

AUMC WITNESS

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

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Sharing the Story

Grace and peace in the name of the Savior!

As I write this we find ourselves in the afterglow of the Lenten / Easter season. We have experienced again and anew the passionate

love of God for us as exhibited in the passion, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have considered the “stones” of our lives that the power of God’s love has helped to roll away. The remaining, poignant question is, what do we do now?

Our current sermon series focuses on some of the issues concerning why people don’t come to church or why they might leave. Certainly the answers to those issues are many and myriad. Some have to do with the failure of the church to be the church; others have to do with the change in the culture that surrounds us. But to many, myself included, one of the signature deficits is the inability of some to share the story.

That is to say that the story of God’s love for humanity has to have an overwhelmingly engaging significance; that we have encountered the story and the story has had a significant engagement with us. We have seen where our lives are both continuous and discontinuous with the life giving story, and we have found life giving sustenance for making positive changes in our lives. Because of that, we are able to share the story of how our lives have been changed for the better because of the relationship we have with Jesus Christ.

Understanding that helps us in two ways that are relevant

to the tasks before us; they help us be the church that God desires. We are no longer the things that repel or repulse people. We are engaged in the work of transforming the world, doing meaningful things and not maintenance things; and, we are able to share with clarity and conviction with others who know without a shadow of a doubt that the busy, harried, hassled lives they live can be transformed into lives of joy and peace. Many here at AUMC are engaged in this way. Many more are needed.

It is our prayer that the transformative love of God through a people shaped by the spiritual disciplines of prayer, scripture reading and meditation, simplicity and service will be invitational to those who wish to explore, encounter, exhibit and embody the living Christ will light the way to spiritual renewal for many, and that your engagement with the ministry here at AUMC will empower you to share your story.

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,

Clarence
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Book Reading and Anti-Trafficking Fair Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in Wright Hall

Barbara Amaya, an award-winning advocate and local survivor of human trafficking, will offer a free book reading of her memoir *Nobody’s Girl* and local anti-trafficking organizations will exhibit their work. Everyone is invited to this special event to learn how to identify, prevent, and respond to human trafficking in our community.

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JOIN IN, MEN!



Learn about Boy Scout Troop 150 activities at a breakfast for the Annandale United Methodist Men this Saturday, April 25 at 8 a.m. in Wright Hall. Come for fellowship and learn about the Troop's activities for the past year. RSVP to Gary FitzGibbon at gary@garyfitzgibbon.com, or 703-876-5347 or Stan Witkowski at switkowski11@cox.net or 703-941-2935.

Men and boys are invited to the United Methodist Men's Steak Dinner on Thursday, April 30, at 7 p.m. in Wright Hall. Bring a friend and RSVP to Gary FitzGibbon at gary@garyfitzgibbon.com, or 703-876-5347.

Calling all AUMC Men! We need you! On Mother's Day, May 10, we are going to give our ladies in the Adult Choir the morning off and fill our loft with the men of AUMC! If you have ever sung in your life, this is your chance! We will rehearse on Thursday, April 30, after the UMM Steak Dinner and Wednesday, May 6. Both rehearsals will take place from 8 - 8:45 p.m. and will be held in the Choir Room (lower level near the Media Center). Prior choir experience is not required, just a willing heart for God and a desire to sing with a great group of guys! For more information, contact Pat Vaughn, pvaughn@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

The ASP mission trip to Brenton, WVA, with the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) is scheduled for Oct. 5-11. The team will participate in relational ministry and make home repairs - typical ASP projects - including 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. Email John Clarke, clarkejhl@gmail.com. Commitments are needed with a nonrefundable deposit.

Help tutor elementary and middle-school students on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Campus. To volunteer as a tutor, receptionist, helping with snacks, or in some other way, contact Jerry Beyer at beyerga@gmail.com or 703-399-1395. "Reading Buddy" volunteers are needed to work with children attending the tutoring program 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 would like to read/be read to, come to the Homework/Tutorial program. For information, call Jerry Beyer at 703-399-1395, Bill Iwig at 301-365-7532, or Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424.

Feed those in need: make sandwiches for the Poe after school program on Tuesdays, April 28 and May 26 at 1 p.m. Meet at the Heritage Campus of AUMC, 7901 Heritage Dr. Distribute food to needy neighbors at Heritage campus 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.

DATEBOOK

April 25 - UMM Breakfast

April 25 - Christmas in April (Rebuilding)

April 30 - UMM Steak Dinner

May 9 - Book Reading/Anti-Trafficking Fair

May 15-17 - Camp Highroad Camp Out;
Register by May 1

May 16 - ACCA Furniture Delivery

June 1-2 - AARP Smart Driver Course

June 7 - AUMC's Got Talent, Ice Cream Social

June 13 - Taste of Annandale (AUMC is a sponsor)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Young Adults will meet for lunch and discussion on April 26, May 10 and 24 at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Rev. Eduardo Carrillo, ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org.

Visitors and new members are invited to Connect, a time of exploration and discernment of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ at Annandale UMC. The informal gathering will meet April 26, May 10 and 24, 9:45 a.m., in the Sanctuary, and will be led by the Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr. The program will include a Q&A.

Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinner and program is scheduled for May 13 in Wright Hall. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. The menu will be green salad, pork tenderloin, apple sauce, vegetables, rolls and banana pudding for dessert. Everyone is invited! WNT is a fun time for fellowship and great food. Register for dinner online at www.annandale-umc.org, by emailing Joyce Kitzmiller: jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or by calling 703-256-8330. The meal price (pay at the door) is \$8 per person, \$3 for children under 9, and \$25 per family maximum.

