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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:

Evelyn Thomas
Jackie Armstrong, friend of Gwen Cody Kay Peek, aunt of Tracy Carney
Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond Virginia Cannon
Genie Miller, aunt of Tracy Carney Gary Parr, friend of John Houston
Kim family, friends of the Pagnard family Edward Liberatore
Kathy Gallo, friend of Michelle Prieto David Svenson
Adena Jarvis, mother of Becki Stewart Carol, friend of Liz Walker
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 Helen Smith
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 Bill Daniel, friend of Gwen Cody
Karen Carlyle, cousin of Elaine Hiner Ruth Nabbie, mother of Jaie Brown
Genevieve Moss, aunt of Jolie Fleming Ruth Miller
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
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 Jon Bretz, cousin of Erin McKenney
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville
Frankie Rodriguez, stepfather of Zaidy Berrios The Berrios family
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 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 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
Micah Martino, nephew of Patricia Martino-Shapiro
Michael, son of Jelanda Quarles
Roger Ralay, friend of Nivo and Landy Robjhon Donna Dye
Darren McFate, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes Rocky Speake

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 (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.

+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

Advent Study 2016 concludes today. This Advent study challenged us through story, art, and Bible study to discover what it means to be Christ's hands, feet, head, and heart in the world.

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. 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.

Today our youth will be selling baked goods in the lobby. Please stop by and check out our selection - funds will go towards Youth Missions. Thank you to everyone who brought food for the sale!

Reminder - there is no Ramp this evening. Our next Ramp meeting will be January 8. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Children's Ministries

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 year olds - 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-olds may attend with parent

CHAPEL (4 years-3rd grade): at 11 a.m. service follows Moments with Children. Room 313

Thanks to everyone who made last Sunday's Christmas Pageant possible. Special thanks to Christi Schwarten, the producer, Nancy Bonanno, the director, and Katie Ogle, stage manager. It takes many hands to raise faithful children.

Join us for the Family Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.

No children's Sunday School on Sunday, Dec. 25, or Jan. 1. Choirs, chapel, and Sunday School resume Jan. 8.

Come KNOW, GROW, and SOW with us!



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

December 18, 2016, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

COLLEGE SUNDAY

+GATHERING SONG "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" *FWS No. 2088

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," vs. 1, 5-7
Hymnal No. 211

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From far and near we've come to this place

People: To worship God with each other.

Leader: With joys and afflictions we gather

People: Praying for thanksgiving and hope.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

+OPENING PRAYER

Creator, we see your creation and we are in awe of what you have done. Allow us to be stewards, students and protectors of your world. Forgive us when we do not act like your children. During this season incite our spirit to come closer to you. Instill in us your love for your people, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David."
(Luke 2:1,3-4).

Reader: Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

People: Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kingdom of God.

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty.

RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" Hymnal No. 204
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.*

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

ANTHEM "Immanuel" Card
Molly Morgan, solo

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 Romans 1:1-7 8:30 Scott Fleming, 11 Elaine Straub

+CHORUS "Make Me a Servant" *FWS No. 2176

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN
THE LORD'S PRAYER
OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE
OFFERTORY "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly/Away in a Manger"
Lezi/Murray, arr. Hayes 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!*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 1:18-25
Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The College Students of AUMC

SENDING FORTH

+RECESSIONAL HYMN "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" Hymnal No. 240
+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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven, arr. Koerts
Adam Tyler, piano

+Please stand as you are able.

* Faith We Sing Supplementary Hymnal

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OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 11 Sunday Worship: 482 Sunday School: 73



Christmas and New Years at AUMC

Join us on **Christmas Eve** in candlelight celebration of the birth of Christ. **Come at 4 p.m.** for a service that's fun for all ages, including a nativity scene! Rev. Johnson-Oliver will preach.
Communion services will take place at **7 and 11 p.m.**
Rev. Carrillo will preach at 7 p.m.; Dr. Brown will preach at 11 p.m.
Child care is available at 7 p.m.

On **Christmas Day**, join us for *Carols and Casseroles* at **11 a.m.** Come as you are to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite dish or casserole; afterwards, we'll share a meal together.
No Sunday school.

