

GROW

Advent Study 2016 – 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. **Today** is the last day to purchase your copy in Wright Hall. See opposite page for groups participating in this study.

Advent worship and communion will be held Wednesdays, **Dec. 9 and 16** at 6:30 p.m.

Free music theory classes: Starting **Jan. 6**, Matthew Irish, Assistant Director of AUMC's Music Ministries, will offer a six-week course in basic music theory. Learn about key signatures, rhythm, intervals and more. This class is open to the entire congregation. Email mattjirish@gmail.com to signup. Classes will be held on Wednesdays in the choir room from 6:30 – 7:10 p.m.

Christmas Wreath Sale: Boy Scout Troop 150 is selling Christmas wreaths before and after worship services. The 22" noble fir wreath comes complete with pinecone decorations and large velvet bow and costs \$20 each; pay by cash or check payable to Troop 150.

Holy Spirit Retreat, Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. - Jan. 23, 3:30 p.m. at AUMC. 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 youth and adults will inspire us for the new year! Cost: \$20 (includes meals and materials). Child care available. Register online by **Jan. 17** at www.annandale-umc.org.

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.

Serve

Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with the hypothermia relief center for the homeless hosted this past week by AUMC.

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

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 **Dec. 31**, or postmarked by Dec. 31. If you are considering a stock offering to the church, please process it as soon as possible. Please submit expense vouchers by **Dec. 16**.

Help ensure that AUMC receives the support needed for ministries and operating expenses through the end of 2015. Please continue or increase your pledged rate of giving to AUMC. You can also sign up for eGiving, which frees you from writing a weekly check or putting cash in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued support of our church family!

Feed the hungry: help distribute food to the hungry every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m., Heritage campus, 7901 Heritage Dr. For more information call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.



Academy of Discipleship
Annandale United Methodist Church

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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) resumes in Jan, 2016 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.

Young Adults - lunch and discussion **today** and Dec. 20 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210. Lunch provided.

MIDWEEK CLASSES - Visit www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship.

THE GRID

Trish Bradley, tbradley@annandale-umc.org

Youth Sunday School Classes meet in Youth Room. Classes will be combined in December.

Join us for Ramp at 5 p.m.! Tonight is pajama night. Be sure to wear your appropriate pajamas.

Ramp Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 13 - 5 to 7:30 p.m. Come rocking your ugliest Christmas sweater or other ridiculous holiday attire. Don't forget to bring a small wrapped gift (under \$5) for White Elephant gift exchange and snacks or drinks.



Children's Ministries ☺

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

Christmas Pageant is next Sunday! Don't miss this special way to prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ child.

Advent Calendars for families with children are available in the Atrium and the Parent Resource Area on the 3rd floor.

Saturday, Dec. 12: Pageant Practice

- 9 - 11:30 a.m. – 4th-5th grade and **all adult helpers**
- 10 - 11:30 a.m. 3 years - 3rd grade

Thanks to the 3rd-5th grade GS (Good Samaritan) Kids for preparing and serving the meal for our Hypothermia guests on November 29. Also thanks to the parents who were present and made it possible for the GS Kids to participate in Hypothermia.

Come KNOW, GROW, and SOW with us!

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

For our ongoing ministries

For the sick and those in need:

