

...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:

Michael, son of Jelanda Quarles	Liz Plewes
Harry Sabiers, friend of John and Polly Morris	Kate Svenson
Dana and Dana Goward and family	Peggy Ward
Joanie Milliken, friend of Arlene Gribben	Harry Day
Jan Anderson, aunt of Kate Arrington	Sherril Reid
Vickie Gassman, friend of Bill and Debbi Iwig	Vincent Guidi
Darren McFate, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	Luke Taggart
Kate Broadhurst, friend of Scott and Jolie Fleming	Robert Wilson
Pam Woolfenden, cousin of Pat Sherfey	Harry Martin
Carla Padgett, mother of Mark Padgett	Teresa Beyer
Amy Huss, daughter of Jerry and Margaret Bruce	Charlene Sellner
Evelyn Thomas, mother of Sherri Kenski	Zachary Schnur
James McGeady, friend of Elaine Hiner	Linda Land
Stephanie Houston, mother of John Houston	Naomi Anthony
Delsa Hildebrandt, wife of Eldon Hildebrandt	Faye Liming
Ludid Orozco, grandmother of Kyla Grigg	Father of Dave Morse
Robert Perkins, brother of Garry Perkins	Charles George
Guenther Koch, friend of Cyndi Jones	Betsy, friend of Dawn Perez
Betty Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	WH Farley, friend of Cyndi Jones
Ron Jones, friend of Jerry Bruce	Ruth Miller
Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase	Sarah Jarvis, sister of Becki Stewart
Isabelle Brown, mother of Clarence Brown	Donna Dye
Valerie Jersey, friend of Marcia Twomey	Bill Stacy
Caden, nephew of Debbie Strickland	Betty Paul
Victoria Weyant, mother of Debbie Strickland	Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
Shirl Peters, mother of Mary Peters	Nancy Shaffer
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville	Mac, friend of Marcia Twomey
Lynn Duncan, friend of Dawn Perez	Betsy Clevenger
Bill Morris, step-brother of Steve Reynolds	Alvin Opulencia
Barbara Duman, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	Laura Laytar Plummer
Akemi Nishida, friend of Terri Ruhter	Dan Pemberton
Mitchell Alderton, friend of the Schnur family	Doug, Heritage Drive client
Joanie Millan, daughter of Elaine Hiner	Nettie Masters
Roxanne Goeltz, friend of Elaine Hiner	Royce Garrett
Ravine Harmon, friend of Jenny Otto	Sue, friend of Erin McKenney
Agnes Roberts, mother of Rohn Roberts	Janet Petty Sabo
Lauren Corbin, friend of Jay Morris	
Ron and Dorothy Spangenberg, parents of Laurie Scheible	Ed Oliver
Micah Martino, nephew of Patricia Martino-Shapiro	Dan deSouza

For bereaved members and their families:

Deke Moeller and family on the death of his mother
The Gibson girls, Suzanne, Kathy, Janet, Martha, and Jessica, Laura and
Josh on the death of their mother and grandmother, Evie Gibson

Hearing devices are available upon request from the ushers.

Presiding Bishop: Young Jin 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,
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m. - New Studies Beginning!

Bible Fellowship begins studying the Book of Daniel in Room 111.

Brownies with Brown (New Members) meets April 10-24 in Room 212C.

Faith in Life resumes studying *The Call* in Room 303.

Immanuel begins study of *The Mysterious Prophecy of Isaiah 53* in Room 300.

In His Steps begins *Invitation to the Old Testament* in Room 302.

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

Parents and Promises begins a parenting series 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 begins study of *Eve* by Wm Young in the Parlor.

Mid-week Classes/Groups: www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship.

THE GRID

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Confirmation Class - Hughes Hall

Middle School - Room 209

Senior High - Room 105/Youth Room

Tonight is **Senior High Night**. All 9-12 grade students are invited for a night of bowling. Meet at AUMC for dinner (5:30 p.m.), before departing for Annandale Lanes at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 and will cover shoes and two games. Pick up will be at Annandale Lanes at 7:30 p.m.