On **Jan. 1, New Years Day**, there will be one service at 11 a.m. No Sunday School.

Holiday office schedule: The church office will be closed Dec. 26, Dec. 27 and Jan. 2.

Connect

Youth bake sale today! Stop by the tables in the atrium after services today and purchase some yummy baked goods for Christmas! Proceeds go to our Youth Ministries.

New Member Class, "Brownies with Brown," will meet **today** at 9:45 a.m. in Room 212C. The class, taught by Dr. Clarence Brown, is a time of exploration and discernment of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ at Annandale UMC.

Buy pecans, help UMW missions: United Methodist Women are selling pecans and walnuts, 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.

A piano performance by David Furney will be held **today**, immediately following the 11 a.m. service. All are invited to this free concert.

A Brethren Epiphany Concert: Ring in the New Year with a message of good will and hope! Join the Brethren for an Epiphany concert on **Jan. 8** at 6:30 p.m. **Tickets go on sale today** and are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Meet our new bishop, Sharma Lewis: Bishop Lewis will be visiting the Alexandria District on Saturday, **Jan. 28**, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., for a "Chat 'n Chew" at Grace UMC in Manassas. There will be separate sessions for clergy and laity. Lunch will be provided. Learn more and register at NoVaUMC.org/alex-chat.

GROW

Today: Pick up your copy of the Academy of Discipleship Spring Update 2017. Learn about upcoming classes for winter and spring.

Poinsettia delivery: If you would like to deliver a poinsettia to a homebound member, there is signup sheet in the atrium. Poinsettias can be taken following the Christmas Eve service for delivery. For details, contact Jane Underhill at 703-573-2056.

Wednesday night Advent worship and communion service: This Wednesday, **Dec. 21**, will be our final Advent worship and communion service at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

Academy Open House: AUMC offers a variety of small groups: Bible study, fellowship, support, affinity, life-stage and more. Which one is right for you? Come learn about your options during Fellowship Hour on Sunday, **Jan. 8**.

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

Greeters needed: Make our visitors and members feel welcome on Sundays. Greeters are needed at the front door and welcome desk for the 11 a.m. service. If you can help, contact Sheila Kyer at 703-981-6080 or Sheila.Kyer@dbhds.virginia.gov.

Give

Today is the last day for alternative giving: Do you still have people on your Christmas list to buy for? Why not make a donation on their behalf? We've identified four alternative giving opportunities worthy of your support: AUMC's Food Ministry, Safe Haven Day Shelter, United Methodist Disaster Relief and 100,000 Homes. Stop by the table in the atrium to make a donation and receive a card you can present as a gift.

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. Items needed include: turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, cranberries, garden salad, dinner rolls, gravy and desserts.

Thank you for your financial commitment to all we do here at AUMC! So far, we have received 156 pledges for a total of \$783,542. 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. If you have not turned in a pledge card for 2017, extra cards are in the pews.

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**. If you have questions, contact Garry Bell at 703-256-8330 or gbell@annandale-umc.org.

Bi-District Training Day: The United Methodist Church in Northern Virginia will conduct its annual Training Day on Saturday, **Jan. 7**, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m., at Christ UMC in Fairfax Station. This event is open to everyone in the Alexandria and Arlington Districts — clergy and laity. The keynote speaker and presenter will be Rev. Carey Nieuwhof, internationally known speaker, author and lead pastor of Connexus Church in Ontario, Canada. For more information, visit www.novaumc.org/training-day. The cost is \$75.

Mission opportunities in Brazil and Mozambique: Don Skillman, who has participated in and led UMC mission trips to Brazil, is planning a trip to the Boa Vista area in April 2017. The work will occur April 10-14, with time on both ends for travel and sightseeing. The approximate cost is \$2,200. If interested, contact the office at 703-256-8330 or office@annandale-umc.org. Erin McKenney will be leading a team to Cambine, Mozambique, in May. The team will do some construction work, spend time with the orphans, visit the widows of Hanhane and meet the new missionaries in Chicque and Cambine. A trip to Kruger National Park in South Africa is also planned. The approximate cost is \$3,200. If interested, contact Erin at hoopsfan1@verizon.net. A deposit of \$1,000 is due on **Jan. 15**.