



AUMC WITNESS

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

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The Sobering Truth About Slavery

Slavery ended in 1865, right? Unfortunately, wrong. It exists today as "human trafficking," the exploitation of human beings for coerced labor or commercial sex. Traffickers are the new slave traders, providing workers in exchange for money or using them as personal servants.

A Human Trafficking team has formed at Annandale UMC with a focus on finding ways to diminish human trafficking in Northern Virginia through the education of youth and adults on the issues, and helping victims to heal through the support of recovery services.

Each year, international traffickers bring about 15,000 people into the United States as domestic workers or laborers in service industries, factories, and agriculture. Victims are highly controlled, threatened, and paid next to nothing, if at all.

Trafficking is also a domestic issue, even an Annandale issue! Victims and traffickers are from all genders, backgrounds, countries, localities, races, and religions. They are not only immigrants. And trafficking is not just an adult issue. Up to 300,000 American children are at risk of being exploited each year.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, a good time to learn about indicators of trafficking. For example, victims may be --

- closely monitored,
- have no identification documents,
- have no money, or
- suffer verbal or psychological abuse.

If you suspect human trafficking, report your observations through the national hotline: **888-3737-888**.



Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives!

The 12 closest friends of Jesus are called the 12 disciples. A disciple is someone who is a student of someone else; someone who seeks to be shaped and formed in the teacher's image; a believer and an advocate of the teacher's doctrines. An apostle is defined as a person who is a representative, ambassador or delegate of someone else.

Who were these men and women? What were they before they became disciples? They were ordinary people living ordinary lives until they were met and called by Jesus. Their lives were transformed and became extraordinary as they grew in their knowledge and beliefs of Jesus. What can their lives teach us about being extraordinary? Come and learn about these disciples and grow your faith with the new sermon series, "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives!" Here is the schedule of sermons during this series:

- Sunday, Jan. 13, Peter
- Wednesday, Jan. 16, James and John (following Wednesday Night Together dinner)
- Sunday, Jan. 20, Mary
- Wednesday, Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m., Matthew
- Sunday, Jan. 27, Judas
- Sunday, Feb. 3, Barnabas

To learn about the United Methodist Church's stand on human trafficking, visit the General Board of Church and Society website umc-gbcs.org/issues/human-trafficking. For more information or to help end modern day slavery, contact AUMC member Marie Cavanagh at cavanaghm@aol.com.

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Extraordinary Transformation

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior! At this writing we are embarking on another year; another opportunity

to love God, love neighbor and serve the world.

The end result of our endeavors would be – so we pray – the making of disciples for the transformation of God's world. To do so requires that we pay attention to our own transformation; that we indeed become more fully the disciples that engage the task.

In the season before Lent, your clergy staff will be presenting snapshots of our models – the disciples turned apostles – in a series entitled "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives". We do so to illuminate the transformative possibilities for our own lives.

Terence Donaldson, Professor of the New Testament at the Toronto School of Theology at Wycliffe College, helps us unwrap the meaning of the terms in this way: "(Apostle is a term)... used in the NT, both as a general designation for someone authorized to act on behalf of another, or sent with a commission, and as a distinctive title for particular founding figures and church leaders." This commission, this apostleship, and the gifts to empower

the attendant tasks are given to us. It transformed a small group of relatively unlettered and unlikely people into "...resolute missionaries bringing the gospel to the farthest corners of the earth." This transformation was engendered by their witness to the crucifixion, and, more importantly, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. How that transpired and the clues we might glean from them will be our focus as we look forward to a transformed future under the leadership of Christ.

I hope that you will join us and bring others who have questions about life's direction and possibilities.

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,

Clarence
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DATEBOOK

Feb. 12: Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

Feb. 13: Ash Wednesday.

Feb. 16: Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event.

Feb. 24-Mar. 24: Parenting Classes.

Saturday in April: UMW spring program.

June 24-28: Vacation Bible School. Registration in March.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 5:45 p.m. in Wright Hall. Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Tuesday, Pancake Day, Mardi Gras, and Fat Tuesday) is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. According to tradition, pancakes became the food of choice so that rich ingredients such as eggs, milk, and sugar could be used up before the start of the Lenten fast. AUMC's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will include family activities, crafts and a parade in Wright Hall. The event is sponsored by Children's Ministry and United Methodist Men. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and \$15 maximum per family. For reservations contact Joyce Kitzmiller, jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org.

