

...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:

Mother of Rick Rosenberger	Maddie Grace Brown
Family and friends of Casey Schulman	Janet Woods
Bobbie Stevenson, mother of Tina Svenson	Sherril Reid
Alan Hampton, brother of Rick Hampton	Pat Shand
Marcia Cornell, cousin of Luanne Pond	LaQueta Thomasson
Egan Delaney, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	Mary Ann Marples
Philip McConville, brother of Jim McConville	Mary Peters
Joe McNulty, friend of the McConville family	Ginny Vardy
Barbara Gard, grandmother of Tracie Clemmer	Cleveland Askins
Barbara Duman, friend of Denny and Jennifer Stokes	Lisa King
Chrisanne Lenzsch, friend of Erin McKenney	Jack Whitley
Louise Powers, aunt of John Clemmer	Eric Yapo
Allan Cogswell, Sr., father of Allan Cogswell, Jr.	Pat and Doddie Cave
Miriam Carver, friend of Lynn Jenkins	Elaine Snider
Sue Medlin Smith, friend of Patricia Martino-Shapiro	Helen Newkirk
Connie Pearson, mother of Mark Pearson	Roger Shanzer
Bertha Bryant, mother of Wanda Carr	Peggy Ward
Mary, Ann, Ray, Erin, friends of Margaret Lowry	Donna Dye
Dennis, friend of Betsy Clevenger	Margaret Lowry
Kelly Maurer, friend of Louise Golobic	Luke Stewart
Tara L. Covey, friend of Sandra Chase	Tao, friend of Helen Newkirk
Nancy Borneman, friend of Sandra Chase	Victoria Mayfield-Mayo

Heike Knight, sister of Margaret Vaughn	Elizabeth and Win Barrow
Zab Palmberg, friend of Elaina Carrillo	John and Jean Moreland
Joseph Martino, father of Patricia Martino-Shapiro	Randy Bevis
Carlos Leon, friend of Jacquie Segal	Jeffrey Gaines, friend of Jaie Brown
Chase Hammons, brother of Kimberly Coffey	Rita Barringer
Jim Matheny, friend of Don Yesukaitis	Jeanette Bell
Steve Ripper, brother-in-law of Don Yesukaitis	Ron Weber

For bereaved members and their families:

Patricia Shattuck and family on the death of her stepdaughter, Elizabeth Shattuck.

Joseph McCarthy and family on the death of his mother, Nancy McCarthy.

OUR SERVICES:

Greeters: Kairos Prison Ministry; Fellowship Hosts: Witness/Missions

Hearing devices are available upon request from the ushers.

Presiding Bishop: Young Jin Cho, Richmond Area Virginia Conference

District Superintendent: Rev. Kenneth Jackson

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Clarence R. Brown

Associate Pastor: Rev. Eduardo Carrillo

Associate Pastor Adult Discipleship: Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver, J.D.

Korean Pastor: Rev. Dr. Paul Shin

Accountant: Wanda Carr Dir. of Weekday Children's Programs: Maribeth Day

Assistant to DCEC: Stephanie Haley Dir. of Youth Ministries: TJ Knowland

Business Administrator: Garry Bell Facilities Maintenance Manager: Taye Nadi

Cemetery Manager: Mike Moser Media Specialist: Diana Dzikiewicz

Communications Manager: Barbara Gordon Membership Secretary: Dottie Rogerson

Dir. of Christian Ed. for Children: Becki Stewart Office Manager: Joyce Kitzmiller

Dir. of Music Ministries: Patrick Vaughn Pianist: Justin B. Dean



Academy of Discipleship  
Annandale United Methodist Church

(Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver, cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:45 a.m.

Bible Fellowship is studying Alpha/Christianity 101 in Room 111.

Disciple I (Sunday School Edition) meets in Room 210.

Exploring Faith in Life is studying Advent Study 2012 in Room 303.

In His Steps is studying Advent Study 2012 in Room 302.

Issues in Modern Christianity is studying Why Evil Exists in Room 307.

Parents and Promises meets in Room 305.

Williams Bible Class meets in Room 118.

Women in Search of Truth is studying a Beth Moore study in Room 306.

Women of the Day is studying Advent Study 2012 in the Parlor.

MID-WEEK ADVENT STUDY GROUPS

Grace and Truth Small Groups meets every other Monday at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.

Thursday Book Study meets on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in Room 210.

Tuesday Bible Study resumes on Jan. 8.

For more information and registration, visit [www.academyofdiscipleship.com](http://www.academyofdiscipleship.com).



