

...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:

Armen Hartman, friend of Tracy Carney	Betty Biney
Rusty Nichols, nephew of Liz Walker	John Rose, brother of Tom Rose
Elizabeth Sedlins, friend of Scott and Jolie Fleming	All those in uniform
Nayyar Farooq, uncle of Simon Samuel	Janet Petty Sabo
Mike Capitman, friend of Charles Perdue	Leslie, niece of Bob Herbst
Vickie Gassman, friend of Bill and Debbi Iwig	Paul Flynn
Carla Padgett, mother of Mark Padgett	Janet Pearson, aunt of Mark Pearson
Karen Carlyle, cousin of Elaine Hiner	Ruth Nabbie, mother of Jaie Brown
Genevieve Moss, aunt of Jolie Fleming	Ruth Miller
Betty Cox Daniel, friend of Gwen Cody	Virginia Cannon
Madalynn, young relative of Jane Underhill	Pam Jones
Victoria Weyant, mother of Debbie Strickland	Tina Svenson
Elizabeth Miesen, friend of Jenny Otto	Grandfather of Rebecca Levorson
Norman Herbst and Machaela, brother of Bob Herbst	Ed Oliver
Sloane Springer, cousin of Tracy Carney	Hilde and Dan DeSouza
The Crossin family, friends of Gail and Dan Pemberton	Patti Jones
Peggy Early, friend of Judy McConville	Kay Peek, aunt of Tracy Carney
Frances Harbin, caregiver of Ruth Nabbie	Bill and Mary Ruth Stacy
Mike Barron, brother-in-law of Debbi and Bill Iwig	Kurt Kruger
Bill Morris, step-brother of Steve Reynolds	Royce Garrett
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville	
Jon Bretz, cousin of Erin McKenney	
Frankie Rodriguez, stepfather of Zaidy Berrios	Andrea Berrios
Bobbie Stevenson, mother of Tina Svenson	Sue, friend of Erin McKenney
Evelyn Thomas, mother of Sherri Kenski	Linda Land
Agnes Roberts, mother of Rohn Roberts	Betty Paul
Tim Sheehy, friend of Helen Moreman	Shirl Peters, mother of Mary Peters
Betty Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	Peggy Ward
Eduardo Chuahy, father of Andrea Chuahy	Dan Pemberton
Shelly Colbert, niece of Debbi and Bill Iwig	Betsy, friend of Dawn Perez
Mabel W. Thornton, mother of Lavinia Odejimi	Betsy Clevenger
Valerie Jersey, friend of Marcia Twomey	Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
James McGeady, friend of Elaine Hiner	Mac, friend of Marcia Twomey
Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase	Nancy Shaffer
Kathy Gallo, friend of Michelle Prieto	Jonathan Krause
Kim family, friends of the Pagnard family	Rocky Speake
Micah Martino, nephew of Patricia Martino-Shapiro	
Michael, son of Jelanda Quarles	
Roger Ralay, friend of Nivo and Landy Robjhon	Donna Dye
Victoria and Heather Wyche, friends of Cyndi Jones	
Darren McFate, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	Victoria Mayo

Bereaved members and their families:

Mark Pearson and family on the death of his uncle, Glenn Nelsen

Hearing devices are available upon request from the ushers.

Presiding Bishop: Sharma Lewis, 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 Music Ministries: Patrick Vaughn

Dir. of Youth Ministries: Trish Bradley

Dir. of Weekday Children's Programs: Maribeth Day

Ministerial Assistant: Jim Harrington



Academy of Discipleship
Annandale United Methodist Church

(Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver,

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.

Bible Fellowship is studying 1 and 2 Peter in Room 111.

+Faith in Life is studying Advent Study 2016 in Room 303.

+Immanuel is studying Advent Study 2016 in Room 300.

+In His Steps is studying Advent Study 2016 in Room 302.

Issues in Christianity is studying death and dying in Room 307.

+Parents and Promises is studying Advent Study 2016 in Room 310.