Middle School Night is next week – Students will be going to Flight (Trampoline Park) in Springfield. Meet at AUMC for dinner at 5 p.m. (not at usual 5:30 time). Depart for Flight at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 and will cover one hour of play. Pick-up will be at AUMC at 7:30 p.m.



Children's Ministries

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

Today we give special thanks to **Laura Cook** for all her dedicated ministry to children here at AUMC. Laura has been the director of the Cherub Choir and a leader for Kids In Mission/GS Kids program for the past nine years. Our prayers go with her as she begins a new chapter in her life.

Celebration Singers (K-5th grade): 9:15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 year olds – 5th grade): 9:45 a.m., 3rd floor classrooms

Cherub Choir (2 years with parent and 3-4 year old class): 9:55, room 311.

Chapel (4 years - 3rd grade): follows Moments with Children, room 313

The **CM Lenten Project**, "The Fantastic Food Race", has concluded. Over 400 food items will go a long way to feed hungry children and their families in our local community. Thanks to everyone who brought food.

Upcoming Events

April 17: Bible Presentation for 3rd graders during worship

July 11-15: Gather at the Table - Vacation Bible School.



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

April 10, 2016 • 8:30 and 11 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

+GATHERING SONGS

"All My Days"

"Step by Step"

On Screens

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Gather Us In"

*FWS No. 2236

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come! Come praise the eternal God!

People: Let all that is within us – body, mind, and spirit – praise God's holy name.

Leader: Despite our failures, He forgives and releases us.

People: Despite our sins, he heals and renews us.

Leader: When we are famished and weak, He fills us with good and beautiful things.

People: Satisfying our needs and restoring our strength.

Leader: So come! Come praise the eternal God!

People: Sing songs from a grateful heart, and remember all that He has done for us.

+OPENING PRAYER

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we gather here this morning to hear your healing words of love and be transformed by your spirit.

Remind us again of the mercy and compassion that you require from us in order to serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives.

Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world, remembering how deeply and often your mercy and compassion is offered to us.

Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. In Jesus' name we pray – Amen.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

RECOGNITION OF LAURA COOK

8:30 Karen Rose, 11 Emily Davis

(11 a.m. – Children may leave for Children's Chapel)

Jim Harrington

ANTHEM

"Psalm 121"

Rouse

Adult Choir

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.

EPISTLE LESSON

James 1:16-22

8:30 Susan Ronkainen; 11 Timothy Hawkins

+CHORUS

"Walk with Me"

*FWS No. 2242

*Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.*

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"A Spanish Rhapsody"

arr. Raney

Justin Dean, 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!*

MESSAGE

"Unexpected Ambassador"

Trish Bradley

SENDING FORTH

+RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

Hymnal No. 593

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL 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

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Raney

Justin Dean, 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. Join us for light refreshments and fellowship in Wright Hall immediately after the worship service! Next Sunday, **April 17**, worship services will be held at 8:30 and 11 a.m., and preaching will be Dr. Brown.

Calling all Grads: An upcoming issue of the Witness will highlight AUMC's 2016 college and high school graduates. Please send a photo and the following information: name of student, degree, name of high school/college/university, and any other information you would like to share, such as future plans (college, graduate school, new job, etc.). Please email information to ddzikiewicz@annandale-umc.org.

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OUR PRESENCE: April 3 Sunday Worship: 321 Sunday School: 139

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Victoria Rose Mayfield Mayo by Jessica Mayo and Allan Cogswell.

Connect

A Call to Pray for 2016 General Conference: General Conference, the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church, meets once every four years to consider revisions to church law, and adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs for the next four years. The 2016 General Conference will be **May 10-20** in Portland, Ore. The United Methodist Church has 131 annual conferences world-wide. The United Methodist Council of Bishops asked each conference to hold a 24-hour prayer vigil for General Conference. Virginia Conference Bishop, Young Jin Cho, selected **today, April 10**, for the Virginia Conference prayer vigil. AUMC's prayer time slot is from 9 to 10 p.m. and 11 to 12 midnight. Help blanket our delegates, bishops, and other church leaders with prayer as they prepare to listen to one another, discern God's will for the United Methodist Church and to make decisions that will guide United Methodists around the world in fulfilling our purpose.