## THE GRID

(Director: TJ Knowland, tjknowland@annandale-umc.org)

Youth Sunday School Classes

Connect Class (Grades 6-7): Meet in Room 209

Epistle Class (Grades 8-9): Meet in Room 308

Deeper Class (Grades 10-12): Meet in the Youth Room (Room 105)

**Christmas Party Next Sunday!** Come tonight from 5:30-7:30 for our final time together for 2012! We will be having a White Elephant gift exchange so bring a gift, under \$5, to exchange. Gifts can be cute, funny, creative, original, etc. Hope to see you!



## Children's Ministries ☀

(Director: Becki Stewart, bstewart@annandale-umc.org)

Sunday School (2 year olds – 5th Grade): 9:45 a.m.

Celebration Choir (K -5th Grade): 9:15 a.m., Room 311

Cherub Choir (2 year old and 3-4 year old class): During Sunday School

**Heifer International "Living Gift Market":** Atrium, follows both services. 4th grade class is sponsoring the opportunity to purchase the gift of an animal to help a family feed themselves. Be part of this important mission to those in need around the world! LAST SUNDAY

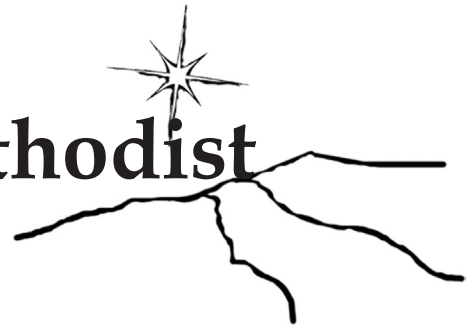
Pick up pictures with Santa from the Atrium.

**Family Christmas Eve Service:** Dec. 24, 4 p.m. A special service for families that includes familiar carols, the telling of the story, candlelight, and the children coming to bring stars to place on the nativity scene. Children's Choirs will sing.

Come KNOW, GROW, and SOW with us!



# Annandale United Methodist Church



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We are a  
Stephen  
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Walk in the Light

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

Dec. 16, 2012 • 8:30 and 11 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

WELCOME OF VISITORS

+GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN PEACE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

VOLUNTARY "Now the Green Blade Riseth (Sing We Now of Christmas)"

McChesney

Annanbells

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Good friends, rejoice. God is with you.

People: Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God, still God is with us.

Leader: God's love is forever. You are beloved.

People: Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.

Leader: God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.

ALL: Praise be to God for such wondrous love. Amen.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Hymnal No. 224

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD

8:30 Nkesi Family

ADVENT CANDLE

11 Bizer Family

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

People: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

RESPONSE

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Hymnal No. 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Becki Stewart

(11 a.m.--Children may leave for Children's Chapel)



ANTHEM "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" arr. DeCormier  
Adult Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 12:2-6  
8:30 a.m. J. Vance, 11 a.m. D. Maddox

+HYMN "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" \*FWS No. 2195

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY "Love Came Down at Christmas" arr. Dobrinski  
Laura Cook, flute; Annanbells

+DOXOLOGY Hymnal No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7  
Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "From Nazareth to Bethlehem" Rev. Brown

RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS

SENDING FORTH

+RECESSIONAL HYMN "There's a Song in the Air" Hymnal No. 249

+BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE "Walk in the Light"  
*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.*

+POSTLUDE "Sing We Now of Christmas" arr. Hayes  
Justin Dean, piano

+Please stand as you are able.

\* Faith We Sing Supplementary Hymnal

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OUR PRESENCE: Dec. 9 Sunday Worship: 839 Sunday School: 200  
Offerings Last Sunday: \$37,699.00

Congratulations to Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver on the birth of Lily Grace on Dec. 12, 2012. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in memory of their son, Andrew Morrow who died Dec. 16, 2009, by Carolyn and Duncan Morrow.

Flowers on the Altar are offered to the Glory of God and in honor of Rudy and Sue's 60th wedding anniversary, Dec. 13, by Rudy Meekins.

Rosebud on the Altar celebrates the birthday of Cameron Nathaniel Snitzer, son of Peter and Anne Snitzer, born Nov. 16.

## Events at AUMC!




**Pick up your mail and/or Pictures with Santa in the Atrium today!**


**Thank You Dr. Shin:** After more than 17 years of dedicated and distinguished service as Annandale UMC's Korean Pastor, Dr. Paul Shin has announced his retirement effective Dec. 31. Dr. Shin has been a tremendous gift to AUMC as he has shared his love of Jesus with the Korean congregation. He has also been a steady presence at Evergreen House. Expressions of thanks and appreciation for Dr. Shin's many contributions may be made with a cash "love gift" to Dr. Shin. Place gift in an envelope labeled "love gift for Dr. Shin" in the worship offering plate by Dec. 23 or send to the church office by 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 31.

