



AUMC WITNESS

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

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Advent Calendar 2012

Advent is the first season of the church year, a period of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Advent begins this year on Sunday, Dec. 2 and continues until Christmas, Dec. 25. A variety of services, programs and activities are planned at AUMC for all ages.

Sunday, Nov. 25, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Sermon Series and Study begins: *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton (see more info this page).

Sunday, Dec. 2, 9:15 a.m. (special time) – First Sunday School during Advent.

Sunday, Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m., one worship service, “Hanging of the Greens” with music provided by brass, vocal, and handbell ensembles.

Saturday, Dec. 8, 12:15 p.m., St. Nick’s Workshop – lunch and activities for children including “secret shopping” for mom and dad.

Sunday, Dec. 9, 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services, Children’s Christmas Pageant.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m., An Evening in December concert.

Monday, Dec. 24, 4, 7 and 11 p.m., Christmas Eve worship services.

Sunday, Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m., A Brethren Epiphany concert. Tickets will be available after Thanksgiving; \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

For more information about ministry opportunities, programs and services, call 703-256-8330 or email office@annandale-umc.org.

Walk in the Light

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”

(Isaiah 9:2a)

*Walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus the light of the world...*

(Song and lyrics by Thomas Whitfield)

Advent Study 2012 The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem Nov. 25-Dec. 24, 2012

For the first time, the Academy of Discipleship is offering a church-wide Advent Study: *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton. From the author of *24 Hours that Changed the World* (Lenten Study 2011), the Advent

Study draws on the gospels, history, and the author’s travels to trace the holy family’s steps from the angel Gabriel’s annunciation to Mary to the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. The study includes a book, DVD with sessions filmed on location, a leader guide, and a devotional.



“It is undoubtedly a challenge to bring a fresh perspective to biblical texts that many Christians have heard in church and read countless times. But Hamilton...brings careful research, the perspective of an experienced minister, and an eye for detail to his work that will appeal to many.” Hamilton draws on the Gospels, history and his own travels to take the reader on a spiritual walk, from the angel Gabriel’s annunciation to Mary to the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem. (Publishers’ Weekly)

Register for Advent Study 2012 in person on Sundays in Wright Hall or online at www.academyofdiscipleship.com.

The following groups are participating in Advent Study 2012:

- Exploring Faith in Life: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. (Harry Day)
- In His Steps: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. (Bill Iwig)
- Women of the Day: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. (Hampton/Montgomery)
- Grace and Truth Small Groups: Mondays, 7 p.m. (Fitzgibbon/Mitchell/Mock)
- Stephen Ministers: 1st Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (Eduardo Carrillo)
- Thursday Book Study: Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. (Molly Wilmarth)

For more information, contact Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver at cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org or Molly Wilmarth at molly.wilmarth@yahoo.com.



The Journey Continues

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior!

I probably don't need to tell you that as of this writing there are fifty-four shopping days left to Christmas. Many of us are fretting about things to get; trees and decorations, food and cards, and most of all, presents for family and friends.

Many of us are also making plans for travel. Should we fly or drive? And if we do drive, what is the best route? How shall we get where we are going? As you ponder that, I invite you to another journey, one that I expect will leave you less exhausted and more edified. That is a sojourn with your fellow disciples on the Journey to Bethlehem. This is a small group study opportunity that we as a faith community will take during the season of Advent.

You will see and hear much about this study by Adam Hamilton as the days approach, but I want to encourage you in this way: the story leading up to the birth of Christ is so familiar that I find we have a tendency to overlook it, to gloss over it, to hear it and not hear it. An old saw goes, "Familiarity breeds contempt."

My studies have indicated that many in the larger culture have been inoculated against the importance and meaning of the story. "Blah blah blah, been there, seen that." I would suggest that we take the time to notice, re-read for nuance, re-experience the glory of it all. For what the season brings to us is a fresh awareness of the concrete act of God in history on our behalf. Without Christmas there is no Easter. With no Easter there is no salvation. This is important!