Shirl Peters, mother of Mary Peters
 Betty Whitten, mother of Robin Patton
 Denise Tordella, friend of Margi McCarthy
 Don Furcillo, father of Joni Laurence
 Martha Villanigro-Santiago, friend of Jay Morris
 Adena Jarvis, mother of Becki Stewart
 Mitchell Alderton, friend of the Schnur family
 Joanie Millan, daughter of Elaine Hiner
 Peter, son of friend of Mike Bizer
 Roxanne Goeltz, friend of Elaine Hiner
 Caroline Korves, cousin of Trish Bradley
 Family of Justin Fitch, friend of John Houston
 Gilbert Sours, friend of Charles Cox, Jr.
 Ron and Dorothy Spangenberg, parents of Laurie Scheible
 Micah Martino, nephew of Patricia Martino-Shapiro
 Dean Lasher, brother-in-law of Emma George
 Sylvia Hardewig, sister of Winnie Tegge
 Scott Sachs, friend of Marcia Twomey
 Denise Eades, sister of Michelle Prieto
 Barbara Duman, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes
 Victoria Weyant, mother of Debbie Strickland
 Betty Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase
 Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones
 Lisa Abney, sister of Theresa Bock
 Ravine Harmon, friend of Jenny Otto
 Bethany Pope, friend of Rosemary Perdue
 Diane Goldstein, friend of Elaine Hiner
 Stephanie Houston, mother of John Houston
 Elnora Girton, sister of Loretta Nester
 Caden, nephew of Debbie Strickland
 Agnes Roberts, mother of Rohn Roberts
 Isabelle Brown, mother of Clarence Brown
 Sue, friend of Erin McKenney
 Delsa Hildebrandt, wife of Eldon Hildebrandt
 Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase
 Cindi Beale, friend of Judy McConville
 Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville
 Serge and Sandy Kostun, cousins of Peter and Alice Snitzer
 Matthew McConville, nephew of Jim McConville

Evelyn Thomas
 Brian, friend of Jelandia Quarles
 Joan Tolle, friend of Bob Herbst
 Lynn Duncan, friend of Dawn Perez
 Zina, friend of Doug Worley
 Susan Clarke
 Doug, Heritage Drive client
 Lori, Heritage Drive client
 Royce Garrett
 Austin Young
 Melvin Harris
 Charles Cox
 Jim Shepard
 Lisa Webb Roudebush
 Evie Gibson
 Erlinda Punongbayan
 Ruth Miller
 Betsy Clevenger
 Bobby Stevenson
 Lisa Fitchett
 Nancy Shaffer
 Jim Mumford
 Jim Lewis, friend of Bill Iwig
 Charles George
 Bill Stacy
 Donna Dye
 Betty Biney
 Betsy, friend of Dawn Perez
 WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones
 Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
 Dan Pemberton
 Lynette Dillard
 Family of Mark Alexander Slough
 Melanie Wirick
 Dan deSouza
 Ed Oliver
 Janet Petty Sabo
 Cindy Tucker, friend of Pam Jones
 Nilo Langreo

Connect

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

Today: The Navy Sea Chanters, the official chorus of the United States Navy, will present a Christmas Concert at AUMC at 6:30 p.m. Under the leadership of Chief Musician Adam Tyler, the Sea Chanters perform a variety of music throughout the United States. In addition, Chief Musician Caroline Evans is the accompanist for the group. Both Caroline and Adam are accompanists here at AUMC. There is no charge to attend the concert. Bring your friends!

Today: Return unwrapped gifts for the Advent Giving Tree. Thank you for helping to deliver hope to children, families in need, the homeless, and victims of human trafficking by participating in AUMC’s Advent Giving Tree. “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.

Children’s Ministry’s Living Gift Market: today and Dec. 13 visit the “Living Gift Market” in the Atrium to purchase a gift of an animal through Heifer International that provides families around the world a chance to feed themselves. Older elementary Sunday School sponsors are eager to help you make a selection.

Christmas Carol Singalong will follow the Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner on Wednesday, **Dec. 16**, at 6 p.m. Register for dinner on the pew pad or by noon on Monday, **Dec. 14**, either online at www.annandale-umc.org, by contacting Joyce Kitzmiller: jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or calling 703-256-8330. The menu will be: salad, baked potato bar, vegetable casserole, crescent rolls and sherbet and Christmas cookies for dessert; for children: crescent rolled hot dogs and tater tots. The meal price is \$8 per person, \$4 for children under 9, and \$25 per family maximum.

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. 21** at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and are available after worship services Sunday mornings.

To place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Dec. 24, please complete this form and return it to the church office with a check payable to AUMC for \$11 per plant **today. Please use a separate form for each plant ordered. No telephone orders will be accepted.**

Poinsettia given by: _____

Phone: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

In memory/honor of: _____

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

...AND I WILL SUPPORT THE CHURCH WITH MY PRAYERS, MY PRESENCE, MY GIFTS AND MY SERVICE.

OUR PRESENCE: November 29

Sunday Worship: 309

Sunday School: 91