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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:

Brooke, daughter of a friend of Melissa Plewes	Stephanie Lips
Dale and Jackie Southerland, aunt and uncle of Kelly Neitzey	Teresa Beyer
Pam Steibing, cousin of Margi McCarthy	Bina Cumby
Diane Iwig, sister-in-law of Bill Iwig	Karen Carlyle, cousin of Elaine Hiner
Felicia Howell Laboy, friend of Emma Clay	David Svenson
Jackie Armstrong, friend of Gwen Cody	Janet Woods
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
Kathy Gallo, friend of Michelle Prieto	Pam Jones
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	Pat Cave
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
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	Shirl Peters, mother of Mary Peters
Sloane Springer, cousin of Tracy Carney	Evelyn Thomas
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	Ed Oliver
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:

Family and friends of Helen Smith
Family and friends of Estelle Ricketts
Family and friends of Nancy Laymon
Rebecca Levorson and family on the death of her grandfather,
Rev. Harold L. Hawkins

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)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.

Bible Fellowship is studying the Epistle to the Hebrews in Room 111.

Brownies with Brown meets today 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.

THE GRID

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

Sunday School classes meet today -
Middle School meets in Room 209
Senior High meets in the Youth Room - Room 105

Ramp tonight at 5:30 p.m. Come join us as we continue learning about being a generation of change.

Mark your calendars - our Super Bowl Party is Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Perez House!

Youth Choir is on break until after *Children of Eden*. We hope to see all of you in the production!



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!



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

January 22, 2017 • 8:30 and 11 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

+GATHERING SONG "Walk in the Light" Thomas Adult Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Gather Us In" *FWS No. 2236

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
People: Whom shall I fear?
Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
People: Of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:
People: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
All: Therefore I will lift my head and worship with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

+OPENING PRAYER

God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30 a.m.) Hymnal No. 39
Baptismal Candidate:
Olivia Elizabeth Lopez, daughter of Carlos Lopez and Melissa Plewes

Refrain: *Olivia Elizabeth, God claims you.
God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.*

*We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be. (Refrain)
We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow. (Refrain)
We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. (Refrain)
And if you should tire or cry, then we will sing this lullaby. (Refrain)*

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM Adult Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open the eyes of our hearts, O God, to the dawning light your words bring to our understanding, to the hope your words bring to our fear, to the guidance your words bring to our path. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:1-4
8:30: Anna Moeller, 11: Theresa Speake

+SONG OF RESPONSE *“Open the Eyes of My Heart”* On Screens

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY Caroline Evans, 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

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:12-23

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“No Longer Afraid of the Dark”* Rev. Johnson-Oliver

SENDING FORTH

+RECESSIONAL HYMN *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*
Hymnal No. 206

+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 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. 29**, Rev. Carrillo will preach at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 a.m.

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OUR PRESENCE: Jan. 15 **Sunday Worship:** 368 **Sunday School:** 108

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Kyla Carney on her 18th birthday by Tracy and Clay Carney.

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of Jack W. Pierce on his 90th birthday on Jan. 23 by Beverly Pierce.

Congratulations to Charles and Emma George who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Jan. 9.

Sermon Notes: “No Longer Afraid of the Dark”

Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver

1. Irrational fear is _____ evidence appearing _____.
2. Whenever there is a shadow, there has to be _____.
3. We are called to _____ in a land of deep darkness.
4. We are called to _____ to the light of Christ.

NOTES: _____

Connect

“**Brownies with Brown**” meets **today** at 9:45 a.m. in Room 212C. The class, taught by Dr. Clarence Brown, is a time of discernment of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ at AUMC. Topics include Wesleyan theology and more!

Our list of friends and family on the prayer list has continued to grow. Please take a moment to review the list and notify the office at 703-256-8330 or drogerson@annandale-umc.org if there are names that you know can be removed.

Thank you for your financial commitment to all we do here at AUMC! We have received 168 pledges for a total of \$870,042. To meet our goals, we need at least \$1 million in pledges for 2017. If you have not turned in a pledge card for 2017, extra cards are in the pews.

Open Houses for AUMC Weekday Preschool and Early Learning Programs will be held on **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 details, call 703-256-1100 (WPS) or 703-256-8667 (ELP).

Men’s steak dinner this Thursday: The next United Methodist Men’s steak dinner will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in Wright Hall. Come and bring a friend! RSVP to Gary FitzGibbon at gary@garyfitzgibbon.com or 703-963-8707.

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.

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 www.NoVaUMC.org/alex-chat.

GROW

Join the production of *Children of Eden*: Members of our church community are busy getting ready for the musical *Children of Eden* by Stephen Schwartz, which will be presented at AUMC **Feb. 23-25**. We’re looking for 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. Contact Christi Schwarten, the stage manager, at cmes21@gmail.com. Based on the Book of Genesis, *Children of Eden* presents a candid, heartfelt and humorous look at the age-old conflict between parents and children.

Support *Children of Eden* by advertising in the playbill: Advertise your own business or one of your favorite vendors! Your ad will run in the playbill for all three performances. This is also a great opportunity to purchase an ad to wish someone in the cast “good luck!” with the show. For details, contact Tracy Carney at carneys@cox.net or 703-641-8803. Ads are due by **Feb. 10**.

Seniors, join the exercise class that meets on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30–10:30 a.m., in Wright Hall. Classes will go to mid-June. Cost is \$30 for new members. Contact Sue Cook at billnsue41@earthlink.net or Fran Madill at gmbmcf@verizon.net for more information.

Men’s scouting breakfast: AUMC men are invited to learn about Boy Scout Troop 150 at a breakfast for the United Methodist Men on Saturday, **Feb. 18**, at 8 a.m. in Wright Hall. This will be a time of fellowship as the troop brings us up to date on its activities for the past year. RSVP to Gary FitzGibbon at gary@garyfitzgibbon.com or 703-963-8707, or Stan Witkowski at switkowski11@cox.net or 703-941-2935.

Serve

There’s still time to sign up for Mozambique: An AUMC mission team is forming to go to Cambine, Mozambique, in May. The team will be doing construction work and spending time at the orphanage. A trip to Kruger National Park is also planned. The approximate cost is \$3,200. The deadline to commit to this trip has been extended to **Jan. 30**. Contact Erin McKenney at hoopsfan1@verizon.net for details.

Donations for Haiti mission trip: The Haiti mission team is collecting supplies and asking for cash donations to be used for its Vacation Bible School. 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), 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 more information, contact Mark Bradley at bradleyfam@aol.com.

Join the snow removal team: 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.