So, no matter how much needs to be done in preparation, please take time to prepare to receive Christ again. Until his return, our journey continues.

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,

Clarence
Clarence



CIRCLE NEWS

DEBORAH: Mon., Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., AUMC Rm. 210. Prog.: Filling Salvation Army stockings and planning our AUMC Staff Christmas Luncheon. Hostess: Marilyn Deihl. Dev.: Carol Irons.

LYDIA: Thurs., Nov. 8, 10 a.m., AUMC Rm. 209. Prog.: Filling Salvation Army Stockings. Hostesses: Sally Bizer and DeEtte Johnson. Dev.: Rosemary Perdue.

FRIENDSHIP: Nov. 27, 12:30 p.m., Immanuel campus

MARTHA: Mon., Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall at Immanuel UMC. Prog.: Betsy Clevenger will present on one of the Women of the Bible. Hostesses: Doddie Cave and Darlene Robinson.

M&M's: Sat., Nov. 17, 8 a.m., at the home of Pat Sherfey. Hostess: Jolie Fleming. Dev.: Sally Bizer.

MIRIAM: Thurs., Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m., AUMC Rm. 210. Prog.: Christmas craft and filling Salvation Army Stockings. Hostess: Liz Plewes. Dev. Peggy Ward.

PHOEBE: Tues., Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. at Silverado's (Annandale)

AS ALWAYS, NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO ALL CIRCLES!!

Come to the Christmas Craft Bazaar!

Nov. 10, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Buy handmade goods from more than 30 crafters and artists! Show your children the Great Zucchini at 11 a.m.! The proceeds help fund AUMC Missions. Entrance is free.

DATEBOOK

Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Christmas Craft Bazaar

Sunday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m., Veterans Day Observance, AUMC Cemetery

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m., Baby Shower for Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver

Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Kids' Stuff Consignment Sale.

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., ACCA Thanksgiving service, John Calvin Presbyterian, 6531 Columbia Pike.

Sunday, Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m., one worship service - "Hanging of the Greens".

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 3 and 4, 10 a.m., AARP Driving Safety Class for seniors.

Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, 5:45 p.m., Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner and Advent worship.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Paper Shredding Potential – The Earth & Spirit Committee is considering a Secure Document (paper) Shredding Event this fall and would like to check for interest. Paper shredding helps prevent fraud and reduces waste with recycling. Acceptable items include residential papers such as tax documents, financial records, etc. If you are interested in this event at AUMC, please let the church office know at office@annandale-umc.org or by calling 703-256-8330.

Upper Room Readers: Upper Room devotional booklets are available from AUMC and are located in the brochure racks by the front door. To help off-set the costs, those who take the Readers are requested to contribute \$5. Checks should be made payable to AUMC with “Upper Room Reader” in the note line.

Preschool Openings: space is still available in the AUMC preschool program. For details call 703-256-1100.

Kidstuff Consignment Sale: Nov. 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Great bargains available. For more information or to consign, see www.AUMCConsignmentSale.com

Charge Conference: The Annual Charge Conference will be held at AUMC on Thursday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. The Church Council members are the voting members at the conference, but all members are welcome to attend.



Help Needed to Locate Lost Lambs 2012

Please call the AUMC office (703-256-8330) if you have a **current and correct address** for the following people:

John Boyd III	Mark Johnson	Omar Palpallatoc
Tamara D'Amico	Nelo Jolomba	Creta Payne
Velmar Davis	Olga Jolomba	Hyun Nam Philapy
Campbell Drew	Toni Boger Keys	Steven Philapy
Richard Erickson	Belinda King	Joyce Piacine
Alan Freitag	Linda Lauffer	Denise Russell
Robin Freitag	Brandon Lorey	John Russell
Rebecca Glover	Kelli Lorey	John Arthur Sandwen
Mercy Gooding	Ron Lyerly	Lee Sandwen
Kathi Green	Raymond Scott Lynch	Leah Sebetic
Florence Gyamfi	Tracy Marciniak	Laverne Velmar
Laura Jackson	Susan Moore	Kenneth Warrick.
Laurie Johnson	Lilybeth Palpallatoc	



