

...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:

Robert Perkins, brother of Garry Perkins	Evie Gibson
Aubrey Stroggs, daughter of Cherie Welch	Ron Jones, friend of Jerry Bruce
Brenda Ammons, friend of Sheila Kyer	Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
Don Furcillo, father of Joni Laurence	Mary Jones
Donald Pearson, father of Mark Pearson	Sean Veal, friend of Doug Worley
Adena Jarvis, mother of Becki Stewart	Brian, friend of Jelanda Quarles
Valerie Jersey, friend of Marcia Twomey	Bob Sayre
Brenda Andrews, sister of Sindy Keplinger	Bill Stacy
Debbie Gannoway, sister of Sindy Keplinger	Luke Stewart, son of Becki Stewart
Roger Ray, friend of Nivo Robjhn	Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones
Shirl Peters, mother of Mary Peters	Joan Tolle, friend of Bob Herbst
Betty Whitten, mother of Robin Patton	Evelyn Thomas
Denise Tordella, friend of Margi McCarthy	WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones
John Kieta, uncle of Debbie Strickland	Family of Mark Alexander Slough
Lynn Duncan, friend of Dawn Perez	Zina, friend of Doug Worley
Don Furcillo, father of Joni Laurence	Susan Clarke
Martha Villanigro-Santiago, friend of Jay Morris	Doug, Heritage Drive client
Akemi Nishida, friend of Terri Ruhter	Lori, Heritage Drive client
Mitchell Alderton, friend of the Schnur family	Royce Garrett
Joanie Millan, daughter of Elaine Hiner	Sue, friend of Erin McKenney
Roxanne Goeltz, friend of Elaine Hiner	Charles Cox
Caroline Korves, cousin of Trish Bradley	Lisa Webb Roudebush
Gilbert Sours, friend of Charles Cox, Jr.	Ed Oliver
Ron and Dorothy Spangenberg, parents of Laurie Scheible	Donna Dye
Micah Martino, nephew of Patricia Martino-Shapiro	Ruth Miller
Dean Lasher, brother-in-law of Emma George	Betsy Clevenger
Sylvia Hardewig, sister of Winnie Tegge	Nilo Langreo
Denise Eades, sister of Michelle Prieto	Nancy Shaffer
Barbara Duman, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	Janet Petty Sabo
Victoria Weyant, mother of Debbie Strickland	Jim Lewis, friend of Bill Iwig
Betty Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	Lisa Abney, sister of Theresa Bock
Cindi Beale, friend of Judy McConville	Betty Biney
Bethany Pope, friend of Rosemary Perdue	Betsy, friend of Dawn Perez
Diane Goldstein, friend of Elaine Hiner	Dan Pemberton
Stephanie Houston, mother of John Houston	Ravine Harmon, friend of Jenny Otto
Caden, nephew of Debbie Strickland	Dan deSouza
Agnes Roberts, mother of Rohn Roberts	Charles George
Isabelle Brown, mother of Clarence Brown	
Delsa Hildebrandt, wife of Eldon Hildebrandt	
Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase	
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:

Yvette, Aden, Blair, Courtney Bullock on the death of their husband and father, Douglas Bullock  
Jim Rodriguez and family on the death of his aunt Elaine.

**Hearing devices are available upon request from the ushers.**

*Presiding Bishop: Young Jim Cho, Richmond Area Virginia Conference*

*District Superintendent: Rev. 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))

**NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 3 - 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 *Who is this Man?* in Room 303.

