

...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:

Diane Iwig, sister-in-law of Bill Iwig	Evelyn Thomas
Jackie Armstrong, friend of Gwen Cody	Pat Cave
Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond	Virginia Cannon
Genie Miller, aunt of Tracy Carney	Sloane Springer, cousin of Tracy Carney
Kim family, friends of the Pagnard family	Kay Peek, aunt of Tracy Carney
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	Gary Parr, friend of John Houston
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	Pam Jones
Genevieve Moss, aunt of Jolie Fleming	Ruth Nabbie, mother of Jaie Brown
Madalynn, young relative of Jane Underhill	Ruth Miller
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
Peggy Early, friend of Judy McConville	Bill and Mary Ruth Stacy
Frances Harbin, caregiver of Ruth Nabbie	Shirl Peters, mother of Mary Peters
Mike Barron, brother-in-law of Debbi and Bill Iwig	Kurt Kruger
Bill Morris, step-brother of Steve Reynolds	Patti Jones
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville	
Jon Bretz, cousin of Erin McKenney	
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 Kensi	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	
Roger Ralay, friend of Nivo and Landy Robjhon	Donna Dye
Darren McFate, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	Rocky Speake

Bereaved members and their families:

Michael and Timothy Burniston and family on the death of their mother, Priscilla Burniston.

Hilde deSouza and family on the death of her husband, Daniel deSouza

**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, [cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org](mailto:cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org))

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - resumes Jan. 8 at 9:45 a.m.**

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

**Brownies with Brown (New Members)** schedule is to be determined.

**Faith in Life** meets in Room 303.

**Immanuel** is studying "Cultural Literacy for Religion" in Room 300.

**In His Steps** is studying *God of Justice* in Room 302.

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

**Parents and Promises** is studying John Wesley's teachings on kids 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** meets in the Parlor.

**MIDWEEK CLASSES** - Visit [www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship](http://www.annandale-umc.org/academyofdiscipleship).



## THE GRID

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

Youth Sunday School Classes resume on Jan. 8.

Our next Ramp will be on Jan. 8.

Happy New Year!



## Children's Ministries

No children's Sunday School, choirs, or chapel today.

Regular Sunday schedule -  
**RESUMES JAN. 8**

**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-old class. 2-year-olds may attend with parent):  
9:55 a.m., Room 311

**CHAPEL** (4 years – 3rd grade): at 11 a.m. service following Moments with Children,  
Room 313.

**Come KNOW, GROW, and SOW with us!**



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

January 1, 2017 • 11 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

+GATHERING SONG "God of Wonders" On Screens

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Sing We Now of Christmas" Hymnal No. 237

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let your praise of God sound to the heavens!

People: We shout the good news of God's mighty love!

Leader: Let all the stars, the sun, the moon sing praise to God!

People: The Universe that God created sings its praise!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

+OPENING PRAYER

God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ANTHEM "His Faithfulness" Koch and Liles  
Pat Vaughn, solo

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SERMON SCRIPTURE Psalm 148

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Praise The Lord!" Dr. Brown

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Minister: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All:** Glory to God, Amen.

### OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

**OFFERTORY** "A New Hallelujah" with "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory" Smith and Baloché, arr. Alex-Zsolt Caroline Evans, piano

**+DOXOLOGY** Hymnal No. 95  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal No. 17

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

**COMMUNION MUSIC** "The Love of Jesus Medley" ("Jesus Loves Me," "I Love you with the Love of the Lord," "Oh How He Loves You and Me") arr. Hayes Caroline Evans, piano

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMISSIONING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Holy Spirit, to give ourselves for others. Unite your church throughout the world as we commission your servants to deliver these tokens of Christ's love to our homebound members, that your name may be praised in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### SENDING FORTH

**+RECESSIONAL HYMN** "In Christ Alone" On Screens

#### +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** "Hiding in Thee" Sankey, arr. Nielson Caroline Evans, piano

+Please stand as you are able.

\* Faith We Sing Supplementary Hymnal

### Happy New Year and 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, **Jan. 8**, Dr. Brown will preach and Brethren will be with us in worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 a.m. Next Sunday is also our Academy Open House.

