

...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 Robjhon	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)

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.

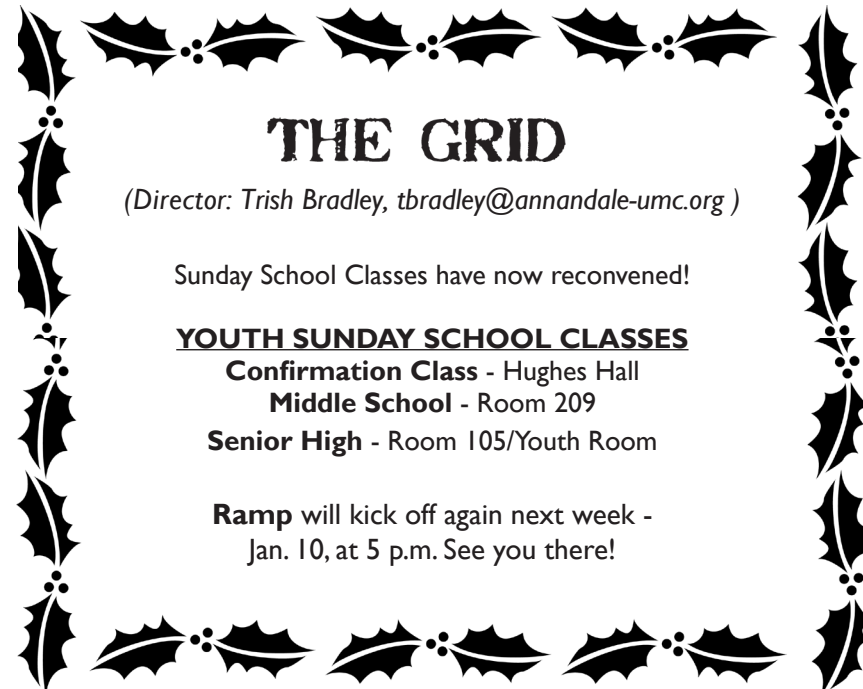
Williams Bible Class is studying the Letters of Paul in Room 118.

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.



THE GRID

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

Sunday School Classes have now reconvened!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Confirmation Class - Hughes Hall

Middle School - Room 209

Senior High - Room 105/Youth Room

Ramp will kick off again next week -
Jan. 10, at 5 p.m. See you there!

Children's Ministries



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

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 does not meet on Communion Sundays.

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!



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
January 3, 2016, 8:30 and 11 a.m. • EPIPHANY SUNDAY

+OPENING SONG OF PRAISE “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *FWS No. 2173

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN “We Three Kings” Hymnal No. 254

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

People: Too long we've gone the wrong way, followed the wrong stars!

Leader: We went south following movie stars, greed, and lust.

People: Star of Wonder...

Leader: We even went north following our own visions, our own intuition, and our own way.

People: Star of Light...

Leader: Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

People: Star with Royal Beauty Bright; the Star that is You.

Leader: God with us, God revealed in us,

People: God come to us, Emmanuel.

Leader: Long hidden within our heart's barren womb; too often explained away by our mind's idol of reason; and so many moments kept captive in our soul's chains of doubt.

All: Great God of the Epiphany, this day reveal your salvation through the one who saves us, Jesus Christ, Amen.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

(No Children's Chapel on Communion Sundays)

ANTHEM “All is Well” Smith
Kyla Carney, solo

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SERMON SCRIPTURE

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 60:1-9

SERMON “Drawn to the Light” 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 "Open My Eyes" Scott, arr. Schwoebel
Adam Tyler, piano

+DOXOLOGY Hymnal No. 95

*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.*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal No. 17
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC Adam Tyler, 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

+RECESSIONAL HYMN "We Are Called" *FWS No. 2172

+BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE "As We Go" On Screens

*As we go may Your Spirit go before us
As we go may we follow where You lead
May we live what we have learned
Share the message we have heard
And be a light unto the world as we go*

+POSTLUDE "Postlude on Forest Green" Traditional English Melody,
arr. Smith Adam Tyler, piano

+Please stand as you are able.
*Faith We Sing supplementary hymnal

Happy New Year and 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. 10, worship services will be held at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and Rev. Dr. Brown will preach.

Connect

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 begin with an information session followed by a tour and begin at 10 a.m. in the WPS/ELP Office, room 122.

Wednesday Night Together dinner and program will resume in February.

Stay connected: 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, call the church office at 703-256-8330.

Celebrating an anniversary? Please contact the church office if you are celebrating your 50th (or longer!) wedding anniversary, and would like it to be acknowledged in the bulletin. Send the date and year of your wedding to Dottie Rogerson: drogerson@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

Grow



Today! Pick up your copy of the Academy Spring 2016 Update. 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 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: AUMC Reflects on Dr. King's Legacy, 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 at www.annandale-umc.org/holyspiritretreat or in Wright Hall.

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 details, visit the Retreat table in Wright Hall after worship, or email Cyra Doty at radu94@aol.com.

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OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 27 **Sunday Worship:** 196 **Sunday School:** 34

Flowers in the Atrium are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Evie Gibson by Bonita Horton.



Mark Your Calendar



Jan. 17 – State of the Dream II
Jan. 22-23 – Holy Spirit Retreat

Serve

The need is greater than ever. A special offering is taken on Communion Sundays (first week of each month) to help ACCA and for our neighbors in need. So when you see the plates by the communion rail today, please give generously.

Furniture donations needed: The Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) collects and distributes gently used furniture for needy families in the community. Items needed include: (mattresses/box springs – all sizes except King size), kitchen and dining tables and chairs, sofas (not sleeper sofas), living room chairs, coffee tables, end tables, and lamps. For details and to arrange pickup, call 703-256-9513.

You can help ACCA's furniture ministry, which delivers donated furniture to needy families. AUMC's next date to assist is Saturday, **Jan. 9**, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, and to volunteer, contact Brad Rothermel, 703-338-6970, or bigbadbrad63@hotmail.com.

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.

Recycle: AUMC's Earth and Spirit Bible Class has placed boxes on a table in the hallway outside Wright Hall to collect specific items for recycling: 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! A private company "upcycles" the items for other uses. There is a potential for a small donation to AUMC from the firm if the amount of items collected is substantial.

Volunteer as a tutor or reader, snack provider or administrative helper for AUMC's Tutoring Program on Wednesdays 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.

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 _____