

AUMC WITNESS

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

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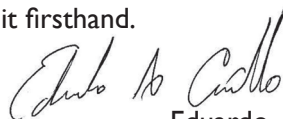
God's Camp - Discovering Faith

Summer is here if you haven't noticed! The sun is shining bright and temperature is rising. As for me, I visit the ice cream aisle regularly. I'm reminded to drink water constantly so I don't suffer from dehydration; please remember to drink plenty of water.

But summer also reminds me of my experience as a child in Vacation Bible School (VBS). I remember the many crafts I did, the many lessons I learned and the friends I got to meet. It was a time of learning and a great opportunity for the church to be learning from one another.

For this year the theme for VBS will be "God's Camp—Discovering Faith." I learn by seeing, I digest knowledge better if I have an item to relate to a particular lesson. For example, have you ever thought about being spiritually dehydrated? How or from where do we replenish our strength? You will find the answer in John 4:14. What about shining truth, hope, or love in the world: who or what is our source? The answer is in John 8:12. These are just a couple of examples of the things the children at AUMC will learn during VBS. Can you imagine for a moment what difference this knowledge could make in the life a child? Even better, what difference has this understanding of God's love made in your life? VBS makes a difference in people's lives, not just the children, but those who volunteer as teachers and helpers as well.

I invite you to pray for the AUMC VBS, for the teachers, helpers, organizers, but above all for the young lives that will be equipped in God's Camp by discovering faith. You are also invited to consider joining and see it firsthand.



Eduardo

AUMC is headed to God's Camp! Vacation Bible School, July 20-24, 9 a.m. – noon, will be a week of fun, friendship, and learning! All week we will discover God's faithful presence in our everyday lives; we'll follow Moses and the people through the dangers of the wilderness, discovering how God is there every step of the way. We'll learn to trust in God's presence and provision as Jesus shows us how to be the light of the world! We'll explore the Tabernacle, the tent for God, built as a place of worship to house God in their midst. Every day will be an adventure in how God guides and provides. God's Camp-Discovering Faith, will be filled with fun and engaging activities for children, from pitching tents and learning survival skills, creative craft projects and interesting science lessons, to joyful music and puppet shows. Sign up your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends to be a part of God's Camp! God's Camp is for children age 3 (as of Sept. 30, 2014) – 4th grade. To register as a camper or volunteer, visit www.annandale-umc.org or for more information, contact Becki Stewart at bstewart@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

VBS Mission Project: Tending the FIRE (Food Is Really Essential!) at God's Camp! How wonderful would it be if everyone had a good start to their day! The Vacation Bible School Mission project is the collection of boxes/bags of dry cereal for the food ministries at Safe Haven, ACCA, and the Heritage Drive food distribution site. Children are asked to bring a box of cereal every day during VBS. The congregation will be invited to bring cereal on Sundays July 19 and 26 to contribute to the collection. The goal is 400 boxes or bags of cereal. Any kind of breakfast cereals (except oatmeal) are welcome. Donation bins will be in the Atrium.

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THE SPIRIT IS MOVING



Cool air. Proper ventilation. Comfortable humidity. AUMC is conducting The Spirit is Moving campaign to provide these comfort and safety qualities which had not been adequate primarily for users of the building's Lower Level over the past few years. Affected areas include the Media Center, the Music Room, the Lower Atrium, and the Child Development Center. The AUMC Board of Trustees has devoted considerable time and resources to evaluating the issues, repairing and replacing equipment, and installing a new computer control system. These Phase I improvements have also helped improve the overall performance of the heating and air-conditioning system throughout the building. However, additional work is needed to make the system fully functional and efficient. The Trustees have proposed an initial set of Phase II improvements that need to be addressed as soon as possible, including replacing valves, new pump room equipment, repairing or replacing air handler unit controllers, and other system refinements.

The cost of the Phase I and Phase II projects is \$450,000. The Spirit is Moving campaign is being conducted to raise \$300,000 of that amount over the next two years, July 2015 – June 2017. In addition, the AUMC Foundation has distributed \$100,000 to this project and the Trustees have allocated \$50,000 of available emergency funds to fully fund the \$450,000 project.

