



# AUMC WITNESS

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

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## Holy Week at AUMC

Holy week is a special time in the church. This week commemorates the last week of Jesus Christ's earthly life and ministry. We are invited to participate with the church around the world and observe the journey to the cross from Palm Sunday to Easter or Resurrection Sunday. It is in this time we come closer to understanding the passion, the sacrifice, and above all the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ!

AUMC will start Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Just as the name states, there will be palm branches in the church, but this Sunday is important because we remember and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem. With palm branches in our hands we praise in loud voices, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

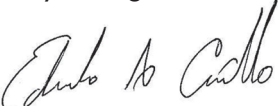
During the week we will participate in what made Jesus a teacher, a humble servant, and love made flesh. On Maundy Thursday we will partake in Holy Communion as well as providing foot-washing stations. Everyone is invited to participate in this service; we do this to remember what Jesus mandated his disciples in John 13. We are reminded in this service of the love we ought to show to one another, the humble service we do for one another not only in the church but outside of it. As disciples of Christ did long ago, we take

on the attitude of a humble servant and serve the world to show God's love.

Good Friday is a somber service; its function is to commemorate Christ's arrest and crucifixion. This Friday we hear the seven last words of Christ; we reflect on these words and their meaning in our lives. Just as we remember Christ's ministry, love and passion we also take time to grieve his arrest and crucifixion.

On Easter Sunday we will celebrate the risen Christ! We will repeat the words of the early disciples "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!" AUMC will have its regular services as well as an early service which will take place in the courtyard to remember and rejoice at the sight of an empty tomb. This Sunday we give witness to the basis of our faith that Christ is risen!

You and I are invited to participate in this week of joy, of remembrance, of solemnity and of great celebration. I pray that you are able to join us throughout this Holy Week and remember our connection through history, through the world and above all with God.

  
Eduardo

### Holy Week Schedule

- March 29** – Palm Sunday worship 8:30 and 11 a.m.
- April 1** – Lenten Communion, 6:30 p.m.
- April 2** – Maundy Thursday worship and foot washing, 7:30 p.m.
- April 3** – Good Friday prayer at Little White Church, 12 – 3 p.m.  
– Good Friday 7 Last Words worship, 7:30 p.m.
- April 5** – Easter Sunday worship 6:30, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

### Resurrection Garden Walk Easter Sunday 9:45 a.m. - All ages are welcome!

Join us on Easter morning to take a walk through a re-enactment of the events of Holy Week. Events from the last week of Jesus' life are recreated in a way that allows us to experience the story we share as Christians. Small groups pass through a series of brief scenes retelling the events. The Walk lasts about 15 minutes and allows us the opportunity to meditate on the life and sacrifice of Jesus. Children will receive a token from each scene along with a booklet to help them remember and retell the story.

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# Lent and Easter, continued



**The Children's Lenten Mission Project** supports Stop Hunger Now projects here at AUMC. Pick up a coin collection card today, add quarters to the card during Lent, and turn in by April 12. Please be sure to add your child's name to the card.

## Love God, Love Neighbor, Serve the World!

We are a congregation that lives our love of God through service to those in need, whether they live in our neighborhood or on distant shores. We support our local community and the world through service, prayer, financial support and fellowship. Consider making a generous Lenten offering by using special envelopes or give online at [www.annandale-umc.org](http://www.annandale-umc.org). The Missions Committee set a target to raise \$100,000 to fund five local and four international projects: Meals Ministry at Poe Middle School, Stop Hunger Now, Camp Highroad, ACCA, 100,000 Homes, Rebuilding Haiti Mission Project, Brazil Mission Project, Mozambique Mission Project, Africa University Endowment Fund. The Children's Ministry (Good Samaritan Kids) Lenten Mission Project is food programs at Poe Middle and Bailey's Elementary schools.

**Sing Hallelujah on Easter!** If you have ever sung the "Hallelujah Chorus" before, you are invited to join the adult choir during the singing of the final hymn on Easter Sunday, April 5. Join the choir as we "raise our voices" in singing this timeless classic together as one great, massed choir in honor of our risen Savior!

### Easter Flower Opportunity

Help beautify the Sanctuary by donating special flowers. To place tulips in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please complete this form and return it to the church office with your check for \$13 per plant, payable to AUMC, no later than **March 29**. **Fill out a separate form for each plant.** No telephone orders can be accepted.

