



# AUMC WITNESS

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

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## Stop Hunger Now

As many of you know, AUMC will host another **"Stop Hunger Now" meal packaging event on Saturday, Feb. 16**, and we invite YOU to be a part of a fun activity that provides life-bringing nutrition to children in need around the world.

Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief agency that has been fulfilling its commitment to end hunger for more than 14 years. Since 1998, the organization has coordinated the distribution of food and other lifesaving aid to children and families in countries all over the world.

**One SHN packaging event** can result in the packaging of more than 1,000,000 meals or product servings and provides over 70% of its meals to support transformational development programs such as school feeding programs, vocational training programs, early childhood development programs, orphanages, and medical clinics. Every year Stop Hunger Now reserves 10% of its projected meals to respond...

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## Shrove

### Tuesday Pancake Supper

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. Everyone is invited to UMC's **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 12**, at 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. In addition to pancakes, the evening will feature family activities, crafts, pancake races and a parade. The supper is sponsored by Children's Ministry and United Methodist Men and costs \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and \$15 maximum per family. For reservations contact Joyce Kitzmiller, jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330, or sign up in the Atrium or on the Sunday worship pew pad. Proceeds will go to the Lenten Mission Project supper ministry at Poe Middle School.

Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent.

## Alleluia Chains

During Lent we don't use the word "alleluia". Lent is a penitential period, and the church signifies that by removing some of the most joyful hymns with the word "alleluia". Joy increases at Easter and "alleluia" returns.

On Shrove Tuesday, children will make an "alleluia" chain with words and phrases that bring them joy. The "alleluia" chain will be "buried" and then raised up on Easter. Everyone is invited to visit the table in the Atrium or Wright Hall and make a link for the alleluia chain.

## Lenten Study

AUMC's Lenten Study 2013 will be based on the book *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey. Winner of the Gold Medallion Book of the Year Award, this book examines three

fundamental questions: who Jesus was, why he came, and what he left behind. Yancey realized that despite a lifetime attending Sunday school, he really had no idea who Jesus was. Step by step, scene by scene, Yancey probes the culture into which Jesus was born and grew to adulthood; his character and mission; teachings and miracles; his legacy--not just as history has told it, but as he himself intended it to be. Yancey concludes, "Jesus has rocked my own preconceptions and has made me ask hard questions about why those of us who bear his name don't do a better job of following him."

**Visit the Lenten Study table in Wright Hall** before/after Sunday worship to learn more and to purchase the book. The Lenten Study 2013 includes a book, six-session DVD, study guide, small groups, and a sermon series. Readings begin Feb. 3 and the sermon series begins Feb. 10.

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## Transfiguration Sunday

Transfiguration Sunday happens just before Ash Wednesday—just before starting Lent. I believe this is no

coincidence. A lot of us look at Lent as a way to give something up for God, but a lot of times we end up abstaining from sweets, over-spending, or Facebook. While there's nothing wrong with giving up these distractions to become closer with God, there is so much more to Lent.

In Luke 9:28-36, we read about Jesus going up to the mountain to pray. The transfiguration event takes place and Moses and Elijah appear. This scene astonishes Peter and his companions so much that they decide to create an altar—a place to bring offerings. It's important to note that Peter is not doing something odd or out of character for that time. It was customary to mark the spot where God's presence dwelled so that others could bring themselves before God.

Rather than just giving up something of your daily life during Lent, why not bring a spiritual practice into your life? As we enter Lent we need to prepare ourselves to be more responsive as Christians. Maybe your relationship with God needs a little bit of work, or perhaps you need to practice love, patience, and kindness more. Whatever stage you might be in life, I hope that you take time to consider how Lent could be better spent this year.

Think of the possibilities that are at hand and how many lives we can reach. Consider how we can each become more Christ-like and how our relationship with God can improve. Imagine how we can better practice ministry if we were spiritually renewed.

It is my prayer that you find time to pray on this and that your life may be transformed in the coming weeks. May your face be changed in a way that people see Christ in you and want to offer themselves back to God.

*Eduardo*  
Eduardo

## CIRCLE NEWS

As always, new members and guests are welcome at all circle meetings!

**DEBORAH:** Monday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., AUMC, room 210. Program: Pat Shattuck will present a book review from one of the books on the AUMW reading list. Hostess and Devotions: Linda Hobson.

**FRIENDSHIP:** Tuesday, Feb. 19, 12:30 p.m., meet at the home of Janet Woods. Program: The history and study of hymns and singing of the hymns.

**LYDIA:** Thursday, Feb. 14, 9:15 a.m. Meet at AUMC to carpool to ACCA for a tour of their facility. Optional lunch to follow at Silverado's.

**M&M's :** Saturday, Feb. 16, all are encouraged to participate at "Stop Hunger Now" at AUMC Fellowship Hall. Luncheon meeting to follow in room 210.