AUMC's facilities are used extensively every week, touching our membership and community with the love of Christ. Adequate heating and air-conditioning are critical to our hospitality. Please prayerfully consider at what level you can support this campaign with second-mile giving above and beyond your regular operating budget support. All gifts, whether annual, monthly, or weekly are appreciated. Some members have already been contributing to the HVAC project through their weekly giving envelopes. Members should receive commitment cards in the mail during the week of June 21. The Spirit is Moving Commitment Sunday is June 28; however, commitments will be gratefully received at any time during the two-year campaign. The Spirit is indeed moving at Annandale UMC!

CONNECT

Young Adults will meet for lunch and discussion June 28, July 12 and 26 at 12:30 p.m. in room 210. Light lunch will be provided. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Rev. Eduardo Carrillo, ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org.

Awesome August at AUMC: Fun and fellowship and "something for everyone"! Stay connected with church members (and friends) and participate in hands-on mission projects during August. One worship service will be held on Sundays in August at 10:30 a.m., followed by mission, fellowship, and fun activities. Sunday School will be held at 9:30 a.m. Here's the schedule: Aug. 2: lunch at AUMC and Promised Land Quartet; Aug. 9, AUMC at the Washington Nationals baseball game; Aug. 16, church picnic and softball game; Aug. 23: Singalong Movie Night Under the Stars; Aug. 30: Stop Hunger Now food packaging event. For the Aug. 2 lunch, a \$5 donation is requested. Tickets for the Nationals baseball game are \$20 each and can be purchased between worship services Sunday mornings and at the office during the week.

Wear an AUMC t-shirt in the community: Purple AUMC t-shirts are available for \$10 each in the church office. All sizes: children, youth and adult.

Help the Youth! AUMC car magnets are available for a suggested donation of \$5 each as a fund raiser for AUMC's summer Youth Mission Trip. (Please pay by check or with exact change.) The magnets can be bought in the church office on weekdays. The Youth appreciate your support!

DATEBOOK

- June 25** – First day of Summer Sandwich project
- July 12-18** – Youth Mission Trip
- July 20-14** – Vacation Bible School
- July 27-31** – Youth Week
- Aug 2** – BBQ lunch and concert
- Aug 9** – AUMC at Nats' Game
- Aug 16** – Picnic in the park
- Aug 23** – Singalong and Movies
- Aug 30** – Stop Hunger Now



SERVE

2015 Lenten mission project goal reached!

Thank you to the entire congregation for your support of the 2015 Lenten mission Project. Our adjusted goal of \$90,000 has been reached! With the reduction in the operating budget, these funds are critical to the ongoing missions of our church - mostly right here in Annandale. On behalf of the missions committee, the children fed at Poe Middle School, the many folks supported by ACCA, those fed by Stop Hunger Now, campers at Camp Highroad, Jim Mumford (our 100,000 homes recipient) and our mission partners in Haiti, Brazil and Mozambique, we say THANK YOU!

Help ensure that AUMC receives the support needed for operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer: sign up for eGiving! Visit www.annandale-umc.org and click on the Online Giving button. Increased participation will help stabilize our church's finances during the summer when many are away. Thank you for your support with your time, talent, and treasure!

Recycle more: AUMC's Earth and Spirit Bible Class is collaborating with a private firm to collect specific items to be recycled and then converted to new products ("upcycled"). Collection boxes are on a table in the hallway outside Wright Hall. Items that can be recycled are tape dispensers and cores (Scotch tape reels) and specific personal care items: mouthwash bottles and caps, deodorant containers and caps, toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers, and toothbrushes. It is important that all items are clean! There is a potential for a small donation to AUMC if the amount of items collected is substantial.

Fall food service at Poe: We ended another great and successful year serving evening meals to students at Poe Middle School during the past school year, and are looking for volunteers for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. The commitment would be prepping, serving or going shopping one Tuesday per month. Contact Sheila Kyer at 703-981-6080 or Sheila.Kyer@dbhds.virginia.gov.

Go on the ASP mission trip to Brenton, WVA, with the Appalachian Service Project (ASP), scheduled for 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 seven-day trip is \$450 and includes transportation, lodging, meals and all construction materials. Cost for the shorter trip is \$300. Email John Clarke, clarkehj1@gmail.com. Commitments are needed with a nonrefundable deposit by **July 1**.

Help out at the Heritage Drive Campus!

Heritage Drive Service Project: July 17 and 18.

