

...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:

Akemi Nishida, friend of Terri Ruhter	Bob Sayre
Valerie Jersey, friend of Marcia Twomey	Brian, friend of Jelanda Quarles
Brenda Andrews, sister of Sindy Keplinger	Janet Petty Sabo
Debbie Gannaway, sister of Sindy Keplinger	Bill Stacy
Roger Ralay, friend of Nivo Robjhon	Peter, son of friend of Mike Bizer
Shirl Peters, mother of Mary Peters	Akemi Nishida, friend of Terri Ruhter
Betty Whitten, mother of Robin Patton	Joan Tolle, friend of Bob Herbst
Denise Tordella, friend of Margi McCarthy	Evelyn Thomas
John Kieta, uncle of Debbie Strickland	Erlinda Punongbayan
Lynn Duncan, friend of Dawn Perez	Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
Ron Jones, friend of Jerry Bruce	Lisa Abney, sister of Theresa Bock
Don Furcillo, father of Joni Laurence	Zina, friend of Doug Worley
Martha Villanigro-Santiago, friend of Jay Morris	Susan Clarke
Adena Jarvis, mother of Becki Stewart	Doug, Heritage Drive client
Mitchell Alderton, friend of the Schnur family	Lori, Heritage Drive client
Joanie Millan, daughter of Elaine Hiner	Royce Garrett
Roxanne Goeltz, friend of Elaine Hiner	Sue, friend of Erin McKenney
Caroline Korves, cousin of Trish Bradley	Charles Cox
Family of Justin Fitch, friend of John Houston	
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	Donna Dye
Dean Lasher, brother-in-law of Emma George	Ruth Miller
Sylvia Hardewig, sister of Winnie Tegge	Betsy Clevenger
Denise Eades, sister of Michelle Prieto	Family of Mark Alexander Slough
Barbara Duman, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	Nancy Shaffer
Victoria Weyant, mother of Debbie Strickland	Nilo Langreo
Betty Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	Jim Lewis, friend of Bill Iwig
Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones	Charles George
Cindi Beale, friend of Judy McConville	Bobby Stevenson
Ravine Harmon, friend of Jenny Otto	WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones
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	
Caden, nephew of Debbie Strickland	Dan Pemberton
Agnes Roberts, mother of Rohn Roberts	Lynette Dillard
Isabelle Brown, mother of Clarence Brown	
Delsa Hildebrandt, wife of Eldon Hildebrandt	Dan deSouza
Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase	Ed Oliver
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville	
Serge and Sandy Kostun, cousins of Peter and Alice Snitzer	
Matthew McConville, nephew of Jim McConville	

For bereaved members and their families:

Helen Winter and family on the death of her husband of 70 years, William Winter  
Family and friends of James Shepard  
Family and friends of Jim Mumford

**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*

*Seminary Intern: Jim Harrington*

*Dir. of Weekday Children's Programs: Maribeth Day*



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.**

**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 February 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.

**Dec. 20: Young Adults** lunch and discussion, 12:30 p.m., 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 Classes meet in Youth Room.**

Classes are combined in December.

**Ramp Christmas Party tonight - 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.

Next week's Ramp: **Christmas Caroling** at a local senior center.



## Children's Ministries

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

**No Sunday School Classes or Chapel today**

Enjoy the Christmas Pageant!

**Breakfast for children and volunteers** participating in the pageant in Wright Hall.

**Christmas Pageant Thanks...**

Today we celebrate the gift of the Christmas Pageant brought to us by our children. We are very blessed to have Christi Schwarten who, as Producer, spent countless hours organizing all the details for the Pageant. Many thanks to our director, Jenn Pagnard, and to all of the wonderful adults who helped to make this wonderful tradition possible!

**We appreciate your generous gift of time and talent.**

**Heifer International: Final Sunday!**

The older elementary school classes are offering our congregation the chance to make a purchase from Heifer International. Visit the "Living Gift Market" in the atrium to purchase a gift of an animal that provides families around the world a chance to feed themselves.

**Pick up your family Advent Calendar!** Materials available in the Atrium and the Parent Resource Area on the third floor.



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Stephen  
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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

December 13, 2015, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

INTROIT

"African Advent Carol"

Barrett

Adult Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" On Screens

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

8:30 a.m. The Snitzer Family; 11 a.m. The Soulen Family

Reader: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'" (Luke 1:46-49).

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: **Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.**

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way.

RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymnal No. 204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Niles, arr. Hayes

Caroline Evans, piano



+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!*

+HYMN "What Child is This?", vs. 1 Hymnal No. 219

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-47

Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Anxious, Astonished and Amazed" Dr. Brown

### SENDING FORTH

+RECESSIONAL HYMN "Joy to the World", vs. 1, 2, 4 Hymnal No. 246

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Star-Child", vs. 3 \*FWS No. 2095  
*Grown child, old child, memory full of years,  
sad child, lost child, story told in tears,  
This year, this year, let the day arrive when  
Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

+POSTLUDE "A Child is Born" Jones  
Caroline Evans, piano

+Please stand as you are able.