**MARTHA:** Monday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., Immanuel Campus, Fellowship Hall. Program: The continued study of women of the Bible.

**MIRIAM:** Thurs., Feb. 14, 9:30 a.m., AUMC, room 210. Program: Liz Plewes- Decorate tote bags of personal items purchased thru Bazaar proceeds for adults of Bethany House and wrap books for the children. Devotions: Louise Golobic.

**PHOEBE:** Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. Meet at "El Paso" – Springfield.

### DATEBOOK

**Feb. 1:** New Member Class

**Feb. 3:** ACCA Food Drive

**Feb. 5:** AUMC Weekday Preschool (9:30 a.m.) and Early Learning Program (10:30 a.m.) open houses, room 122, with information and a tour.

**Feb. 12:** Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

**Feb. 13:** Ash Wednesday worship

**Feb. 16:** Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event

**Feb. 20:** Wednesday Night Together

**Feb. 21:** AUMC Weekday Preschool (9:30 a.m.) and Early Learning Program (10:30 a.m.) open houses

**Feb. 24-Mar. 24:** Parenting Classes

**Feb. 27:** AUMC Weekday Preschool (9:30 a.m.) and Early Learning Program (10:30 a.m.) open houses

**Saturday in April:** UMW spring program

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

# NEWS IN BRIEF

**Parents and Promises Class** will have a special speaker on Sunday, Feb. 3, 9:45 a.m., in room 305. Francine Ronis LLC, LPC from the Center for Pastoral Counseling, will focus on Positive Parenting, discipline and problem solving. Francine comes highly recommended and has given parent seminars for AUMC's Weekday Preschool and Early Learning programs. More information can be found here: <http://francineronis.org/>. The Parents and Promises classes are informal and drop-in, and a mix of fellowship, presentations, and conversation.

**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](http://www.annandale-umc.org).

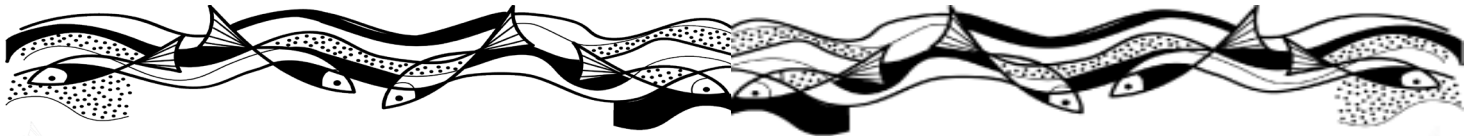
**Parenting with Love and Logic classes** for parents of young children will be held on Sundays, Feb. 24 - March 24, 4-6 p.m., in room 210 and will be taught by Maribeth Day, Executive Director of AUMC Weekday Children's Programs. Program cost is \$25/person; \$35/couple and child care is \$15 per family.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

**AUMC's New Member Class** will meet on Friday, Feb. 1, 7-9 p.m., in room 209. The class is called "Brownie Evenings with Brown" and will be taught by Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr.. It is a time of exploration and discernment of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ at Annandale UMC. Topics will range from Wesleyan Theology to United Methodism 101; from Stewardship to Spiritual Gifts. Pre-registration is not necessary. New members will be presented at either 8:30 or 11 a.m. worship on Feb. 10. For more information, call 703-256-8330.

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**...right away to crisis situations** including natural disasters, conflict and famine. In addition to providing food for crisis relief, Stop Hunger also works to meet the immediate needs of those suffering from hunger. So, join us by contributing money (each meal costs just 25 cents!), or coming yourself to help package the meals. Bring your friends, bring your family as we serve out neighbors in need.

Childcare will be available by reservation; contact the church office with the number and age of children via email [jkitzmillar@annandale-umc.org](mailto:jkitzmillar@annandale-umc.org) or phone 703-256-8330. Bring or mail donations to cover the cost of the food to be packaged to the church office.



## Ministry Opportunities

**Worship Volunteers Needed:** Persons interested in participating in Sunday worship services by reading scripture or serving communion, or who would like to take a leadership role in scheduling these activities, are encouraged to contact Kevin Sabo at [kmsabo61@gmail.com](mailto:kmsabo61@gmail.com). All ages are welcome and needed.

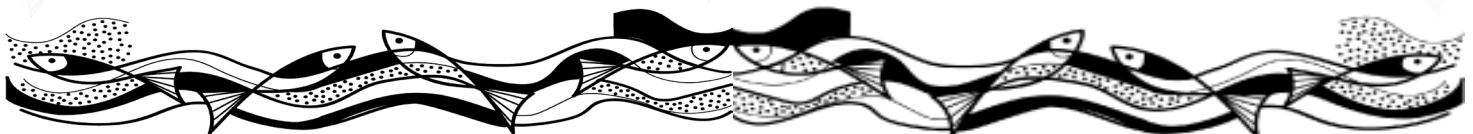
**Brown Bag Lunch makers needed** Thursdays through March, 12 noon at Immanuel campus. The lunches are for the Bailey's Homeless Shelter. Help is also needed with food distribution every Thursday, 5 - 7 p.m. For more information call Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

**A Brazil Mission Team** will be travelling to Belo Horizonte, Brazil, May 20 - June 2. Work will include building a second floor on an existing building. Cost for the trip will be about \$2,000 for two weeks. (One week is also an option.) For details, contact Erin McKenney at [hoopsfan1@verizon.net](mailto:hoopsfan1@verizon.net) or 703-403-1742 or Ryan Witkowski [witkowskir@gmail.com](mailto:witkowskir@gmail.com) or 703-635-6062. Commitments are needed by Feb. 22.