 **Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives!** is the title of the new sermon series about the Disciples, beginning in January. More information to come!

**Food Donations Welcome** for 350 Christmas baskets for neighbors in need by Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church. Donations are needed by Monday, Dec. 17, and can be taken to Rising Hope, 8220 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22309. Items needed are: chicken, turkey and ham, jarred gravy, chicken broth, stuffing, mac n' cheese/pasta, canned fruit, canned vegetables, boxed desserts. For more information contact Sarah at 703-360-1976 or sheckman@risinghopeumc.org.

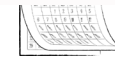
**An End of Year Party** will be hosted by the Ogoni People of the Washington D.C. area on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2 p.m. in Wright Hall, and all are invited to join. It will feature children's play, singing, and dancing as well as refreshments and fun activities. The party is hosted by the Nkesi family, members of AUMC. The Ogoni are one of the indigenous people in southeast Nigeria.

 **Planning is underway** for Winter/Spring adult classes in 2013. If you would like to lead a class or small group, email cjohnsonoliver@annandale-umc.org and bgordon@annandale-umc.org.

 The next **Wednesday Night Together** will be on Dec. 19. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, Dec. 17, on the pew pad or by contacting Joyce Kitzmiller, jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330. The program will be Blue Christmas Communion. The menu will be Chicken Noodle Soup, Mandarin Orange Salad, rolls, Rice Pudding. Cost is \$7 per person, \$3 per child, \$20 per family, or \$10 per carry-out meal payable in cash or check at the door; make checks out to AUMC.

**A Christmas Love Feast** will be held at the Immanuel campus on Sunday, Dec. 23, 7 p.m. This will be a multicultural service involving both campuses of AUMC, the New Light Korean UMC, Iglesia Adventista de Annandale, (Seventh Day Adventist) and St. Francis Korean Episcopal Church, celebrating a Moravian tradition that was adopted by John Wesley. The service will include lighted candles and a simple meal, as participants come together to testify to the spirit of unity and good will among all people.

## Mark Your Calendar



**Today:** Advent Sermon Series: Chapter 4 – From

Nazareth to Bethlehem. See back of bulletin for classes and groups.

**Today:** The 4th grade class offers one last chance to make a purchase from Heifer International. Visit the "Living Gift Market" in the atrium to purchase a gift of an animal that allows families around the world to feed themselves.

**Today, 6:30 p.m.:** An Evening in December concert, by the AUMC Music Ministry.

**Wednesday, Dec. 19, 5:45 p.m.:** Wednesday Night Together dinner.

**Thursday, Dec. 20, 5-7 p.m.:** food distribution at Immanuel campus. Contact Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424.

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

**Sunday, Dec. 30, 10:30 a.m.,** one worship service followed by lunch and fellowship. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.:** Brethren Epiphany Concert. Tickets available before and after Sunday morning worship. \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

**Transport a bit** of our Christmas celebration to members who are home-bound or in care facilities. Sign up to take a poinsettia to one of the people on the list of shut-ins, which is available in the atrium today. Flowers will be available after 11 a.m. service next week (Dec. 23) for delivery during Christmas week. Thanks for your help!

**Little White Church ornaments** (\$25) and notecards (\$10) are for sale in the church office. Please pay exact amount in cash or by check to AUMC.

**Year-End Reminders:** All gifts to be credited for 2012 tax purposes must be received in the church office by 11:30 a.m. on Monday Dec. 31 or postmarked by Monday, Dec. 31. If you are responsible for expense vouchers for your work area, vouchers must be submitted on or before Wednesday, Dec. 19.

**The Tuesday Bible Class** will resume on Jan. 8.

**The Happy Wanderers** will be travelling to Occoquan on Thursday, Dec. 20. If interested call Rosemary Perdue at 703-354-6645.

**Please Purchase Pecans:** UMW is selling a new crop of pecans after each Sunday worship service. To reserve a case of 24, or to make a special request, contact Joni Laurence at 703-941-7481, Sally Bizer at 703-256-3373 or Evie Gibson at 703-256-2905. Thank you for supporting UMW mission projects.

**Tell Us What You Think:** What is your go-to source for information about AUMC activities? What events are of the most interest to you? These are some of the questions on the AUMC Communications Survey. The survey is available on the AUMC web site [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org) and paper copies are in the Atrium and the church office. Everyone is encouraged to take the brief survey and provide suggestions about how to improve AUMC communications.

### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

To place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one on Dec. 23, please complete the form below and return it to the church office with your check for \$10.50 per plant **TODAY. Please use a separate form for each plant ordered.**

*No telephone orders will be accepted.* Make checks payable to AUMC.

Poinsettia given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

I will take the poinsettia

Give poinsettia to shut-ins