# Connect

**Thank you for your financial commitment** to all we do here at AUMC! So far, we have received 162 pledges for a total of \$843,342. 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.

**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.

**Holiday office schedule:** The church office will be closed on **Jan. 2**.

**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 can be purchased in the atrium and are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

**Open House for AUMC Weekday Preschool** and Early Learning Programs will be held on **Jan. 11, Jan. 25, Feb. 8 and Feb. 22**. The open houses will begin at 10 a.m. in the WPS/ELP office, Room 122, with an information session followed by a tour. For more information, call 703-256-1100 for the Weekday Preschool and 703-256-8667 for the Early Learning Program.

# GROW

**Academy Open House** will take place on Sunday, **Jan. 8**, during both Fellowship Hours. Learn about winter/spring classes and small group studies. Also, remember to pick up your copy of the Academy of Discipleship Spring Update 2017, available in the pews and in the atrium.

**FaithJustice Forum** presents the Third Annual "The State of the Dream" on Sunday, **Jan. 15**, 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](http://www.annandale-umc.org/faithjusticeforum).

**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](http://NoVaUMC.org/alex-chat).

**Greeters and ushers 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](mailto:Sheila.Kyer@dbhds.virginia.gov). Also, volunteers are needed to serve as ushers for the 8:30 service once a month (or less frequently if more volunteer). Contact Randy Gordon at [rgordon@ngfa.org](mailto:rgordon@ngfa.org), or call the church office 703-256-8330.

# Give

**In the spirit of the season:** In November, the AUMC Child Development Center and two weekday preschool and early learning classes contributed seven cartons of food to help stock the food pantry at our Mission Center. In December, CDC families and three preschool classes collected 81 pairs of mittens, 60 winter hats, 11 scarves and 14 pairs of socks for the Mission Center to distribute at Christmastime. We value teaching children about sharing and treasure the opportunity for them to learn about giving to others.

**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 details, visit [www.novaumc.org/training-day](http://www.novaumc.org/training-day). The cost is \$75.

**Please give generously** to the communion offering today (in the plates at the front of the sanctuary). The offering collected on most communion Sundays goes to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which is used for emergency assistance requests.

**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. 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](mailto: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 Chicuque 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](mailto:hoopsfan1@verizon.net). A deposit of \$1,000 is due on **Jan. 15**.

**Donations for Haiti mission trip:** We are continuing AUMC's ongoing relationship with the Haitian people in Petit Goave, Haiti. Our next mission trip will be **Feb. 4–12**. Our team will be performing light construction as well as hosting a two-day Bible school program. As in past years, the team will be collecting supplies and asking for cash donations to be used in Haiti. The following donations are requested: 10 regulation-size soccer balls (deflated), two hand-operated air pumps, 10 Chinese jump ropes, 10 regular jump ropes 14' or 16' long (jump ropes available at Amazon), one 20-foot parachute (available at [www.discountsschoolsupply.com](http://www.discountsschoolsupply.com)), eight plastic beach balls to use with the parachute, stickers (anything child oriented) and 350 boxes of 8-count Crayola crayons (this box size and brand only). Place donations in the marked boxes in the atrium by Feb. 1. All cash donations will help purchase a snack and juice box for children attending VBS. For many, that will be their only meal of the day. We anticipate at least 350 children each day! For more information, contact Mark Bradley at [bradleyfam@aol.com](mailto:bradleyfam@aol.com).

**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.

**Flowers on the Altar Needed:** If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of a loved one, please circle the date(s) you wish and return this form with a check, made payable to AUMC. Cost: \$25 per arrangement. Flowers are not placed on the altar on the first Sunday of each month, Communion Sunday; Easter Sunday and the Sunday before Christmas have special flowers.

January	8	15	22	29	July	9	16	23	30
February		12	19	26	August		13	20	27
March		12	19	26	September		10	17	24
April		9	16	23	October	8	15	22	29
May		14	21	28	November		12	19	26
June		11	18	25	December		10		

**Name of Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of  In Honor of *(check one)*

**I/we wish to leave the flowers for distribution to shut-ins or those in the hospital.**

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_