**A Mozambique Mission Team** (VIM construction/ leadership development) will travel to Cambine, Mozambique July 26 through Aug. 11. For more information, contact Molly Wilmarth, [molly.wilmarth@yahoo.com](mailto:molly.wilmarth@yahoo.com); Erin McKenney, [hoopsfan1@verizon.net](mailto:hoopsfan1@verizon.net); or Mark Bradley, [Bradleyfam@aol.com](mailto:Bradleyfam@aol.com).

**The Baileys Meals on Wheels program** needs two or three more drivers to continue to make deliveries to our elderly shut-ins. Pick-up food at the Baileys Crossroads Community Shelter (3525 Moncure Ave.), and take to two or three homes. The time commitment is usually less than an hour. Call Mary Lee Di Spirito at 703-256-9513 or email [ddmld@verizon.net](mailto:ddmld@verizon.net).

**ACCA's furniture ministry** (which delivers donated furniture to needy families) needs volunteers! AUMC's dates to assist from 8 a.m. to 12 noon are Saturdays Feb. 16, April 6, May 18 and July 13. If interested, call Peter Taylor, 703-477-3903.





## MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Feb. 5	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., Feb. 6	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Feb. 12	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Feb. 12	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., Feb. 12	Caring Ministries	7:30 p.m.	Room 303

## LECTIONARY TEXTS

**Feb. 3, Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany:** Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794), 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

**Feb. 10, Last Sunday After the Epiphany:** Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99 (UMH 819), 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

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## WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

### Sunday, Feb. 3

**Greeters:** Funeral Ministry

**Fellowship hosts:** In His Steps Class

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Groves, G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey, K. Sabo (c)

11 a.m. S. Fleming, P. Straub, J. Thomas, P. Snitzer (c)

### Sunday, Feb. 10

**Greeters:** Issues in Christianity

**Fellowship hosts:** Kairos Prison Ministry

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, S. Fleming, R. Roberts, E. Sackey,

B. Brown (c)

11 a.m. C. Jones, C. Jones, R. Witkowski,

P. Shockley (c)

## NEXT DEADLINE

Friday, Feb. 1 is the deadline for the Feb. 12 Witness which covers Feb. 17 and 24

## AUMC Historic Tidbits: Reverend Coe

Edmund Gwynn Coe was Senior Minister here from 1914-1917\*. According to a 1914 edition of *The Yellow Jacket*, the Randolph Macon College student newspaper, next to his senior photo:

"This specimen of *homo omnivora* arrived in Ashland, Va., in the Fall of 1910 for the express purpose of twisting profs, and--well, a few other things. He achieved no small success in his native city by informing the public that it would be bad weather after the ground-hog had seen his shadow, and that there would be ice after the mercury had fallen below 0° Fahrenheit; but this is not all, for he had shown signal valor in taking a bath in the Potomac in order to save another from lying forever in a watery grave. But alack-a-day, how are the wicked risen around us!

"However upon his arrival in Ashland, Coe discovered that there was indeed much more in College life than hoo-dooing the Faculty, and he was immediately ensnared by the beams of Venus, together with the cannon-balls of Cupid. Natural results followed, Edmund soon became weary of life on the Campus, and decided that a little home on Dark and Muddy Street was better suited to his whims and fancies (it was too noisy on the Campus to study). And here in the calmness of his chateau he calmly takes six, seven, or eight classes each year, is pastor of about one-half of the churches in the Baltimore Conference, plays 'Rook,' and incidentally props his feet up to the fire and smokes his pipe of peace as any other *dad* would do."

Rev. Coe married in 1911, explaining the references to Cupid and Venus\*\*. An article in *The Baltimore Sun* on Sept. 11, 1909 confirms his tale of falling into the Potomac although it mentions no heroism, saying:

"Edmund G. Coe of the United States Weather Bureau had a narrow escape from drowning at Great Falls on the Potomac River today. While crossing a plank that had been thrown over one of the branches of the falls he lost his balance and fell into the water just above the place where the stream makes its leap. Mr. Coe was taken over with the current and swept into the whirlpool below. He returned to the surface only after having been carried about 100 feet by the undercurrent."

\*A History of Annandale United Methodist Church.

\*\*[wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com), as updated by Carl Robert Coe.