

...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:

Dale and Jackie Southerland, aunt and uncle of Kelly Neitzey	Betty Biney
Pam Steibing, cousin of Margi McCarthy	Evelyn Thomas
Diane Iwig, sister-in-law of Bill Iwig	Kathy Gallo, friend of Michelle Prieto
Jackie Armstrong, friend of Gwen Cody	Pat Cave
Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond	Peggy and Wilton Ward
James McGeady, friend of Elaine Hiner	Genie Miller, aunt of Tracy Carney
Kim family, friends of the Pagnard family	Kay Peek, aunt of Tracy Carney
Adena Jarvis, mother of Becki Stewart	Carol, friend of Liz Walker
Armen Hartman, friend of Tracy Carney	David Svenson
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
Sloane Springer, cousin of Tracy Carney	Nephew of Andi Lohr
Peggy Early, friend of Judy McConville	Shirl Peters, mother of Mary Peters
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	Bill and Mary Ruth Stacy
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville	Royce Garrett
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	Jon Bretz, cousin of Erin McKenney
Betty Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	Virginia Cannon
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
Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase	Mac, friend of Marcia Twomey
Micah Martino, nephew of Patricia Martino-Shapiro	Nancy Shaffer
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:**

Hilde deSouza and family on the death of her husband, Daniel deSouza  
Michael and Timothy Burniston and family on the death of their  
mother, Priscilla Burniston.  
Family and friends of Nancy Laymon

**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*



(Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver, [cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org](mailto:cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org))

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.**

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

**Brownies with Brown (New Members)** meets today in in Room 212C.

**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.

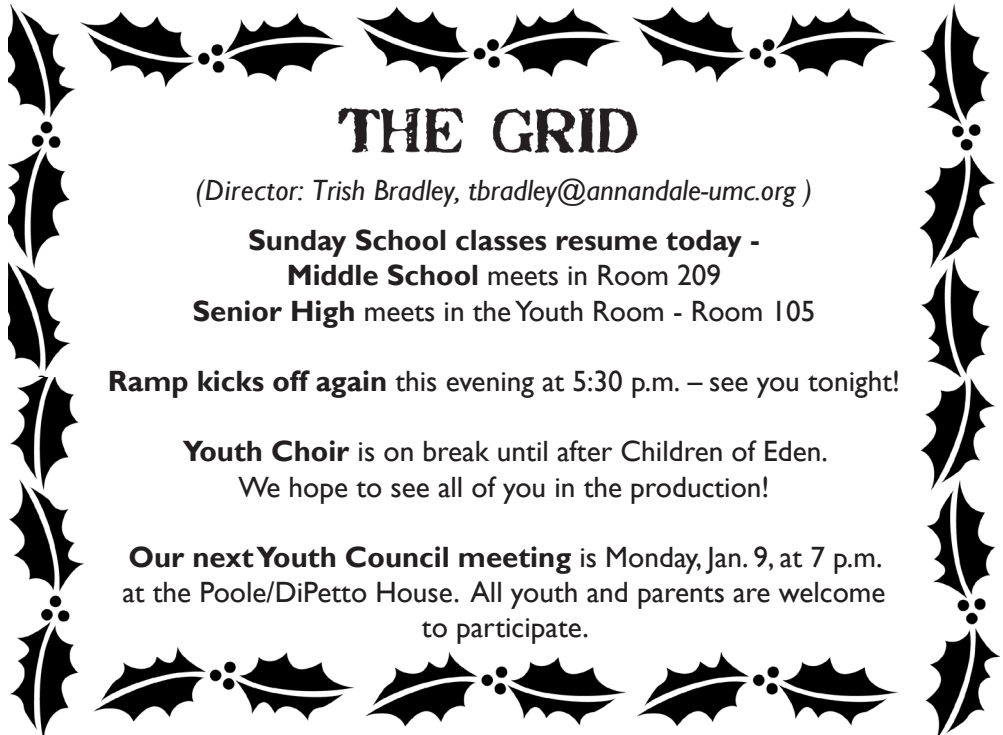
**Williams Bible Class** schedule is to be determined.

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

**Women of the Day** is studying *Walking the Bible* in the Parlor.

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

**"Brownies with Brown"** meets 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. Topics range from Wesleyan theology to stewardship and spiritual gifts.



**THE GRID**

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

**Sunday School classes resume today -**

**Middle School** meets in Room 209

**Senior High** meets in the Youth Room - Room 105

**Ramp kicks off again** this evening at 5:30 p.m. – see you tonight!

**Youth Choir** is on break until after Children of Eden.

We hope to see all of you in the production!

