



AUMC WITNESS

Our Mission: Love God, Love Neighbor, Serve the World

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IT'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE TIME!

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior! Around the church there is an amusing saying; that is the fact that the church only has two seasons: getting ready for Charge Conference and getting ready for Annual Conference. We are in the latter of those two seasons.

We at AUMC are members of the Virginia Annual Conference, one of approximately forty such entities of the North Americas. The Annual Conference sends 1,000 delegates – divided equally between clergy and laity - annually to meet and study, worship, celebrate our common ministries and decide business matters. Our church will be represented by Julie West and Harry Day, in addition to our clergy.

The Conference will be held in Roanoke, Virginia on the dates of June 22 – 24, 2012. There we will hear great preaching from my friend the Rev. Dr. Steve Hundley, the District Superintendent of the Roanoke District; the Rev. Dr. David McAllister-Wilson, President of Wesley Theological Seminary; the Rev. Dr. Youtha Harman Cromwell, a professor at Wesley who has led one of our recent Women's Retreats; and last but certainly not least, our own Bishop Charlene Kammerer, who will be retiring as our Resident Bishop this year.

We will celebrate our common ministries by bringing clean up kits and layettes by the thousands; bag thousands of pounds of food for the hungry; as well as bringing an offering for our Initiatives of Hope – funding the ministries in Brazil, Mozambique and Haiti that we are so deeply engaged in. I hope that you will be generous as we collect our offering to take to Roanoke. We will also celebrate the ordination and

commissioning of a new class of Elders, Deacons and Certified Lay Ministers who will serve throughout the Commonwealth.



We will deliberate on the matters brought to us in the form of our conference budget, nominees for our Conference Boards and Agencies, and resolutions brought by members of the conference which principally have to do with issues of restorative justice.

I look forward to these times of reconnecting with friends and loved ones, as well as making new acquaintances. I am excited by the plans we have made for extending the Methodist witness into new communities and the new faith communities that are coming into being through our collective support that new people might know Christ. I commend to you the opportunities to see your brothers and sisters in Methodism at work together. It is how the church ought to be, and I am glad to be a small part of it.

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,

Clarence

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 ★ **AUMC'S GOT TALENT** ★ 

★ *Talent Show and Ice Cream Social* ★

Save the date! June 3 - 6 p.m.

Our Annual Church Wide Talent Show, AUMC's Got Talent, and Ice Cream Social will take place in the Sanctuary and Wright Hall. Now is the time to sign-up for a slot and we have room for everyone! Last years event was such a huge success, and I am confident that this year's talent will be even better. If you sing, play an instrument, act, juggle, or whatever, come and be a part of this great evening for the whole Annandale church family! If you are interested in signing up or getting more information, please e-mail Pat Vaughn at pvaughn@annandale-umc.org or call him at (703) 256-8330.

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Thank You

As I have had the opportunity to decompress and reflect on the part of my personal journey that has just concluded, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of thanksgiving for each and every one of you. Thank you.

As I have expressed publicly and now again in writing, I am keenly aware that one's accomplishments are never garnered by one's own efforts alone; they are accomplished within the supportive fabric of a tightly woven, intricate network of relationships. I could not have asked God for a more loving community within which to do the work which resulted in the conferring of the degree.

To begin, I want to give my heartfelt thanks to the Staff Parish Committee, and in particular to the three persons who have served as Chair since my coming to AUMC: Sara Miller, Tom Plewes and especially Tracy Carney. They nurtured what was just an errant wish into the fullness of engagement, helping to arrange support, space and time, and much needed encouragement.

Second, I wish to thank our wonderfully vibrant Young Adult group, particularly Liz McConville and Lance Witkowski. They facilitated many conversations, shared their stories, and provided connection to their friends who are no longer engaged in a faith community. Their permissions and support made the project possible.

Forward by Faith and CFC Contributions: Effective June 1, all remaining gifts designated for the Forward by Faith Capital Campaign or for CFC on your giving envelope will be credited to the Capital Repair and Replacement Designated Fund, which is used for current major facilities-related expenses by the Board of Trustees. Since January, when the bank loan for our 2009 Maintenance and Renovation Program was paid, any continuing Forward by Faith or CFC contributions have been credited to an endowment account to support future facilities related expenses. The balance in this account of approximately \$22,500 will be transferred to the Annandale UMC Foundation on June 1 to be managed for that purpose.