Williams Bible Class schedule is to be determined.

Women in Search of Truth is studying a Beth Moore study in Room 306.

+Women of the Day is studying Advent Study 2016 in the Parlor.

+Groups participating in Advent Study 2016.

+Midweek groups participating in Advent Study 2016: Bailey's Crossroads Small Group, Grace and Truth Small Group

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



THE GRID

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

Sunday School Classes

Senior high will meet in the Youth Room (Room 105).

Middle school will meet in Room 209.

Youth Choir meets today at 12:15 p.m.

Mark your calendars – Hypothermia Help will be Tuesday, Nov. 29. We will be looking for volunteers to put together and serve dinner that evening. Times and more information to follow.

Thank you to everyone who brought items for our bake sale last week!



Children's Ministries

SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 years-5th grade.): 9:45 a.m.

Celebration Choir (K-5th Grade): 9:15 a.m., Room 311

Cherub Choir (3-4-year-olds): during Sunday school, Room 312

2-year-old children (as of 9-30-16) are welcome to join choir with a parent in attendance.

Christmas Pageant Reminder!

The pageant will be performed during the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on Dec. 11.

There is a required rehearsal on Saturday morning, Dec. 10.

We are now past the registration deadline; thank you to all who signed up!

Come KNOW, GROW, and SOW with us!



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

November 27, 2016 • 11 a.m.

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

+GATHERING SONG "What Child is This" Youth Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Hymnal No. 196

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.

People: We are called to be God's people.

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.

People: We are called to be the body of Christ.

All: Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

+BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

+CHORUS "Emmanuel" Hymnal No. 204

VIDEO

HANGING OF THE EVERGREEN WREATHS

ANTHEM "Advent Prayer" Larson Adult Choir

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Jim Harrington
(Children's Chapel does not meet today)

+HYMN "Away in a Manger" Youth Band

HANGING OF THE GARLAND

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

LIGHTING OF THE LIGHTS

+HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Youth Band

PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Matthew Mitchell 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 Philippians 4:1-13 OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE OFFERTORY

+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 GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:14-21 Minister: The Word of God for the People of God. People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Jesus Sets Us Free" Dr. Brown

SENDING FORTH

+CLOSING SONG "O Come All Ye Faithful" Youth Band +BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE +Please stand as you are able.

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!

...AND I WILL SUPPORT THE CHURCH WITH MY PRAYERS, MY PRESENCE, MY GIFTS AND MY SERVICE. OUR PRESENCE: Nov. 20 Sunday Worship: 345 Sunday School: 134

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of her brother, William Nichols, by Liz Walker.

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of their anniversary by Brett and Emily Wilson.

Next Sunday, Dec. 4, our sanctuary will be filled with the sounds of the season as we present Christmas Lessons and Carols, a combined service of music and scripture at 11 a.m. Dr. Brown will continue our Advent sermon series with "Jesus is God with Us," based on the book Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 a.m.

Connect

Advent Giving Tree and Alternative Giving: This holiday season, you can bring hope to families in need, the homeless and disaster victims by participating in AUMC's Advent Giving Tree and Alternative Giving Program. Look for the tags on the Christmas trees in the atrium. We are collecting gifts for pre-teen and teenage boys and girls to be distributed at Rising Hope UMC. The suggested price range is \$15-\$25. Gifts should be unwrapped and returned to AUMC by Dec. 7. Alternative giving opportunities this year include: AUMC's Food Ministry, Safe Haven Day Shelter, United Methodist Disaster Relief and 100,000 Homes. The deadline for alternative giving is Dec. 18.

Thank you for your financial commitment to all we do here at AUMC! So far, we have received 148 pledges for a total of \$731,402. To meet our goals, we need at least \$1 million in pledges. We encourage every citizen of God's Kingdom to participate in this critical act of joyful worship. Through your support, we can fulfill the mission, ministry and worship that God has called us to do. Remember, "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." - 2 Corinthians 9:12. If you have not turned in a pledge card for 2017, extra cards are in the pews. If you inadvertently turned in the receipt portion of your card, please fill out a new card or call Garry Bell at 703-256-8330.