\* Faith We Sing Supplementary Hymnal

**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. 20, worship services will be held at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and Rev. Carrillo will preach. Join us immediately after the worship service for fellowship and light refreshments in Wright Hall (fellowship hall).

**Christmas Eve services: Dec. 24, 4 p.m.**, a Family Candlelight Christmas Eve service; 7 and 11 p.m., Candlelight communion service. Childcare available at 7 p.m.

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**OUR PRESENCE:** Dec. 6 **Sunday Worship:** 580 **Sunday School:** 161

*Flowers in the Atrium* are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of her parents, Marti and Russ Moyer, by Andi Lohr.

*Flowers in the Atrium* are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the 63rd wedding anniversary of Rudy and Sue Meekins, by Rudy Meekins.

*Congratulations* to Sue and Rudy Meekins who celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary today.

## Connect

**Today: Children's Ministry's Living Gift Market:** 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.

**Tonight: An Evening in December – Christmas Recital** will be held at 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.

**Today: RSVP for Christmas Carol Singalong and Wednesday**

**Night Together** fellowship dinner on Wednesday, **Dec. 16**, at 6 p.m. Register for dinner on the pew pad or by noon, tomorrow, **Dec. 14**, either online at [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org), by contacting Joyce Kitzmiller: [jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org](mailto: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.

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


**Chat and Chew:** Young Adults will meet at 12:30 p.m. **Dec. 20** in Room 210 (lunch provided).

**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 Sunday mornings.

**Poinsettia delivery:** If you would like to deliver a poinsettia to a homebound member, the signup sheet is on a table in the Atrium. Poinsettias can be taken following the **Christmas eve** service for delivery in the next couple of days. Homebound members appreciate the visit as much as the gift!

**Are you celebrating** more than 50 years of marriage? Would you like your anniversary acknowledged in the Sunday worship bulletin? Send your name and your spouse's name and your anniversary date to Dottie Rogerson, [drogerson@annandale-umc.org](mailto:drogerson@annandale-umc.org) or 703-256-8330.

## 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 back of bulletin for participating groups.

**Bi-District Training Day:** The Northern Virginia United Methodist Church will conduct a Training Day on **Jan. 9** at Floris UMC in Herndon. This event is open to everyone in the Alexandria and Arlington Districts – clergy and laity. More than 40 workshops will be offered on church ministry and your spiritual journey. To register, and for more information, visit <http://www.novaumc.org/event-items/bdtd-2016/>. The registration deadline is **Dec. 18** and costs \$30.

**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; you don't have to be involved in the music program at AUMC to participate. Email [mattjirish@gmail.com](mailto:mattjirish@gmail.com) to signup. Classes will be held on Wednesdays in the choir room from 6:30 – 7:10 p.m.



## Mark Your Calendar



**Dec. 13** – An Evening in December Christmas Concert  
**Dec. 16** – Wednesday Night Together dinner, Christmas Music Singalong, Advent worship and communion  
**Dec. 20** – Youth Bake Sale, Brethren Christmas Concert  
**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve worship 4, 7 and 11 p.m.  
**Dec. 27** – One worship service, 10:30 a.m.



**Holy Spirit Retreat on Jan. 22-23** 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 both youth and adults will inspire us for the new year! Retreat begins Friday at 6:30pm and ends Saturday at 3:30pm. Registration fee: \$20 (includes meals and materials). Child care available. Register by Jan 17 in Wright Hall or at [www.annandale-umc.org](http://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](mailto:radu94@aol.com).

**Share your love** for Annandale UMC with future generations. Leave a legacy gift through your will or estate plan to Annandale UMC. To discuss potential gifts to the AUMC Foundation, contact Bill Iwig at 301-365-7532.

## Serve

**Thank you** to everyone who donated their time, made and served meals, made a donation, and shared their love with our guests during hypothermia week.

**The Youth will conduct a Bake Sale on Dec. 20** in the Atrium after worship services. Help support Youth Ministries activities!

**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.

**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**.

**Help ensure that AUMC receives** the support needed for ministries and operating expenses through the end of 2015. Please continue your pledged rate of giving or increase your giving to AUMC. You can also help stabilize our church's finances by signing 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 with your time, talent and treasure!

**Feed the hungry:** help distribute food to the hungry every Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m., Heritage campus, 7901 Heritage Dr. For details call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424. (Food distribution will not be offered Dec. 24 but WILL be offered Dec. 31.)

**Help tutor children:** The AUMC tutoring program at the Heritage campus needs volunteers to serve as tutors and readers, or who enjoy being read to, provide snacks and general assistance. The program meets Wednesdays from 3:45 – 5:45 p.m. and helps 1st – 8th graders, with a focus on homework and reading. Contact Jerry Beyer, 703-399-1395, or the church office, 703-256-8330. It will not meet **Dec. 23 or 30**.

**Thank you to all of the musicians** – children through adult – who shared their gifts and talents during Lessons & Carols worship service last week.