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) In Memory / Honor of:

(Check One)  I will take the plant  
 Give my plant to homebound member

(For office use only) Date received \_\_\_\_\_  
Check number \_\_\_\_\_

## Academy of Discipleship presents EASTER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 5 at 9:45 a.m. in Sanctuary  
*"He is Risen: Easter Through the Eyes  
of the Four Evangelists"*



Led by Rev. Dr. Kendall Soulen  
Professor of Systematic Theology,  
Wesley Theological Seminary

**An AUMC adult mission trip** to Brenton, WVA, with the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) will be Oct. 5-11. The team will be doing relational ministry and home repairs - typical ASP projects - include roofing, drywall and insulation, wheelchair ramps, plumbing, electrical, foundation repair, painting, stair and floor repairs. Cost for the 7-day trip is \$450 and includes transportation, lodging, meals and all construction materials. Cost for the shorter trip is \$300. Interested persons should email John Clarke, [clarkeh1@gmail.com](mailto:clarkeh1@gmail.com). Commitments are needed with a nonrefundable deposit.

**Christmas in April (Rebuilding Together)** is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, and volunteers are needed for half a day or the entire day. To join the team or provide refreshments, email John Clarke, [clarkeh1@gmail.com](mailto:clarkeh1@gmail.com).

**English as a Second Language** meets Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., through May 12, AUMC Heritage Campus, 7901 Heritage Dr.

**AUMC's Tutoring Program** assists elementary and middle-school students on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Campus. To volunteer, contact Jerry Beyer at [beyerga@gmail.com](mailto:beyerga@gmail.com) or 703-399-1395.

## DATEBOOK

**April 5** – ACCA food drive

**April 8** – Wednesday Night Together

**April 11** – UMW Spring Event

**April 12** – Food drive for Heritage Campus

**April 19** – Vacation Bible School registration begins

# NEWS IN BRIEF

**Feed the hungry:** Bring non perishable canned and boxed food on Sunday, April 5 to help re-stock the ACCA food pantry. Bring non-perishable food on Sunday, April 19, to help supply the Heritage Campus food distribution program.

**Volunteers are needed** for ACCA's furniture ministry, which delivers donated furniture to needy families. AUMC's next date to assist is Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, and to volunteer, contact Brad Rothermel bigbadbrad63@hotmail.com or 703-256-3511.

**Connect**, a time of exploration and discernment of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ at Annandale UMC, will meet April 12 and 26 at 9:45 a.m., and be led by the Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr. The informal format will include time for Q&A. This gathering is especially for visitors and potential new members, but everyone is welcome.

**Young Adults** will meet for lunch and discussion April 12 and 26 at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Rev. Eduardo Carrillo, ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org.

**The Annandale Book Lovers** will meet Sunday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor, and everyone is welcome.

**Do you like to read?** "Reading Buddy" volunteers are needed to work with children attending the tutoring program at the Heritage Campus on Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Volunteers will work with children who are learning to read and need someone to read to. If you are available on a Wednesday, and would like to read/be read to, come to the Homework/Tutorial program in Fellowship Hall at the Heritage Campus, 7901 Heritage Drive. For information, call Jerry Beyer at 703-399-1395, Bill Iwig at 301-365-7532, or Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424.

**The Mission team to Mozambique** is looking for folks to join the volunteer-in-mission team going to Cambine, Mozambique on or about May 8-24. Activities will include construction (no skills required), assisting Dr. Brown with Seminary lectures, interacting with the children at the orphanage, and visiting the widows. The approximate cost is \$3,500 (including a few days of touring on the end of the trip. Contact Erin McKenney at 703-403-1742 or hoopsfan1@verizon.net.

**The Kairos Prison Ministry Team** is preparing to share God's love for the men at Greensville Correctional Center. The Annandale UMC Team is responsible for baking 1,000 dozen cookies! A cookie sign-up sheet, prison-approved cookie recipes and instructions are on the table in the Atrium. Sugar-free and gluten-free cookies are especially needed. If you cannot bake cookies but want to make a donation for baking supplies, make your check payable to AUMC, designated for Kairos Cookies, by Sunday, April 5. Place your cookies, one dozen per quart freezer bag, in the AUMC kitchen freezer by Sunday, April 12, and label them "Kairos Cookies." Contact Bill Iwig at 301-365-7532 if you have questions.

**AUMC's Camp Highroad Camp Out** will be May 15-17, and everyone is invited. This is an opportunity for families, groups and individuals to help clean up and repair the facilities and grounds at this Methodist adventure camp near Middleburg, VA, which is also one of AUMC's Lenten Mission projects. In addition to campfires, singing and fellowship in the camp lodge, participants will assist with light construction and more. Cost is \$20/night/person for inside lodging or \$15/night/person for tent space. Reservations are due May 1. Contact Mark Bradley Bradleyfam@aol.com.

**Food Ministry:** Help with food distribution, Heritage campus, 7901 Heritage Dr., every Thursday, 5 - 7 p.m. Contact: Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424. Help prep and serve after-school meals at Poe Intermediate School one Tuesday per month. Contact: Sheila Kyer, 703-981-6080 or Kyer027@aol.com.

