

...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:

Collicchio family, friends of Shirley Stevenson	Pete Straub
Martha Cox, cousin of Charlie Cox	Jay Patton
Billy Marts, nephew of Cyndi Jones	Giulliana Rotava, daughter of Elizabeth Galbraith
Lloyd Flood, neighbor of Betsy Clevenger	Brother and son of Jessica Claudio
Bob Stevenson, brother of Tina Svenson	Sherri Kenski
Marion and Joe Zipfel, grandparents of Jessica Irish	Cyra Doty
Brooke, daughter of a friend of Melissa Plewes	Bina Cumby
Dale Southerland, uncle of Kelly Neitzey	Janet Petty Sabo
Pam Steibing, cousin of Margi McCarthy	Stephanie Lips
Diane Iwig, sister-in-law of Bill Iwig	Sister of Fred Warren
Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond	Peggy Ward
Kim family, friends of the Pagnard family	Janet Woods
Kathy Gallo, friend of Michelle Prieto	Teresa Beyer
Adena Jarvis, mother of Becki Stewart	Pam Jones
Rusty Nichols, nephew of Liz Walker	Betty Paul
Elizabeth Sedlins, friend of Scott and Jolie Fleming	Evelyn Thomas
Nayyar Farooq, uncle of Simon Samuel	Tina Svenson
Mike Capitman, friend of Charles Perdue	Nancy Shaffer
Vickie Gassman, friend of Bill and Debbi Iwig	Sook Han
Carla Padgett, mother of Mark Padgett	Shirley Williams
Karen Carlyle, cousin of Elaine Hiner	Carol, friend of Liz Walker
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	Ed Oliver
Elizabeth Miesen, friend of Jenny Otto	Mac, friend of Marcia Twomey
Sloane Springer, cousin of Tracy Carney	Shirl Peters, mother of Mary Peters
Peggy Early, friend of Judy McConville	Betsy, friend of Dawn Perez
Frances Harbin, caregiver of Ruth Nabbie	Beth Neary, niece of Jackie Flynn
Roger Ralay, friend of Nivo and Landy Robjhon	Kurt Kruger
Bill Morris, step-brother of Steve Reynolds	Pat Cave
Matt McConville, brother of Jim McConville	Virginia Cannon
Evelyn Thomas, mother of Sherri Kenski	Linda Land
Agnes Roberts, mother of Rohn Roberts	Jon Bretz, cousin of Erin McKenney
Tim Sheehy, friend of Helen Moreman	Jim Whitt, friend of Winnie Tegge
Betty Chase, sister-in-law of Sandra Chase	Sue, friend of Erin McKenney
Darren McFate, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	
Mabel W. Thornton, mother of Lavinia Odejimi	Rocky Speake
Valerie Jersey, friend of Marcia Twomey	Leslie, niece of Bob Herbst
Jacqueline Wilson, friend of Sandra Chase	
Micah Martino, nephew of Patricia Martino-Shapiro	

Bereaved members and their families:

Kevin Sabo and family on the death of his wife, Janet Petty
Betty, Sheri and Michele Reeves and family on the death of their husband and father, John Reeves
Lil, Terry and Ann Summerson and family on the death of their husband and father, Bill Summerson

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*



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 Wright Hall.
+ Faith in Life is studying *The Hole in Our Gospel* in Room 303.
+ Immanuel is studying *The Hole in Our Gospel* in Room 300.
+ In His Steps is studying *The Hole in Our Gospel* in Room 302.
Issues in Christianity is studying death and dying in Room 307.
+ Parents and Promises is studying *The Hole in Our Gospel* 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.

+ LENTEN STUDY 2017 – Participating Classes and Home Groups

Annandale Home Group: Sundays, 4 p.m.; deke082705@yahoo.com
Bailey's Home Group: Mondays, 7 p.m.; danitcbradley@yahoo.com
Grace and Truth: 1st/3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.; gary@garyfitzgibbon.com
Alexandria Home Group: Thursdays, 6 p.m.; margaretannbruce@gmail.com

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

Reminder – there is no Ramp tonight, due to our Youth Retreat being this weekend. Enjoy the evening off!

