



**Kairos cookies and prayers:** The Kairos Prison Ministry Team is preparing to share God's love again for the men at Greensville Correctional Center. The Annandale UMC team is responsible for providing 850 dozen cookies! Cookies are a tangible and meaningful expression of our love for the inmates. A cookie sign-up sheet, prison-approved cookie recipes, and instructions are on the table in the Atrium. Sugar-free and gluten-free cookies are especially needed. If you cannot bake cookies but want to make a donation for baking supplies, make your check payable to AUMC, designated for Kairos Cookies, by Sunday, **April 3**. Place cookies, one dozen per quart freezer bag, in the AUMC kitchen freezer by Sunday, **April 10**, and label them "Kairos Cookies." This ministry is powered by prayer. If you are willing to pray for the team and participants throughout the weekend and include your name on a Prayer Chain shared with the participants, use the sign-up sheet in the atrium. Contact Ed Jones at 703-300-0113 if you have questions.

**Christmas in April (Rebuilding Together)** will be Saturday, **April 30**. Volunteers are needed for half a day/entire day. This is AUMC's 15th consecutive year participating in Christmas in April. We will again team up with ACCA/St Barnabas Episcopal on a local "house repair project" to a deserving family or Fairfax County "group home". Look forward to AUMC youth (age 14 and over), AUMC young and older adults joining for fun and work making homes a better and safer place to live. This project is sponsored by AUMC's Missions Committee and ACCA. This is a great opportunity for anyone who needs Community Service Hours. If you are interested in participating or fixing a treat for the workers, call John Clarke, 703-642-3836 or 703-606-6464 (cell) or email [clarkejhl@gmail.com](mailto:clarkejhl@gmail.com).

There are many opportunities to worship and praise, love God, love neighbor, and serve the world at Annandale United Methodist. For more information, visit our website at [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org).

Interested in anything you see? Come on over! Visitors and newcomers are always welcome.

**The people of Annandale United Methodist Church** extend a warm Easter welcome to all who are visiting! Your presence with us increases our joy on this great day of celebration. We pray that the Spirit of the Risen Christ will touch you this day, and we invite you to come back and worship with us again soon. Join us in Wright Hall (Fellowship Hall) immediately after the worship service for coffee, refreshments and fellowship. Next Sunday, **April 3**, Dr. Brown will be preaching.

**Help spread Easter joy:** Please take some of our Easter joy (Easter tulips) to homebound and shut-in members. A signup sheet is in the Atrium. Please put your name by the name of the person to whom you will deliver the flowers.

## Connect

**Lenten Missions Projects:** Responding to needs here and around the world! Join our Christian outreach by making a generous Lenten Mission Projects offering. (Use special envelopes or give online [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org).) The Missions Committee set a target to raise \$100,000 to fund five local projects: Meals Ministry at Poe Middle School, Stop Hunger Now, Camp Highroad, ACCA, 100,000 Homes; Kairos Prison Ministry, and three international projects: Rebuilding Haiti Mission Project, Brazil Mission Project, Mozambique Mission Project. The Children's Ministry Lenten Mission Project is the Fantastic Food Race food drive which supports the Weekend Backpack meals program for students at Annandale Terrace Elementary. For a complete description of the Mission Projects, visit [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org) or pick up a 2016 Lenten Mission Project flyer in the Atrium.

**Everyone is invited to Wednesday Night Together** fellowship dinner on **April 6** at 5:45 p.m. The program will be "family-friendly" with lots of fun activities. Register on the pew pad (write April 6 and "dinner" and the number attending) or 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 meal price is \$8 per person, \$4 for children under 9, and \$25 per family maximum.

**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. You do not need to sign up to volunteer.

**Clean plastic grocery bags** are needed at the Heritage food distribution site. Please bring to the Heritage campus office or to the main AUMC campus and place in the Heritage Campus box under the coat rack.



**A weekend for fun, fellowship and service**, with activities and work projects for all ages and abilities, is scheduled for AUMC at Camp Highroad Friday - Sunday, **May 13 -15**. Join other AUMC families, friends, groups, and individuals at the beautiful United Methodist Church camp near Middleburg, just 40 miles from Annandale. You will have your choice

of lodging in the comfortable Oak Lodge or bring your own tent to put up on the lawn. Meals will be provided. Service activities will include cleaning up the grounds, painting, moving mulch, and making light repairs (hammering nails) to the buildings. Kitchen helpers are also needed. Recreational activities will also be available. Camp Highroad has lowered the cost, so this year's price is only \$15 per night/per person, whether you sleep in the lodge or camp out in your own tent. Registration deadline is May 1. Contact Mark Bradley at [Bradleyfam@aol.com](mailto:Bradleyfam@aol.com). For more information talk to Mark, Becki Stewart, Eduardo Carrillo or Trish Bradley.

**Summer fun opportunity:** volunteers, center leaders, and shepherds are needed for AUMC's Vacation Bible School "Gather at the Table" **July 11-15**, 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Becki Stewart, [bstewart@annandale-umc.org](mailto:bstewart@annandale-umc.org) or call 703-256-8330.

**Food Drive for ACCA:** Next Sunday, **April 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.

## GROW

**Open House** for the AUMC Weekday Preschool and Early Learning Program will be held for prospective families on Wednesday, **March 30** at 10 a.m. Interested parents should come to the program office, room 122.

**Parent Coffee:** Francine Ronis, LPC, LLC will speak on "Emotional Intelligence – What is Your Child's EQ?" on Thursday, **April 7** at 7 p.m. in room 300. This program is sponsored by the AUMC Weekday Children's Programs. All interested parents of young children are invited to attend.



## Mark Your Calendar

**April 6 – Wednesday Night Together**

**April 16 – Stop Hunger Now**

**April 24 – Youth Car Wash**

**April 29 - May 1 – Women's Retreat**

**April 30 – Christmas in April**

**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. Contact Jerry Beyer, 703-399-1395 to serve in the tutoring program or for more information.

## Serve

**AUMC's furniture ministry** for ACCA needs volunteers! This team delivers donated furniture to needy families in the Annandale area one morning a month. AUMC's next date to assist is Saturday, **April 2**, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, and to volunteer, contact Brad Rothermel, 703-338-6970 or [bigbadbrad63@hotmail.com](mailto:bigbadbrad63@hotmail.com).

**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 (including the outside wrappers): 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 collected for other uses. There is a potential for a small donation to AUMC from the firm if the amount of items collected is substantial. So far, AUMC has earned 300 points which was used to pay for the planting of one tree on US soil; 188 extra points were used to purchase carbon offsets from the Carbon Fund. Details are in the Charity section of [terra.cycle.com](http://terra.cycle.com).