## CIRCLE NEWS

**DEBORAH:** Mon., Apr. 13, 7:30 p.m., AUMC Rm 210. Prog.: Marilyn Deihl will present the book review of the Diana Moody book: *Confession of a Prayer Slacker*. Hostess: Sandy Barker. Dev.: TBA.

**LYDIA:** Thurs., Apr. 9, 10 a.m., AUMC Rm 209. Prog.: Rosemary Perdue will lead a scarf craft as a Bazaar item. Hostesses: Shirley Bailey & Jennifer Stokes. Dev.: Shirley Bailey.

**MARTHA:** Mon., Apr. 27, 1 p.m., Heritage Campus Fellowship Hall. Prog.: A continuation of the study of contemporary Christian women. A devotion and light refreshments will be served.

**M&M's:** Sat., Apr. 18, 8 a.m. At the home of Pat Sherfey. Hostess: Terri Ruhter. Dev.: Terri Ruhter.

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

# *The Soul of the Bishop*, or One Pastor's Quest to Connect to the Past

Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver has been awarded a Pastoral Study Project grant from the Louisville Institute (funded by the Lilly Endowment) to

fund her book project, *The Soul of the Bishop: The Life and Legacy of Bishop Joseph A. Johnson, Jr. (1914-1979)*. The book-length biography will chronicle the life of her grandfather, Bishop Johnson, the first African American to graduate from Vanderbilt University, receiving the Bachelor of Divinity in 1954, the first to receive a PhD from the university, and the first to serve as a full member of the university's Board of Trusts. Johnson also became a Bishop in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1984, five years after his death, the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center was dedicated on Vanderbilt's campus. Most recently, in October 2014, Vanderbilt Divinity School posthumously awarded Bishop Johnson the Distinguished Alumni Award. Rev. Johnson-Oliver accepted the award on his behalf and organized a panel discussion to reflect on his life and legacy.

Rev. Johnson-Oliver will utilize the Pastoral Study Project grant to fund research and research-related travel as she investigates Johnson's life and times. She founded the Bishop Joseph Johnson History Project to connect with audiences and to preserve the history and papers of Bishop Johnson. Louisville Institute is funded by the Religion Division of Lilly Endowment and based at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Through its Pastoral Study Project program (PSP), the Louisville Institute enables pastoral leaders to bracket daily work routines in order to pursue a pressing and significant question for the life of faith.

For more information about the Bishop Joseph Johnson History Project, visit [www.bishopjosephjohnson.org](http://www.bishopjosephjohnson.org).

## MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Mar. 24	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Wed., Apr. 1	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Apr. 7	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Apr. 14	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Apr. 14	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., Apr. 21	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 302

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## WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

### Sunday, Mar. 29

**Door greeters:** 8:10 a.m. S. Fleming, J. Beyer;  
9:30 a.m. M. Pearson; 10:30 a.m. R. Bruns, D. Johnson  
**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 a.m. J. Lord, 11 a.m. M. Cavanagh  
**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Naugle, D. Pemberton, G. Sherfey,  
P. Sherfey (c)  
11 a.m. W. Annan, P. Straub, R. Gordon, R. Witkowski (c)

### Easter Sunday, Apr. 5

**Door greeters:** 8:10 a.m. J. Maxwell, K. Redden;  
9:30 a.m. D. Ruhter; 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson  
**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 a.m. S. Kyer, S. Keplinger;  
11 a.m. A. Gribben  
**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, J. Clarke, R. Roberts, R. Gordon,  
E. McKenney (c)  
11 a.m. R. Gallagher, P. Straub, J. Thomas, R. Gordon,  
P. Adams (c)

### Sunday, Apr. 12

**Door greeters:** 8:10 a.m. R. Hampton, W. Lord;  
9:30 a.m. M. Pearson; 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson  
**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 a.m. J. Brooks; 11 a.m. M. Cavanagh  
**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, J. Haymaker, D. Pemberton,  
S. Fleming (c)  
11 a.m. E. Carrillo, S. Fleming, G. Rothman,  
P. Snitzer (c)

### Sunday, Apr. 19

**Door greeters:** 8:10 a.m. S. Fleming;  
9:30 a.m. B. Otto, M. Pearson; 10:30 a.m. W. Ward  
**Welcome Desk:** 8:30 a.m. M. McCarthy; 11 a.m. K. Nietzschey  
**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. S. Kenski, R. Roberts, G. Sherfey,  
P. Sherfey (c)  
11 a.m. A. Bretzfelder, L. Bretzfelder, A. Grier,  
R. Witkowski (c)

## NEXT DEADLINE:

Friday, April 10 is the deadline for the April 21 Witness which covers April 26 and May 3, 10, and 17.