Middle School Night will be next Sunday, March 12. All 6th-8th grade students will be going to Flight Indoor Trampoline Park in Springfield. We will meet at AUMC at 3:45 p.m. Returning at 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$26 (\$23 if students already have "Flight" socks.) Please note – dinner will not be served that evening, but food and beverages are available at Flight for an additional price.

High School Night will be on Sunday, March 19. All 9th-12th grade students are invited to a Pizza & Game Night at AUMC from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.



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 a parent.

CHAPEL does not meet on Communion Sundays.

Children's Lenten Mission Project:

Sowing Seeds for God's Love – Change for Change.

March 12: GS KIDS (3rd-5th graders) will meet for the Lenten Service Day from 4-6 p.m. at the AUMC Mission Center, 7901 Heritage Drive. We will make backpack meals for Annandale Terrace Elementary School and Easter eggs for Safe Haven Day Shelter.

April 1: Easter Festival with egg hunt, games, and crafts. 10:30 a.m. - noon



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THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

March 5, 2017 • 8:30 and 11 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

+GATHERING SONGS *"All My Days"* On Screens
 "Step by Step" On Screens

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

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

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.
People: We are called to be God's people.
 Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.
People: We are called to be the body of Christ.
 Leader: Come let us worship God,
 who binds us together in love and service.
All: So that we may fill the hole in our gospel.

OPENING PRAYER

Bountiful God, you have blessed us with so many gifts. During the season of Lent may we begin to discern your purpose for these gifts. Help us claim our gifts and use them to bring liberation and justice to a hurting world. May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable to you. May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity bind us together as your body, that we may be your hands and feet and voice in this, your world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11 a.m.) Hymnal No. 39

Baptismal Candidate:

Anélise Ghyslaine Lee Poteau-Sites, daughter of Thomas Poteau and Kelly Sites

*Refrain: Anélise Ghyslaine Lee, 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

(Children's Chapel does not meet on Communion Sundays)

ANTHEM *"For Everyone Born"* arr. Trenney Adult Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:14-21
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Hole in the Gospel" 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 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 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 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" Hymnal No. 438
+BENEDICTION
+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Make Me a Servant" *FWS No. 2176
*Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.*

+POSTLUDE Caroline Evans, piano

+Please stand as you are able.
* Faith We Sing Supplementary Hymnal

...AND I WILL SUPPORT THE CHURCH WITH MY PRAYERS, MY PRESENCE, MY GIFTS AND MY SERVICE.
OUR PRESENCE: Feb. 26 Sunday Worship: 353 Sunday School: 130

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

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, **March 12**, will be the second of our Lenten sermon series based on the book The Hole in our Gospel. Director of Youth Ministries Trish Bradley will preach at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school will meet at 9:45 a.m.

Connect

Thank you for giving to AUMC. When we serve God and give of our time, talents, gifts and service, we can accomplish many things. We look forward to another blessed year, and remind you that pledges are still being accepted for 2017. We are up to 191 pledges for a total of \$940,112. We need to reach \$1 million in pledges in order to fund our worship services, missions and other work for God's Kingdom.

Wednesday Night Together/Lenten worship during Lent: Join us on Wednesday nights, **March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5**, at 5:45 p.m. in Wright Hall for a light dinner, followed by a Lenten worship service with communion at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please RSVP for dinner on the pew pad or contact Joyce Kitzmiller by noon on Monday at jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330. The meal price is \$8 per person, \$4 for children under 9, and \$25 per family maximum.

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.

GROW

FaithJustice Forum – Homelessness and Affordable Housing, today at 12:30 p.m. in Hughes Hall. Learn more about the social justice issues related to homelessness and affordable housing and efforts to combat these challenges through our Lenten Missions Projects. Speakers: Cyndi Jones, AUMC Hypothermia Coordinator, Alisha Matlock from FACETS, and Ruby Ledbetter, a formerly homeless FACETS participant. Lunch provided; child care provided with advance registration.