Annandale American Legion Post 1976 Will Honor Veterans Interred in Our Cemetary on Veterans Day. On Sunday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. Post 1976 will make a Veterans 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 community are invited to participate. Those attending should gather at the cemetery flagpole at 8:50 a.m. The ceremony will overlap with the 8:30 a.m. worship service. The overlap could not be avoided because the Legion schedules its Veterans Day activities on Nov. 11 no matter what day of the week this traditional date of Veterans Day falls on, and Post 1976 has several other activities scheduled for the day. For this Veterans Day consider attending the ceremony or later strolling through the cemetery to recognize the military service of church members both deceased and living.

Military Veterans Interred in Annandale United Methodist Church

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
Philip 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
John D. Newton, U.S. Army, Site UG11A, DOD 1997
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

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Wed., Nov. 7	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Thurs., Nov. 15	Charge Conference	7:30 p.m.	Room 202
Tues., Nov. 20	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 302

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Nov. 11, 24th Sunday after Pentecost: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127 or Psalm 42 (UMH 777); Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Nov. 18, 25th Sunday after Pentecost: I Samuel 1:4-20; I Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113 (UMH 834); Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, Nov. 11

Outreach greeters: 8:30 a.m. E. Wilson/C. Cox, 9:30 a.m. M. Pearson, 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson

Greeters: Kairos Prison Ministry

Fellowship hosts: Issues in Christianity

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. J. Clarke, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey, S. Nkesi (c)
11 a.m. B. Gordon, G. Sherwood, R. Witkowski,
P. Shockley (c)

Sunday, Nov. 18

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

Greeters: Phoebe/Lydia Circles

Fellowship hosts: Mary and Martha Circle

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, S. Fleming, R. Roberts, B. Brown (c)
11 a.m. S. Fleming, E. Ramsey, G. Rothman, P. Snitzer (c)



Ministry Opportunities

The Christmas Craft Bazaar needs volunteers on Friday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you can assist, please email Cyra Doty at radu94@aol.com.

Sunday Morning Ministry Opportunities:

Children and/or adult volunteers are needed to serve as acolytes, crucifers and ushers for Sunday morning worship. If you are interested, contact Joyce Kitzmiller, jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

Volunteers are needed to provide coverage in the church office on Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Tasks include answering phones and directing visitors. Volunteers are also requested to provide occasional church office coverage during the week. For more information or to volunteer, contact Joyce Kitzmiller, jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330.

Winter clothing drive deadline: Friday, Nov. 9, is the last day to donate men's winter coats, sweatshirts, stocking caps, jeans, socks, underwear, and waterproof gloves. Women's winter clothing will be taken, but most of the homeless are men. Items should be clean without holes. Label each item with gender (men or women) and size. The clothing will be distributed to homeless people in Washington, DC. For more information or to volunteer, contact Dan Evans at 571-334-6223 or danevans@frontiernet.net.

Furniture Donations Needed: The Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) collects and distributes gently used furniture for needy families in the community. Items needed include: mattresses/box springs (all sizes except King size), kitchen and dining tables and chairs, sofas (not sleeper sofas), living room chairs, coffee tables, end tables, and lamps. For more information and to arrange pickup, call 703-256-9513.

Book Drive: The United Methodist Men are collecting used books to sell during a Used Book Sale at the Christmas Craft Bazaar on Nov. 10. Check your home for used books and bring them to conference room 210 (adjacent to the church office) up to Nov. 9. For more information, contact Cyra Doty at radu94@aol.com.

Upcoming Haiti Mission Trip: AUMC is leading a rebuilding mission trip to Haiti in spring 2013. Volunteers are being recruited for this effort. If you are interested, contact Mark Bradley, Bradleyfam@aol.com, for details.



**NEXT
DEADLINE**

Friday Nov. 9 is the deadline for the Nov. 20
Witness which covers Nov. 25 and Dec. 2