**Our next Youth Council meeting** is Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m.

at the Poole/DiPetto House. All youth and parents are welcome to participate.



**Children's Ministries**

**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 following Moments with Children.

Room 313

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



**Annandale  
United Methodist  
Church**

6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Virginia

Phone: 703-256-8330 ~ Fax: 703-914-8896

E-mail: [office@annandale-umc.org](mailto:office@annandale-umc.org)

[www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org)

We are a  
Stephen  
Ministry  
Church



**THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

**January 8, 2017 • 8:30 and 11 a.m.**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**INTROIT**

*"Celebrate the Child"*

arr. Fettke

Brethren

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE**

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* \*FWS No. 2173, vs. 1 & 3

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jim Harrington

Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

**People: We are called out of our darkness into light.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**People: We rejoice in the gift of light.**

Leader: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**All: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.**

**+OPENING PRAYER**

**God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. Amen.**

**MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN**

Jerry Bruce

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

**ANTHEM**

*"Light at the End of the Darkness"*

arr. Cargile

Brethren

**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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 42:1-9

8:30.: Paul Hartley, 11: Donald Johnson

+SONG "We Are Called" \*FWS No. 2172, vs. 1-2

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN Rev. Johnson-Oliver  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE  
OFFERTORY "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Caroline Evans, piano  
(Incorporating "Grande Valse, Opus 42" by Chopin)  
Tune: "St Anne" by Croft, arr. Robertson

+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 Matthew 3:13-17  
Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "An Epiphanous Baptism" Dr. Brown

SENDING FORTH

+RECESSIONAL HYMN "Spirit Song" Hymnal No. 347

+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 "Breathe" with "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Barnett  
arr. Alex-Zsolt Caroline Evans, piano

+Please stand as you are able.  
\*Faith We Sing supplementary hymnal

**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 immediately after the service! Next Sunday, **Jan. 15**, Dr. Brown will preach at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 a.m.

**Academy Open House today:** AUMC offers a variety of classes and small groups: Bible study, fellowship, support, affinity, life-stage and more. Learn more about winter/spring classes and small group studies today during Fellowship Hour. Pick up a copy of the Academy of Discipleship Spring Update 2017 in the pews and in the atrium.

**TONIGHT: A Brethren Epiphany Concert:** Join the Brethren for an Epiphany concert at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in the atrium and are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

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

OUR PRESENCE: Jan. 1 Sunday Worship: 193

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Gabriel Andrew, son of Anne and Peter Snitzer.

Congratulations to Jim and Molly Cromwell, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30.

Connect

**Thank you for your financial commitment** to all we do here at AUMC! We have received 164 pledges for a total of \$851,742. To meet our goals, we need at least \$1 million in pledges for 2017. (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.

**Happy golden years:** If you've been married 40 years or more, we'd like to know. Contact Dottie Rogerson at 703-256-8330 or drogerson@annandale-umc.org with your name and wedding date. You'll be added to our list of wedding anniversaries and acknowledged in the Bulletin.

**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

**FaithJustice Forum presents** the Third Annual "The State of the Dream" next 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).

**Join the production of Children of Eden:** Members of our church community have begun rehearsing for the musical *Children of Eden* by Stephen Schwartz, which will be presented at AUMC on **Feb. 23-25**. The lead roles have been filled, but we still need adults and high school students to be in the ensemble, and help with production, set design and costumes. We also need third to eighth graders to be in the youth ensemble. If you'd like to be a part of the fun, contact Christi Schwarten at cmes21@gmail.com. This musical, from the composer of *Wicked*, *Godspell* and *Pippin*, is based on the Book of Genesis. It presents a candid, heartfelt and humorous look at the conflict between parents and children. Adam, Eve, Noah, and the "Father" who created them, must respond to the headstrong, devastating actions of their offspring — and learn valuable lessons about parenting, forgiveness and love along the way.

Serve

**Snow removal help needed:** 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.

**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. Contact Sheila Kyer at 703-981-6080 or 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, or call the church office 703-256-8330.



Mark Your Calendar



Jan. 11 – Open House for Preschool and ELP

Jan. 15 – The State of the Dream

Brazil Missions Team deposit due

Feb. 4-12 – Haiti Mission Trip

Feb. 23-25 – Children of Eden performances

**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 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. 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.discountschoolsupply.com](http://www.discountschoolsupply.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		15	22	29	July	9	16	23	30
February		12	19	26	August		13	20	27
March			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 \_\_\_\_\_