

OUR PRAYERS: (Please put prayer requests in writing or call the office.)

For our ongoing ministries; For the sick and those in need:

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| Genie Miller, aunt of Tracy Carney | Dick Avrit |
| Adena Jarvis, mother of Becki Stewart | Carol, friend of Liz Walker |
| Armen Hartman, friend of Tracy Carney | David Svenson Betty Biney |
| Rusty Nichols, nephew of Liz Walker | John Rose, brother of Tom Rose |
| Elizabeth Sedlins, friend of Scott and Jolie Fleming | Ruth Miller Helen Smith |
| Nayyar Farooq, uncle of Simon Samuel | Janet Petty Sabo |
| Mike Capitman, friend of Charles Perdue | Gary Parr, friend of John Houston |
| Vickie Gassman, friend of Bill and Debbi Iwig | Pam Jones Paul Flynn |
| Carla Padgett, mother of Mark Padgett | Janet Pearson, aunt of Mark Pearson |
| Karen Carlyle, cousin of Elaine Hiner | Genevieve Moss, aunt of Jolie Fleming |
| Betty Cox Daniel, friend of Gwen Cody | Virginia Cannon |
| Madalynn, young relative of Jane Underhill | Ruth Nabbie, mother of Jaie Brown |
| Victoria Weyant, mother of Debbie Strickland | Leslie, niece of Bob Herbst |
| 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 | Kay Peek, aunt of Tracy Carney |
| The Crossin family, friends of Gail and Dan Pemberton | Tina Svenson |
| Peggy Early, friend of Judy McConville | Bill and Mary Ruth Stacy |
| Frances Harbin, caregiver of Ruth Nabbie | Patti Jones |
| Mike Barron, brother-in-law of Debbi and Bill Iwig | Kurt Kruger |
| Bill Morris, step-brother of Steve Reynolds | Shirl Peters, mother of Mary Peters |
| Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville | Jon Bretz, cousin of Erin McKenney |
| Frankie Rodriguez, stepfather of Zaidy Berrios | Andrea Berrios Linda Land |
| Bobbie Stevenson, mother of Tina Svenson | Hilde and Dan DeSouza |
| Evelyn Thomas, mother of Sherri Kenski | Agnes Roberts, mother of Rohn Roberts |
| Tim Sheehy, friend of Helen Moreman | Betty Paul Royce Garrett |
| 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 | Sue, friend of Erin McKenney |
| 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 | Betsy, friend of Dawn Perez |
| Kim family, friends of the Pagnard family | Michael, son of Jelanda Quarles |
| Micah Martino, nephew of Patricia Martino-Shapiro | Rocky Speake |
| Roger Ralay, friend of Nivo and Landy Robjhon | Donna Dye |
| Victoria and Heather Wyche, friends of Cyndi Jones | Jonathan Krause |
| Darren McFate, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes | Victoria Mayo |

For bereaved members and their families:

Mark Pearson and family on the death of his uncle, Glenn Nelsen
Dick Avrit and family on the death of his sister, Patricia Felthouse.



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

MIDWEEK CLASSES - Visit www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship.

THE GRID

Trish Bradley, tbradley@annandale-umc.org

Youth Sunday School Classes meet at 9:45 a.m.

Join us for Ramp at 5 p.m.!

Thank you to everyone who helped on Hypothermia night!



Children's Ministries ☀

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

Celebration Singers and Cherub Choirs sing today for Lessons and Carols. Many thanks to Margaret Vaughn, Miranda Lansberry, and Katie Ogle for their dedicated work.

Saturday, Dec. 10: Pageant Practice

• 9-11:30 a.m. – 4th-5th grade and **all adult helpers** • 10-11:30 a.m. 3 years - 3rd grade

Christmas Pageant is next Sunday! Don't miss this special way to prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ child. If any families have failed to register for the Christmas Pageant and would still like to participate, please contact Christi Schwarten at 703-919-5229 or cmes21@gmail.com.

No children's Sunday school or chapel next Sunday, Dec. 11. Enjoy the pageant!

Choirs will practice at their usual times on Dec. 18 to prepare for the Christmas Eve service.

...AND I WILL SUPPORT THE CHURCH WITH MY PRAYERS, MY PRESENCE, MY GIFTS AND MY SERVICE.

OUR PRESENCE: November 27

Sunday Worship: 286

Sunday School: 125

Connect

An Evening in December – Join us for a Christmas recital next Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. The sanctuary will be filled with the sounds of the season as members of our congregation bring their gifts of instrumental and vocal music. The program is free.

Advent Giving Tree and Alternative Giving: This holiday season, you can bring hope to those in need 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 **this Wednesday, 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**.

Carols and Casseroles on Christmas Day: We are planning a special combined service at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day that includes something for everyone! Come as you are to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We'll sing carols and hear a Christmas message from Dr. Brown. Children and youth are encouraged to wear their pajamas! Bring your favorite dish or casserole, and afterwards we'll share a meal together.

Thank you for your financial commitment to all we do here at AUMC! So far, we have received 152 pledges for a total of \$756,602. To meet our goals, we need at least \$1 million in pledges. In 2016, we had a total of 209 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. 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.

Are you thinking of making a year-end gift to the church? If so, here are a few reminders: All gifts to be credited for 2016 tax purposes must be received in the church office by 4:30 pm. on Friday, **Dec. 30**, or postmarked by Saturday, **Dec. 31**. If you are considering a stock offering to the church, please process it before Friday, **Dec. 23**. If you wish to make a year-end offering by e-Giving, be sure to have the process completed by Thursday, **Dec. 29**. Also, expense vouchers for 2016 must be submitted by Friday, **Dec. 16**. If you have questions, contact Garry Bell at (703) 256-8330 or gbell@annandale-umc.org.

GROW

Ministry outreach opportunities at Golden LivingCenter: Join us **this afternoon** as we minister to the residents of Golden LivingCenter – Sleepy Hollow (6700 Columbia Pike). We'll 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.

Wednesday night Advent worship and communion service: This Wednesday, **Dec. 7**, 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!

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.

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 front of insert for participating classes and groups.

Do you love Annandale UMC? Have you thought about the fact that you won't live on this earth forever and that when you die, you can leave a legacy that will benefit generations to come? Consider the connection: a simple will ... Annandale UMC ... changed lives. What will your legacy be? Please contact Bill Iwig, president of the AUMC Foundation Board of Directors, at 301-365-7532, to ask questions or discuss how your legacy gift might benefit future generations at AUMC.

Serve

Rising Hope holiday meal donations: Rising Hope UMC in Alexandria provides Christmas Day meals to those in need. If you are interested, 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 shovel or operate a snow blower, contact the office at 703-256-8330 or office@annandale-umc.org.

Volunteer to serve after-school meals at Poe Middle School. This includes prepping, serving or going shopping one Tuesday per month. Bakers are also needed to make cookies (supplies provided). For details, contact Sheila Kyer at 703-981-6080 or Sheila.Kyer@dbhds.virginia.gov.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to order a poinsettia to be placed in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Dec. 24. Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate with a check for \$11 per plant. **Orders without payment will not be accepted. Please use a separate form for each plant ordered.**

Poinsettia given by: _____

Phone: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

In memory/honor of: _____

(Check one) I will take the poinsettia Give poinsettia to shut-ins