Third, I wish to thank our Administrative Council for their permission to tell the AUMC story. Our journey through the discernment process, our missional goal formulation, and our current efforts to live into what we have discerned provided a great deal of the substance of the project.

Fourth, I wish to thank our amazingly supportive staff. They all have contributed significantly to the effort by filling the space when I needed to read and write. They have reviewed and edited the work that I did. They gave constructive criticism and encouragement. They are the reason I delight in coming to work each day.

Last, I am amazed at the love that you have shown as I have completed the journey. Thank you is insufficient response to all of your kindness, cards, letters, and the beautiful robe with its signal chevrons that signify our common accomplishment. These will remain with me for as long as I live, and while insufficient, at the moment it is all that I have.

Thank you!

Clarence

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 27.



Please wear red, orange, or yellow as we celebrate the Holy Spirit!

Let's End Human Trafficking! AUMC is encouraged to "Think Globally but Act Locally" as it attempts to help combat human trafficking. Anyone interested in joining a small group that will explore what efforts are already being done in Northern Virginia and how we can help, is encouraged to contact Marie Cavanagh at cavanaghm@aol.com or 703-379-1719 or Debbi Iwig at diwig621@gmail.com or 301-365-7532.



OUR CHURCH *family*

Congratulations

Wedding congratulations to Terry Summerson and Anushka Fernando who were married on May 12, 2012.



AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE FOR SENIORS (55 & over)

The AARP Safe Driving Course for Seniors is coming to AUMC again in June. Those who complete the two-day course will receive a certificate to submit to their

auto insurance company. This often results in a reduction of the insurance premium. The course will be held Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19, in AUMC's Media Center, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with an hour off for lunch. The cost is \$12.00 for AARP members (bring your card) and \$14.00 for non-members. Since space is limited, you must register ahead of time by calling Jane Underhill (703-573-2056). If you get a machine, leave your name and telephone number, and we will confirm your reservation. No need to pay in advance. Pay on the first day of the course – cash or checks made out to AARP.

VBS IS COMING! We're recruiting folks and registering children now for God's Green Earth July 9-13. Register your child today! Sign up to volunteer! Forms are available online, in the atrium and in the Parent Resource Area on the 3rd floor.



God's Green Earth needs your help. We are collecting the following used materials to use in our VBS program. We will have collection vessels out next week...we'll take as much as you have of the following: buttons, washers, colored glass, marbles, small paint brushes (traditional or foam) coins, keys, tools used for do-it-yourself projects (allen wrenches, etc), pet tags, bottle caps, baby food jars, oil cloth, picnic blankets or any scraps of oil cloth, magnets, Michael's coupons and AC Moore coupons.

Travel Opportunity - You are invited to join the Rev. Ray Edmonds traveling to beautiful, historic Italy Oct. 31-Nov.10, 2012. Visit Venice, Pisa, Florence, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Pompeii and Rome. The cost is \$2,990 for land tour and roundtrip airfare from Washington, DC. Call for a brochure at 804-852-3633 or email Ray@gowithray.com.



ANNANDALE AMERICAN LEGION POST 1976 WILL HONOR VETERANS INTERRED IN OUR CEMETERY ON MEMORIAL DAY.

On Monday, May 28 at 9 a.m. Post 1976 will make a Memorial Day tribute to veterans buried in the AUMC Cemetery with the placement of an American Flag at each veteran's gravesite. Members of the congregation and the community are invited to participate. These attending should gather at the cemetery flagpole at 8:50 a.m. For your Memorial Day observance consider a stroll through the cemetery to observe the gravesites of veterans and others who constitute the founding families of our church. At 11 a.m., Post 1976 will conduct a community observance at the Cannon in the triangle at the intersection of Columbia Pike and Backlick Road.