Lenten Study 2017 - *The Hole in Our Gospel* by Richard Stearns. Is the Christian faith only about going to church, studying the Bible, and avoiding sins—or does God expect something more? Stearns says it took answering God's call on his life, a call that tore him out of his corner office at one of America's most prestigious corporations—to walk with the poorest of the poor in our world. Through personal story and theological reflection, the author demonstrates that the whole gospel was always meant to be a world-changing, social revolution that begins with each one of us. See back of bulletin for participating classes and groups. Purchase book in Wright Hall.

Centering Prayer meets at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays in Room 308, and all are welcome. If you are seeking a meaningful way to begin the week away from the busy pace of life, the Centering Prayer Group may serve your needs. This time includes a practice of silence in which we open the mind and heart to God's transforming work. We also support one another and discuss a short piece of spiritual wisdom. For details, contact Becki Stewart at bstewart@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

Stephen Ministers are there for you: Are you going through a rough patch in your life? Whatever you may be facing, AUMC's Stephen Ministers are available to talk to you so that you don't have to walk alone. Our mission is not to "fix" you but to "listen, listen, love, love" as you heal and move forward. For details, contact one of our clergy or Pat Sherfey at psherfey@yahoo.com. All conversations are confidential.

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.

Upper Room devotional booklets for March-April are in the brochure racks by the front door. To help offset the costs, those who take the readers are asked to contribute \$5 for the year. Checks should be made payable to AUMC with "Upper Room Reader" in the note line.

Serve

Lenten Mission Projects: Responding to needs here and around the world! Join our Christian outreach by making a generous Lenten Mission Projects offering. (Use special envelopes or give online at www.annandale-umc.org.) The Missions Committee has set a target to raise \$100,000 to fund five local and four international projects: 100,000 Homes, ACCA, Camp Highroad, Food Ministries/AUMC Mission Center, Poe Middle School Food Program, Stop Hunger Now, Brazil, Haiti and Mozambique. The Children's Ministry Lenten Mission Project is Sowing Seeds for God's Love – Change for Change, which will support AUMC's food and hypothermia prevention ministries. For a complete description of the mission projects, pick up a 2017 Lenten Mission Projects brochure in the atrium.

Hypothermia overflow: Did you know that AUMC is a hypothermia overflow site for the Bailey's Crossroads Shelter? We're looking for bakers to provide goodies for our friends as they experience the radical hospitality of AUMC March 12-26. Cookies, candy, fruit, hardboiled eggs and granola bars will be eagerly accepted, as will socks, tissues, Chap Stick and hand-warmers. Contact Cyndi Jones at 571-212-8824.

Do you love Annandale UMC? Do you believe that it can make a difference in people's lives? Has it occurred to you that you can leave a legacy that will benefit generations to come? If not, consider the connection: a simple will, Annandale UMC and changed lives! What will your legacy be? It's something worth considering. Contact Bill Iwig at 301-365-7532 to learn more about the AUMC Foundation, and to ask any questions or discuss how your legacy gift might benefit future generations at AUMC.

Volunteer as a tutor or reader, snack provider or administrative helper for AUMC's tutoring program on Wednesdays, 3:45–5:45 p.m., at the AUMC Mission Center. Contact Jerry Beyer at 703-399-1395 for more information.

Easter Flower Opportunity
Help beautify the sanctuary by donating special flowers. To place tulips in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please complete this form and return it to the church office with a check for \$13 per plant, payable to AUMC no later than **March 26**. **Fill out a separate form for each plant.** No telephone orders can be accepted.

Placed by _____ Telephone _____
(Circle One) In Memory / Honor of:

(Check One) ___ I will take the plant ___ Give my plant to homebound member
(For office use only) Date received _____ Check number _____