High School and College Grads: An upcoming issue of the Witness will highlight AUMC's 2015 college and high school graduates. Please send a digital photo and the following information: name of student, degree, name of high school/college/university, and any other information you would like to share, such as name of parent(s) and future plans (college, graduate school, new job, etc.). Also please list what AUMC activities the student has participated in (choir, acolyte, crucifer, mission trip, etc.) Please email information to bgordon@annandale-umc.org by May 8.

The Annandale Book Lovers will meet May 17 at 7 p.m. in the parlor to discuss any Perry Mason title. Everyone is welcome!

Feed the hungry: Bring non-perishable canned and boxed food on Sunday, May 3, to help re-stock the ACCA food pantry. Bring non-perishable food on Sunday, May 17, to help supply the Heritage Campus food distribution program.

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

Volunteer for ACCA's furniture ministry, which delivers donated furniture to families in need. AUMC's next date to assist is Saturday, May 16, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, and to volunteer, contact Brad Rothermel bigbadbrad63@hotmail.com or 703-256-3511.

One on One: A Poe Middle School 7th grader is looking for tutoring help in math, English and history on Mondays and Tuesdays, suggested time/place: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at George Mason District Library. If interested, contact Jerry Beyer at 703-399-1395, email beyerga@gmail.com.

It's not too late to donate to AUMC's Lenten Mission projects, which help support our community and the world. To make a donation, and for more information, visit www.annandale-umc.org or call the church office 703-256-8330. Christmas in April (Rebuilding Together) will be this 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, clarkejh1@gmail.com.

The Brazil Mission Team from AUMC will return to Belo Horizonte, Brazil, this summer, and is looking for team members! The work will include building a second floor on a community center. The trip will occur the last week of July and the first week of August, with exact dates to be finalized based on airline rates. The cost for the trip will depend on the airline rates, and is estimated to be between \$2,000 and \$2,500. Those attending for just one week will have a reduced rate. If you are interested, contact Ryan Witkowski at witkowskir@gmail.com or 703-635-6062. Commitments are needed by May 15.

CIRCLE NEWS

DEBORAH: Mon., May 11, 7:30 p.m., AUMC Rm 210. Prog.: Carol Irons will present the book *The Golden Cage*. Hostess: Marilyn Deihl. Dev.: Joy Price.

LYDIA: Thurs., May 14, 11:15 a.m. at Clyde's Restaurant. Prog.: Spring luncheon before their summer break.

MARTHA: Mon., May 21, 1 p.m., Fellowship Hall at Heritage Dr. Campus. Prog.: Continuing the study of Christian women. Dev.: Betsy Clevenger. Light refreshments will be served.

M&M's: Sat., May 16, 8 a.m. at the home of Pat Sherfey. Hostess: Sook Han. Dev.: Danitria Bradley.

SARAH ELIZABETH: Sun., May 10, 1 p.m., AUMC Rm 209. Hostess: Beth Ann Eadie. Dev.: Karen Fleming.

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

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., April 28	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues, May 5	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., May 6	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., May 12	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., May 12	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., May 19	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 302

Vacation Bible School summer fun opportunity:

volunteers, center leaders, and shepherds are needed for AUMC's Vacation Bible School "God's Camp – Discovering Faith" July 20-24, 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Becki Stewart, bstewart@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

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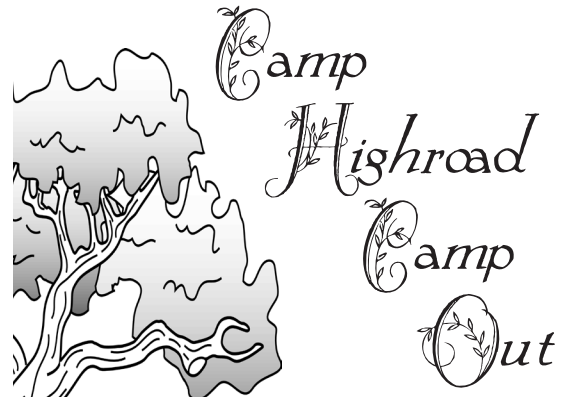
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Help the youth pay for their summer mission trip: purchase an AUMC magnet for your car by making a suggested donation of \$5. Magnets are available in the church office.



Camp Highroad camp out and camp cleanup reservations are due May 1. AUMC's Camp Highroad Camp Out will be May 15-17. Families, groups and individuals are needed 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. Cost is \$20/night/person for inside lodging or \$15/night/person for tent space. Contact Mark Bradley Bradleyfam@aol.com.



WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, Apr. 26

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. J. Maxwell, K. Redden, S. Naugle;

9:30 a.m. M. Pearson; 10:30 a.m. W. Ward

Welcome Desk: 8:30 a.m. J. Brooks, 11 a.m. A. Gribben

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. J. Clarke, J. Haymaker, S. Naugle, K. Sabo (c)

11 a.m. C. Jones, C. Jones, C. Perdue, P. Shockley(c)

Sunday, May 3

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. R. Hampton, W. Lord;

9:30 a.m. D. Ruhter; 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson

Welcome Desk: 8:30 a.m. L. Miller, V. Cannon;

11 a.m. K. Nietzey

Sunday, May 10

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. J. Beyer, E. Wilson;

9:30 a.m. B. Otto; 10:30 a.m. W. Ward

Welcome Desk: 8:30 a.m. J. Lord; 11 a.m. K. Nietzey

Sunday, May 17

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. J. Vance, S. Naugle;

9:30 a.m. M. Pearson; 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson

Welcome Desk: 8:30 a.m. S. Kenski; 11 A. Gribben

NEXT DEADLINE:

Friday, May 8 is the deadline for the May 19 Witness which covers May 24 and 31 and June 7, 14, and 21.