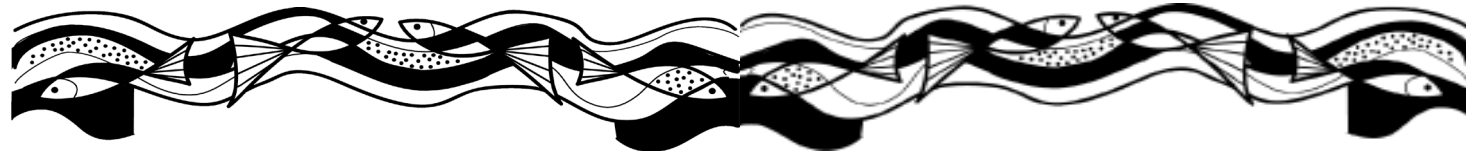
Parenting with Love and Logic classes for parents of young children will be held on Sundays, Feb. 24 - March 24, 4-6 p.m., in room 210 and will be taught by Maribeth Day, Executive Director of AUMC Weekday Children's Programs. Program cost is \$25/person; \$35/couple and child care is \$15 per family. For registration and other information call 703-256-5244 or email mday@annandale-umc.org. Registration forms are also available in the church office.

AUMC Historic Tidbits

Before his death in 2006, Colonel Charles W. Cook established an on-going fund to provide flowers for the altar and the atrium so that his family will always be honored and remembered. On the last Sunday of January, flowers are placed on the altar in memory of himself and his wife; in April, his daughter. On the Sunday nearest Oct. 16, flowers are placed in the atrium in memory of his and his wife's parents. Look for his name in the January 27 bulletin.

In 1880, our church had only 76 members. These days we average around 450 members a week. Stop by for a service and consider the centuries of history in AUMC! (Source: *Year Book and Historical Sketch, Fairfax Appointment, 1940-41*, compiled and published by Marjorie Smith McElroy.)

If there's a question you have about AUMC history or you would like to submit an article, email publications@annandale-umc.org.



Ministry Opportunities

Brown Bag Lunch makers needed Thursdays through March, 12 noon at Immanuel campus. The lunches are for the Bailey's Homeless Shelter. Help is also needed with food distribution every Thursday, 5 - 7 p.m. For more information call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424

Join the 2013 Mission Trip: Volunteers are being recruited for a VIM construction/ leadership development mission team to Cambine, Mozambique in 2013. The tentative dates are July 26 through Aug. 11. If you are interested in participating, or would like more information, please contact Molly Wilmarth, molly.wilmarth@yahoo.com; Erin McKenney, hoopsfan1@verizon.net; or Mark Bradley, Bradleyfam@aol.com. The first team meeting (mandatory) is scheduled for Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. in room 210, Annandale campus. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

STOP Hunger NOW! An AUMC and Stop Hunger Now activity seeks donations and participants! A Meal Packaging Event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 16 (childcare will be available by reservation; contact the church office at jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org). Cash donations are needed NOW to support this Lenten Mission Project. Make checks payable to AUMC with "Stop Hunger Now" included on the memo line.

Volunteers Needed for VBS: Do you enjoy arts and crafts, have musical talents to share, or have photo/video expertise? Do you enjoy working with children? If you do, we have a ministry opportunity for you! Adult volunteers are sought to provide assistance during Vacation Bible School during the mornings of June 24-28. To learn more, contact Becki Stewart at bstewart@annandale-umc.org, or 703-256-8330, or Jacque Segal at jacquiesegal@gmail.com.



MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Jan. 22 Church Council 7:15 p.m. Room 302

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Jan. 20, Second Sunday After the Epiphany: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10 (UMH 771); I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Jan. 27, Third Sunday After the Epiphany: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19 (UMH 750); I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, Jan. 20

Greeters: Exploring Faith in Life

Fellowship hosts: Deborah/Miriam Circles

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. S. Fleming, S. Groves, R. Roberts, B. Brown (c)

11 a.m. E. Carrillo, G. Rothman, R. Witkowski,
P. Snitzer (c)

Sunday, Jan. 27

Greeters: Finance Committee

Fellowship hosts: Education Committee

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey, K. Sabo (c)

11 a.m. S. Fleming, B. Gordon, G. Sherwood,
P. Shockley (c)

NEXT DEADLINE

Friday, Jan. 18 is the deadline for the Jan. 29
Witness which covers Feb. 3 and 10

Inclement Weather Announcements:

When the weather is severe enough to cancel services/activities, information will be recorded on the office voice mail system. Call 703-256-8330 to hear the recorded message or visit the website www.annandale-umc.org.



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 the form below along 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			20	
February			17	24
March		17	24	
April		14	21	
May				
June		16	23	30
July		14	21	28
August		11	18	25
September	8	15	22	29
October		13	20	27
November		10	17	24
December	8	15		29

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 _____