All men are invited to learn about Boy Scout Troop 150 activities at a breakfast for the Annandale United Methodist Men on Saturday, **April 23** at 8 a.m. in Wright Hall. This will be a time of fellowship as the Troop brings us up to date on its activities for the past year. RSVP to Gary FitzGibbon at gary@garyfitzgibbon.com or 703-963-8707, or Stan Witkowski at switkowski1@cox.net or 703-941-2935.

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 in your own tent. Register by **May 1**. Contact Mark Bradley at Bradleyfam@aol.com. For details talk to Mark, Becki Stewart, Eduardo Carrillo or Trish Bradley.

Grow

An informational meeting will be held **today, 9:45 a.m.**, regarding the Heritage campus initiative. To further AUMC's mission of "Love God, Love Neighbor, and Serve the World", Annandale United Methodist Church is developing plans to partner with Just Neighbors, a nonprofit organization and mission of the United Methodist Church dedicated to serving and supporting the immigrant community of northern Virginia. In January, the AUMC Church Council approved a working group to begin formulating a covenant agreement with Just Neighbors for the renovation and use of the sanctuary space for its offices at the Heritage Campus of AUMC, 7901 Heritage Dr. A fact sheet on the initiative will be available at the Informational Meeting and is also available in the church office. If you have questions or comments for the church leadership, you can send them via email to HeritageDrive@annandale-umc.org.

Lenten Study 2016 – Thank you for participating in Lenten Study 2016! Your feedback is important to us. Kindly pick up an evaluation form in your class or small group or in the Atrium.

Alexandria Home Group begins a new study of *The Habits of Happiness* by Rick Warren. The group meets Thursdays at 6 pm at the home of Jerry and Margaret Bruce. Contact: margaretannbruce@gmail.com.

Arlington Home Group begins a new study of *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle. The group meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Celtic House Pub and Restaurant at 2500 Columbia Pike. Contact: Candace Means at canmeans@gmail.com.



Mark Your Calendar

April 16 – Stop Hunger Now

April 23 – Men's Breakfast

April 24 – Youth Car Wash

April 29 - May 1 – Women's Retreat

April 30 – Christmas in April



We care for college students! If you or your child is a college student, please contact Dottie Rogerson, drogerson@annandale-umc.org, with name, address, school, and year (freshman, sophomore, etc.). This will enable AUMC to stay in touch with our young adult members even when they're away at college.

The Annandale Book Lovers will meet next Sunday, **April 17**, at 7 p.m. in the parlor. Our book is *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. The Book Lovers meet on the third Sunday of the month. Our May book is *The Map Thief* by Michael Blanding.

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.

AUMC's Women's Retreat is scheduled for **April 29 - May 1**. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know the ladies of AUMC in a small group setting. The keynote speaker will be United Methodist minister Rev. Debra Colbert Cline, who will bring an energetic and Biblical-based message of "Be Strong in the Lord and His Might Power". All women are invited and encouraged to attend but space is limited. For more information, contact Cyra Doty at radu94@aol.com or 703-354-5330.

Serve

Stop Hunger Now food packaging event is scheduled for **next Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m. – noon** in Wright Hall. Everyone can help package meals to be sent to areas of the world where food is scarce (both standing and sitting jobs). Stop Hunger Now has perfected a low cost (29 cents each) highly nutritious meal of dehydrated rice and soy meal that can be easily shipped and stored. Bring your friends and family! Wear an AUMC shirt!

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 or call 703-256-8330.

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.

Kairos cookies due today: If you signed up to bake cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry Team to take to the men at Greensville Correctional Center, place the cookies, one dozen per quart freezer bag, in the AUMC kitchen freezer 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. We will again team up with ACCA/St Barnabas Episcopal on a local house repair project for a deserving family or Fairfax County group home. AUMC youth (age 14 and over), young and older adults will join in fun and work making homes better and safer places 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.