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

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

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

For bereaved members and their families:

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

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 Christian Ed. for Children: Becki Stewart

Dir. of Youth Ministries: Trish Bradley

Dir. of Music Ministries: Patrick Vaughn

Ministerial Assistant: 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.

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.

+Bailey's Crossroads Small Group meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at City Diner

+Grace and Truth Small Group meets 1st/3rd Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Parlor

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

THE GRID

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

Sunday School classes will be combined today and next week (Dec. 18). Classes will meet in the Youth Room - Room 105. There will be no Sunday School classes on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. Regular classes will reconvene on Jan. 8.

Ramp Christmas Party Tonight - 5:30 to 8 p.m. (Note later end time) Potluck style dinner: Last names A-M are asked to bring a main dish, last names N-Z are asked to bring a side/dessert. Students should also bring one small wrapped gift for a white elephant gift exchange. Grab a friend and a tacky Christmas sweater - see you tonight!

Tonight is our final Ramp of the year. Our next Ramp meeting will be Jan. 8, 2017. Have a wonderful Christmas break and a safe New Year!



Children's Ministries

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

No Sunday School Classes or Chapel today

Enjoy the Christmas Pageant!

Breakfast for children and volunteers participating in the pageant in Wright Hall.

Christmas Pageant Thanks...

Today we celebrate the gift of the Christmas Pageant brought to us by our children. We are very blessed to have Christi Schwarten as our Producer; she spent countless hours organizing all the details for the pageant. Many thanks to our director, Nancy Bonanno, and to all of the wonderful adults who helped to make this wonderful tradition possible! **We appreciate your generous gift of time and talent.**

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

Come know, grow, and sow with us!



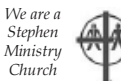
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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

December 11, 2016, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

INTROIT

"Prepare Ye"

Robinson

Adult Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Hymnal No. 224

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'" (Luke 1:46-49).

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way.

RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymnal No. 204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (Huron Carol)"

Traditional French Melody, arr. Martin

Adam Tyler, 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!*

+HYMN "What Child is This?", vs. 1 Hymnal No. 219

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Jesus Brings New Light" Dr. Brown

SENDING FORTH

+RECESSIONAL HYMN "Joy to the World," vs. 1, 2, 4 Hymnal No. 246

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "He Came Down" *FWS No. 2085
*He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
Hallelujah for evermore.*

+POSTLUDE "Sing We Now Of Christmas"
Traditional French Carol, arr. Hayes Adam Tyler, piano

+Please stand as you are able.

* Faith We Sing Supplementary Hymnal

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OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 4 **Sunday Worship:** 445 **Sunday School:** 129

Congratulations to Rudy and Sue Meekins who celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on Dec. 13. *Flowers in the Atrium* are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of their anniversary by Rudy and Sue Meekins.

Flowers in the Atrium are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother, Marti Moyer, by Andi Lohr.

Flowers in the Atrium are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of their anniversary by Liz and Tom Plewes.

Welcome to Annandale United Methodist Church! We extend a warm welcome to visitors and pray that something in our worship service — 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 service! Next Sunday, Dec. 18, is the fourth Sunday of Advent and our annual College Sunday. Rev. Carrillo will preach at 8:30 and 11 a.m., continuing our Advent sermon series based on the book *Sent*. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 a.m.

Christmas Eve services: Dec. 24, 4 p.m., a Family Candlelight Christmas Eve service; 7 and 11 p.m., Candlelight communion service. Child care available at 7 p.m.



Mark Your Calendar



Today – An Evening in December Christmas Concert
Dec. 14 – Advent worship and communion
Dec. 18 – College Sunday; David Furney piano performance
Dec. 21 – Advent worship and communion
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve worship at 4, 7 and 11 p.m.
Dec. 25 – One worship service, 11 a.m.
Jan. 1 – One worship service, 11 a.m.

Connect

An Evening in December: Join us **tonight** at 6:30 p.m. for a Christmas recital! 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.

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 noon 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.

A piano performance by David Furney will be held next Sunday, **Dec. 18**, immediately following the 11 a.m. service. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Alternative Giving: This holiday season, you can bring hope to those in need by participating in AUMC's Alternative Giving Program. Look for the tags on the Christmas trees in the atrium. 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 next Sunday, **Dec. 18**.

Thank you for your financial commitment to all we do here at AUMC! So far, we have received 155 pledges for a total of \$771,542. 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.

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.

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: This Wednesday, **Dec. 14**, 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!

Faith Justice Forum presents the Third Annual "The State of the Dream" on Sunday, **Jan. 15, 2017**, at 12:30 p.m. Join us for "Interfaith Reflections on the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." RSVP at www.annandale-umc.org/faithjusticeforum.

Buy pecans, help UMW missions: United Methodist Women are selling pecans and walnuts after each Sunday worship service, but the supplies are going fast! To reserve a case of 24 or to make a special request, contact Sally Bizer at 703-256-3373. Make checks payable to AUMW.

Suggestion box in the atrium: If you have ideas for improving our church, one way to let us know is through the suggestion box in the atrium. We always appreciate your comments and feedback as we strive to make AUMC a welcoming place for worship, fellowship and growth!

Your legacy: Share your love for Annandale UMC with future generations. Leave a legacy gift through your will or estate plan to AUMC. For more information, contact Bill Iwig at 301-365-7532.

Serve

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 distribute food to the hungry every Thursday, 5–7 p.m., at the AUMC Mission Center, 7901 Heritage Dr. For details, call Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424.

Help with homework on Wednesdays: Be a part of our tutoring team on Wednesday afternoons, 3:45–5:45 p.m., in the AUMC Mission Center 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.

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

Congratulations to our Scouts: BSA Troop 150 and Cub Scout Pack 150, sponsored by the Annandale United Methodist Men, collected a record 7,790 lbs. of food during their recent Scouting for Food Drive. No other troop in the Old Dominion District collected as many food items! The food will go to ACCA's food pantry.