**Immanuel** is studying *Jesus: The New Way* in Room 300.

**In His Steps** is studying *The Call* (Apostle Paul) in Room 302.

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

**Parents and Promises** meets in Room 310.

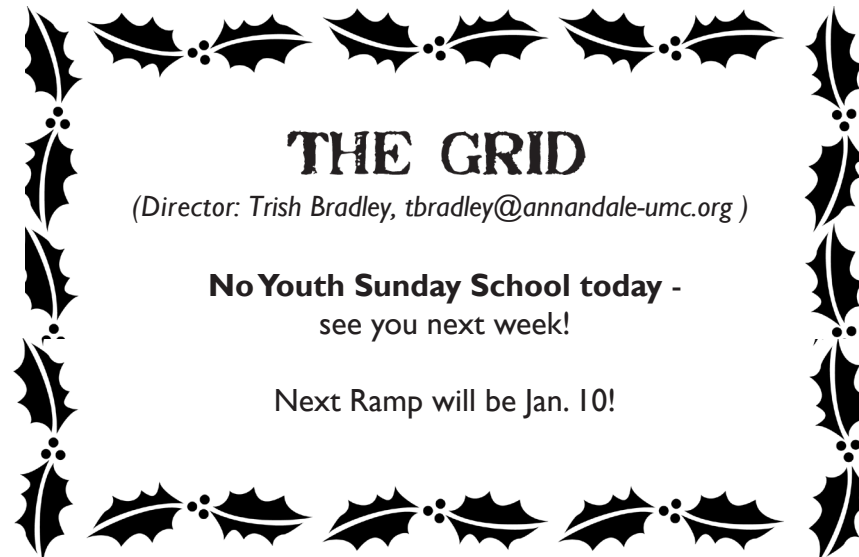
**Williams Bible Class** is studying the Letters of Paul in Room 118.

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

**Women of the Day** meets in the Parlor.

**Young Adults** lunch and discussion today, 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))

**No Youth Sunday School today -**  
see you next week!

Next Ramp will be Jan. 10!



## Children's Ministries

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

**No Sunday School today.**

**Next Sunday, Jan. 3**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (3 year olds – 5th grade): 9:45 a.m.

**Celebration Choir and Cherub Choir** (ages 2 years – 5th grade) are in recess until Jan. 10.

**CHAPEL** is in recess today.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** – Sponsored by older elementary children.

This year our church family gave over \$3,000 to Heifer International. Many thanks to Bill Pemberton, his team, and the older elementary children for sponsoring this important work!

**Come know, grow, and sow with us!**



# Annandale United Methodist Church

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We are a  
Stephen  
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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

December 27, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

+GATHERING SONG "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

\*FWS No. 2088

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Joy to the World" Hymnal No. 246

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Are you awake? Are you alert?

People: **Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Leader: Are you watching the signs?

Are you interpreting what is happening today?

People: **Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Leader: Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

People: **Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

People: **Christ has extended the invitation:**

let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

+OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Our prayers are in your heart even before they are on our lips. And yet we must utter our prayers. We must proclaim our praise of you and all your wondrous creation. Your love surrounds us and you have promised to be with us always. You know our hearts' desire to serve you. We pray that you will keep us true to that desire. And so we utter our prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

(Children's Chapel will not meet today)

+SONG OF PRAISE "God of Wonders" On Screens

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

Psalms 148:1-14

ANTHEM

"The First Noel"

arr. Webb  
Jacob Kato, solo

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"I Saw Three Ships"

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!*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17

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

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"God with Us"

Young Adults of AUMC

SENDING FORTH

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Sing We Now of Christmas", vs. 1-3

Hymnal No.237

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Hymnal No. 234

*O come, let us adore him,  
O Come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

+POSTLUDE

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Smart, arr. Rouse  
Caroline Evans, piano

+Please stand as you are able.

\* The 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. Join us for light refreshments and fellowship in Wright Hall immediately after the worship service! Next Sunday, Jan. 3, worship services will be held at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Brown will preach.

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OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 20 Sunday Worship: 384 Sunday School: 122

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of her parents, Carol and Charles Miller, by Maribeth Day.

# Connect

**Today:** Chat and Chew/Young Adults meet at 12:30 in room 210 (lunch provided).

**Thanks to everyone** who participated in the many Advent and Christmas eve programs over the past several weeks. We are grateful to the many people who worked "behind the scenes" to make this a joyous season: delivering poinsettias, helping with the Children's Christmas Pageant, sharing their gifts of music, making crafts, cooking and baking, delivering hope to children, families in need, the homeless and victims of human trafficking by purchasing a gift for the Advent Giving Tree, and purchasing "alternative gifts" that will bring joy for years to come, and so much more.