MILITARY VETERANS INTERRED IN ANNANDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

- James Franklin Bladen**, Site 36B, DOD 2010
- Betty M. Bullock**, U.S. Navy, Site UG20A, DOD 2007
- Edward Blocksom Bunch**, U.S. Army, Site 77A, DOD 1972
- William Chapman**, U.S. Navy, Site 76A, DOD 2007
- Aubrey Chason**, U.S. Army, Site 28A, DOD 2009
- Henry C. Cock**, Army, (Confederate) Site OS12, DOD 1910
- Dale Farringer**, U.S. Navy, Site 57E, DOD 1993
- Phillip Gibson**, U.S. Army AF, Site 7C, DOD 2004
- Theodore P. Gleiter**, U.S. Navy, Site 71A, DOD 2009
- F. Dean Hannah**, U.S. Navy, Site 53A, DOD 1996
- George Hartley**, U.S. Army, Site UG15B, DOD 2006
- John A. Jackson**, Site 62A, DOD 2011
- Edward Kysar**, U.S. Army, Site 69A, DOD 2004
- Maurice Lacy**, U.S. Army, Site 60D, DOD 2003
- Charles Lynch Jr.**, U.S. Army, Site 44F, DOD 2004
- Charles Lynch Sr.**, U.S. Army, Site 44 E, DOD 1988
- Sam Lynch**, U.S. Army, Site 76D, DOD 1981
- Ralph May**, Army, Site UG12A, DOD 2004
- Sanford W. Merryman**, Site 33D, DOD 1996
- Amy Mikel**, U.S. Army, Site 73B, DOD 2005
- Russell Mikel**, U.S. Army, Site 73A, DOD 2002
- Malcolm R. Moore**, U.S. Navy, Site 43 E, DOD 2008
- Jack Pierce**, U.S. Navy, Site 54A, DOD 2004
- Donald L. Plucknett**, U.S. Army, Site 8A, DOD 2007
- Elhanan W. Wakefield**, U.S. Army, Site OS 4, DOD 1920
- Lowell Wakefield**, U.S. Army, Site OS1, DOD 1978
- John C. Webb**, U.S. Army, Site 13C DOD 2000
- Shelton T. White**, U.S. Army, Site 30E DOD 1994
- George H. Williams**, Army (Confederate), Site OS64, DOD 1929
- Wasena F. Wright, Jr.**, Site 42E, DOD 2003
- John Joseph Zych**, U.S. Army, Site 66C, DOD 1989

Please inform Cemetery Manager Mike Moser 703-591-1210 if you are aware of a military veteran buried in AUMC Cemetery whose name does not appear on the above list.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., May 22	Education	7:30 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., June 5	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303

LECTIONARY TEXTS

May 27, Day of Pentecost: Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

June 3, First Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29 (UMH 761), Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, May 27

Outreach greeters: 8:30 a.m. R. Hampton, 9:30 a.m. B. Brown, 10:30 a.m. W. Ward

Greeters: Parsonage

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Phoebe/Lydia Circles

Acolytes: TBD

Crucifers: TBD

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey, B. Brown (C)
11 a.m. S. Fleming, G. Sherwood, B. Summerson, P. Adams (C)

Sunday, June 3

Outreach greeters: 8:30 a.m. S. Fleming, R. Smith 9:30 a.m. D. Ruhter 10:30 a.m. L. McConville/ E. Moss

Greeters: TBD

Fellowship Hour Hosts: TBD

Acolytes: TBD

Crucifers: TBD

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. S. Groves, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey, K. Sabo (C)
11 a.m. B. Gordon, C. Perdue, G. Rothman, P. Shockly (C)

NEXT DEADLINE

Fri. May 25 is the deadline for the June 5 Witness which covers June 10 and 17

AUMC WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Mothers are Special

The Weekday Children's Programs celebrated Mother's Day in a big way. Children made cards and surprise gifts. Some included photos of their child "cooking breakfast" for mom. One class dyed scarves for their mothers. The CDC had an ice cream social in honor of all the mothers. It was an opportunity to discuss love and how to express it.

FURNITURE DONATIONS NEEDED

There are families in our community who do not have furniture! Donate your gently used furniture to ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action). ACCA volunteers will pick up your furniture and take it to a family referred by county social workers. Items needed include: mattresses/ box springs (NO king size, please); kitchen and dining tables and chairs; sofa's (no sleepers), living room chairs; coffee tables; end tables; lamps. For more information and to schedule pick up, call 703-256-9513.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

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 the form below along with a check, made payable to AUMC. Cost: \$25 per arrangement.

Name of Donor: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of
In Honor of (check one)

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

YES ___ NO ___

June				
July	8	15	22	29
August		19	26	
September				30
October	14	21		
November	11	18		
December	9	16		30