We are going to renovate the existing food/book storage area at the Heritage Drive fellowship hall. On Friday, at 9 a.m., we need volunteers to help move all of the items located behind the temporary wall/curtain area. On Saturday at 8 a.m. we are going to remove the existing chancel/stage area entirely. We will be constructing a permanent wall with lockable doors and permanent shelving. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please contact the church office at 703 256 8330 or send an email to office@annandale-UMC.org. Breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be provided.

Help make sandwiches: helpers are needed to make 800 sandwiches and pack 80 bags every Thursday at 3 p.m. beginning June 25 at the Heritage Drive campus, 7901 Heritage Drive., to help Moms feed their kids who normally eat free lunch at school during the school year. The Summer Sandwich Project is a fun activity with stand-up and sit-down jobs that anyone can join in. For more information, call Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424, or just show up any Thursday. Help distribute food to neighbors in need at Heritage campus every Thursday, 5 - 7 p.m.

Reuse plastic grocery bags by donating them to the food distribution site on the Heritage Campus. Place clean, dry, plastic grocery bags in the Heritage Campus box under the coat rack or bring to the office.

Hablas español? Spanish speakers are needed to assist on Thursdays at the food distribution site at the Heritage Drive campus. Many families who visit the site are Spanish speakers and need someone who can translate and explain the process or help fill out forms. During the school year, high school students often assist, but during the summer, most of the students are not available. If you can give an hour or two on some Thursdays from 5:30 - 7 p.m. please call Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424.

Donate food: The first Sunday of every month (next time July 5) is food collection for the ACCA food pantry and the third Sunday of every month (July 19) is food collection for the Heritage Drive food distribution site. Bring non-perishable canned and boxed food for our neighbors in need. If you miss designated Sundays, food collection boxes are located by the church office and the coat racks near the Sanctuary.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., June 23	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Wed., July 1	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., July 7	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., July 14	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., July 21	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 302

School Supplies Drive: During Awesome August, help local children get a strong start on the next school year! Bring the following items (new) to the collection box in the atrium: crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, notebook paper, folders, other basic supplies. These will be distributed to families in need.

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GROW

Have you been attending AUMC but have not joined? Come to the New Member Class “Brownies with Brown”, which will meet on Sundays in July at 9:45 a.m. in room 212C. The class, taught by Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr., 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. For more information, call 703-256-8330.

Devotional booklets, Upper Room Readers, are available from AUMC and are located in the brochure racks by the front door. To help off-set the costs, those who take the Readers are requested to contribute \$5. Checks should be made payable to AUMC with “Upper Room Reader” in the note line.

The Annandale Book Lovers will meet July 19 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome!

Volunteer as shepherds and center leaders at AUMC’s Vacation Bible School “God’s Camp – Discovering Faith” July 20-24, 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Becki Stewart, 703-256-8330 or bstewart@annandale-umc.org.

Support AUMC Preschool Programs by saving box tops, and labels. Bring in “Box Tops for Education” labels from General Mills products and “Labels for Education” from Campbell’s Soup products, and deposit in the marked box by door #2.

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, June 28

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. S. Fleming, J. Beyer;

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

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, A. Cogswell, R. Roberts,
S. Fleming (c)

11 a.m. A. Bretzfelder, L. Bretzfelder, R. Gallagher,
P. Snitzer(c)

Sunday, July 5

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

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

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. S. Kenski, S. Naugle, R. Gordon,
E. McKenney (c)

11 a.m. W. Annan, P. Straub, J. Thomas, P. Adams (c)

Sunday, July 12

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

9:30 a.m. D. Ruhter; 10:30 a.m. W. Ward

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, J. Clarke, G. Sherfey,
P. Sherfey (c)

11 a.m. R. Gallagher, C. Jones, C. Jones,
R. Gordon (c)

Sunday, July 19

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. S. Fleming;

9:30 a.m. B. Otto, M. Pearson; 10:30 a.m. D.

Johnson

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. J. Haymaker, R. Roberts, G. Sherfey,
P. Sherfey (c)

11 a.m. W. Annan, A. Grier, R. Witkowski,
P. Snitzer(c)

NEXT DEADLINE:

Friday, July 10 is the deadline for the July 21 Witness which covers July 26 and August 2, 9, and 16.