Share the sacrament of communion with our hospitalized or homebound members by volunteering to give communion each month to someone who is unable to attend Sunday service. For more information on our shut-in program, contact Pat Sherfey at 703-354-9676 or psherfey@yahoo.com.

GROW

Today! Advent Study 2016. Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas by Jorge Acevedo. "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them..." (John 17:18) God sent Christ into the world as our Savior. In turn, Christ sends us into the world. But do we really understand how, where, and why we are sent? This Advent study challenges us through story, art, and Bible study to discover what it means to be Christ's hands, feet, head, and heart in the world. Books are available for purchase in Wright Hall. See back of bulletin for participating classes and groups.

Wednesday night Advent worship and communion service: Beginning this Wednesday, Nov. 30, and through Dec. 21, we will hold an Advent worship and communion service in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend these Wednesday night Advent services!

FaithJustice Forum: Planning meeting for The State of the Dream and other programs will take place on Sunday, Dec 4 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 210. Contact Rev. Johnson-Oliver with questions.

Buy pecans, help UMW missions: United Methodist Women are selling a new crop of pecans (whole and in pieces, chocolate- and cinnamon-covered) 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. Make checks payable to AUMW.



Mark Your Calendar



- Dec. 4 - Single service, 11 a.m.: Lessons and Carols. Dec. 7 - Advent Worship/Communion, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 10 - Pageant Rehearsal, 9 a.m. - noon Dec. 11 - Children's Christmas Pageant, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Dec. 14 - Advent Worship/Communion, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18 - College Sunday services, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Dec. 21 - Advent Worship/Communion, 6:30 p.m.

Ministry outreach opportunities at Golden LivingCenter: Join us on the first Sunday of the month as we minister to the residents of Golden LivingCenter (6700 Columbia Pike). We meet at 2:30 p.m. to sing hymns and reflect on the scripture. Contact Rick Rosenberger at 703-371-5809 or rosenbergerra@yahoo.com.

Serve

The following people receive the Alice Snitzer Radical Hospitality Award today for their service to the church: Sandy and David Barker, Sandra Chase, Cyra Doty, Beth Ann Eadie, Freda Hill, Bill and Debbie Iwig, Don and DeEtte Johnson, Sue and Rudy Meekins, Dan and Gail Pemberton, and Marcia Twomey. The congregation extends their thanks for your service providing hospitality.

Hypothermia Week starts today and runs through Dec. 4. Volunteers are still needed! Sign up for time slots in the atrium or through the SignUpGenius link on www.annandale-umc.org. For more information, contact Cyndi Jones at cyndij123@verizon.net or 571-212-8824.

Rising Hope holiday meal donations: Rising Hope UMC in Alexandria provides Christmas Day meals to those in need. If you are interested in donating prepared food items, contact Erin Mucha at emucha@risinghopeumc.org or 703-360-1976, ext. 14. Food items needed include: turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, cranberries, garden salad, dinner rolls, gravy and desserts.

Snow removal help needed this winter: We're looking for some hearty volunteers to help us clear the sidewalks and doorways at AUMC when we receive large snowfalls. If you can help by shoveling or operating a snow blower, contact the office at 703-256-8330 or office@annandale-umc.org.

Help with homework on Wednesdays: Be a part of our tutoring team on Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:45 p.m., in the Heritage Drive fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to serve as tutors, readers and snack coordinators for students in grades 1-9. To volunteer, contact Jerry Beyer at 703-399-1395.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS To place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Dec. 24, please complete the form below and return it to the church office with your check for \$11 per plant by Sunday, Dec. 4. Orders without payment will not be accepted. Please use a separate form for each plant ordered. No telephone orders will be accepted. Make checks payable to AUMC. Poinsettia given by: Phone: Amount enclosed: In memory/honor of: (Check one) I will take the poinsettia Give poinsettia to shut-ins