worship and communion

Dec. 12 – Children's Pageant Rehearsal

Dec. 13 – Children's Christmas Pageant

Dec. 13 – An Evening in December concert

Welcome to Annandale United Methodist Church! We extend a warm welcome to visitors and pray that something in our worship – the message, the music, the fellowship - will touch you, and we invite you to come back and worship with us again. Next Sunday, **Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m.**, we will gather for **Lessons and Carols** worship service. The Sanctuary will be filled with voices of children, youth and adults as the Music Ministry offers this traditional service in music and scripture; Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a.m.

Connect

Today: Brownies with Brown New Member Class will meet at 9:45 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. Topics will range from Wesleyan Theology to United Methodism 101; from Stewardship to Spiritual Gifts. For more information, call 703-256-8330.

Sign up for the Advent Fair and Wednesday Night Together dinner on Wednesday, **Dec. 2.** Deadline: noon tomorrow (Nov. 30). Register on the pew pad (write Dec. 2 and "dinner" and "Advent Fair" the number attending each activity) or online at www.annandale-umc.org, by contacting Joyce Kitzmiller: jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or calling 703-256-8330. The menu will be: Caesar salad, baked ziti, meatballs, rolls, and cherry cheesecake pie; for children: ziti with red sauce. The meal price is \$8/person, \$4/child under 9, and \$25/family maximum. Reservations are also needed for the Advent Fair to insure there are enough wreaths for everyone. Whether you come for dinner or not, enjoy creating an Advent wreath (materials are provided for \$10) and learn about Alternative Giving opportunities available during Advent. Alternative giving gifts can be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Charge Conference: A Charge Conference will be held at AUMC on Wednesday, **Dec. 2,** at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Shepherd's Center of Annandale-Springfield Lunch N' Life will be held at AUMC on Thursday, Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Tallwood Trio with singer Nancy Riley will perform. Cost is \$10 per person. Call by Dec. 1 for reservations 703-941-1419.

Next Sunday: Please give generously to the communion offering. The offering collected on most communion Sundays is used for the pastor's discretionary fund, which supports emergency assistance requests. Your gift will help a child smile, a family recover, and a community rebuild after disaster strikes.

Advent Giving Tree: Deliver hope to children, families in need, the homeless, and victims of human trafficking this holiday season by participating in AUMC's Advent Giving Tree. Look for Christmas trees with special tags near the center doors of the sanctuary. The Missions Committee is collecting gift items and donations for local needs in our community, including: \$15-\$25 gifts identified for pre-teen and teenage boys in the Rising Hope angels program. Gifts should be unwrapped and returned to AUMC by Dec. 6. "Alternative Giving" donations to 100,000 Homes; the food programs at the Heritage Drive campus and Safe Haven; and to victims of human trafficking. The deadline for Alternative Giving is Dec. 20. For information, contact Gary Sherfey 571-278-3099.

An Evening in December – Christmas Recital will be held Sunday, **Dec. 13,** 6:30 p.m. The sanctuary will be filled with the sounds of the season as members of our congregation bring their gifts of instrumental and vocal music. The program is free.

A Brethren Christmas Concert will be held Sunday, **Dec. 20** at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and are available after worship services.

Grow



Advent Study 2016 Begins Today – Not A Silent Night by Adam Hamilton. Imagine Jesus from Mary's point of view. In this book, Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at the time of her assumption, travels back in time to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus then to his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby. Order or purchase your copy in Wright Hall today. See back of bulletin for groups participating in this study.

The Navy Sea Chanters, the official chorus of the United States Navy, will present a Christmas Concert at AUMC on Sunday, **Dec. 6,** 6:30 p.m. Under the leadership of Chief Musician Adam Tyler, the Sea Chanters perform a variety of music throughout the United States. Adam Tyler is also one of AUMC's pianists. There is no charge to attend the concert. Bring your friends!

Buy pecans, help UMW Missions! United Methodist Women is selling a new crop of pecans (whole and in pieces) and walnuts after each Sunday worship service. To reserve a case of 24 or to make a special request, contact Sally Bizer at 703-256-3373 or Joni Laurence at 703-941-7481. Make checks payable to AUMW.

Advent worship and communion will be held every Wednesday during Advent (beginning **Dec. 2**) at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Wreath Sale: Boy Scout Troop 150 is selling Christ-mas wreaths before and after worship services. The troop depends upon and appreciates the congregation's support. The 22" noble fir wreath comes complete with pinecone decorations and large velvet bow and cost \$20 each; pay by cash or check payable to Troop 150.

Registration is underway for the Women's Retreat, **April 29 - May 1.** Space is limited, so register early with a \$40 deposit. For details, stop by the Women's Retreat Table after the worship service or email Cyra Doty at radu94@aol.com.



Save the Date: Holy Spirit Retreat on Jan. 22-23. Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? Join AUMC pastors and staff as we explore these questions in a spirit-filled retreat. Based on the Alpha Course, this church-wide event for both youth and adults will inspire us for the new year! Registration coming soon.

Serve

Year-end reminders: All gifts to be credited for 2015 tax purposes must be received in the church office by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31, or postmarked by Dec. 31. If you are considering making a stock offering to the church, please process it as soon as possible. If you're responsible for expense vouchers for your work area, please submit the vouchers by Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Food Drive for ACCA: Next Sunday, Dec. 6, is the first Sunday of the month, which is the monthly food drive for the ACCA food pantry. Bring boxed, canned and bagged non-perishable food to help re-stock the food pantry for members of the Annandale community who are in need.

Ushers are needed: Women, men, or youth are needed to serve as ushers for the 8:30 a.m. and 11 worship services once a month (or less frequently if more volunteer). The need is greatest for the 8:30 service. Please contact Randy Gordon, rgordon@ngfa.org or call the church office 703-256-8330.

Volunteers are needed for the hypothermia relief center for the homeless being hosted by AUMC today through Dec. 6. Sign up in the Atrium to help set up, serve food, and other tasks. Donations are also welcome. Stop by "Homeless Harry", sitting in the Atrium with sticky notes attached; the notes describe specific needs for the center. For more information, contact AUMC's Hypothermia Coordinator, Cyndi Jones, 571-212-8824 or cyndij123@verizon.net.