**Holiday hours:** the church office will close early on Thursday, **Dec. 31**, and be closed on Monday, **Dec. 28**, and Friday, **Jan. 1**.

**Stay connected:** Beginning in January, to save hundreds of dollars in postage and printing, the monthly Witness newsletter will no longer be automatically mailed to every member; instead it will be sent via email. However, if you do not have computer access and/or want to continue receiving the Witness via U.S. Mail, contact the church office by calling 703-256-8330.

**Open Houses** for Weekday Preschool and Early Learning Programs' prospective parents will be held on Wednesday, **Jan. 13**, Tuesday, **Jan. 26**, Thursday, **Feb. 11**, and Wednesday, **Feb. 24**. Open houses will begin with an informational session to be followed by a tour and begin at 10 a.m. in the WPS/ELP Office, room 122.

# Grow



**Pick up your copy** of the Academy Spring 2016 Update today! Learn about upcoming classes and discipleship events, including the State of the Dream, the Holy Spirit Retreat, and Lenten Study 2016.

**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 to signup. There is no charge. Classes will be held on Wednesdays in the choir room from 6:30 – 7:10 p.m.



**The State of the Dream II:** Annandale UMC Reflects on Dr. King's Legacy on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 12:30 p.m., Wright Hall. Panel discussion with pastors and members of AUMC reflecting on how we are living the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lunch provided. RSVP: jkitzmilller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.



**Holy Spirit Retreat:** Rekindle the Flame 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 6:30 p.m. and ends Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Registration fee: \$20 (includes meals and materials). Child care available. Register by Jan. 17 in Wright Hall or at www.annandale-umc.org/holyspiritretreat.

**The annual Women's Retreat** will be held **April 29 - May 1**. The key-note speaker will be United Methodist Minister Rev. Debra Colbert Cline who will bring an energetic message of "Be Strong in the Lord and His Mighty Power". All women are invited, but space is limited, so register early with a \$40 deposit. For more information, visit the Retreat table in Wright Hall after worship, or email Cyra Doty at radu94@aol.com.

**Feed the hungry:** help distribute food every Thursday, including Dec. 31, 5 – 7 p.m., Heritage campus, 7901 Heritage Dr. Call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.



## Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 17 – State of the Dream II

Jan. 22-23 – Holy Spirit Retreat



# Serve

**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.

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

**Volunteer as a tutor or reader,** snack provider or administrative helper for AUMC's Tutoring Program on Wednesdays (except Dec. 30) from 3:45 – 5:45 p.m. at the Heritage Campus, 7901 Heritage Drive. Contact Jerry Beyer, 703-399-1395 to serve in the tutoring program or for more information.

**It's not too late to share Christmas joy** with shut-in members! Sign up in the Atrium to deliver a poinsettia to a homebound member.

**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.

**Food Drive for ACCA:** Next Sunday, Jan. 3, 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.

**Children join in the spirit of giving:** from Thanksgiving until Christmas, the AUMC Weekday Children's Program collected and contributed several cartons of groceries to the Heritage Drive food distribution program. Several classes also donated winter hats, scarves, and mittens to be given out to families as well as gift bags of lotion and gloves from a preschool mother and her managerial group for the women. Thank you, preschoolers!

**Flowers on the Altar Needed:** If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of a loved one, please circle the date(s) you wish and return this form with a check, made payable to AUMC. Cost: \$25 per arrangement. Flowers are not placed on the altar on the first Sunday of each month, Communion Sunday; Easter Sunday and the Sunday before Christmas have special flowers.

January	10	17	24	31	July	10	17	24	31
February		14	21	28	August		14	21	28
March		13	20	27	September		11	18	25
April		10	17	24	October	9	16	23	30
May	8	15	22	29	November		13	20	27
June		12	19	26	December		11		

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of  In Honor of (check one)

I/we wish to leave the flowers for distribution to shut-ins or those in the hospital.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_