



AUMC WITNESS

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From Awesome August to Spectacular September, exciting programs for all!

- Aug 23** – Movie Night
- Aug 30** – Stop Hunger Now
- Sept. 2** – Adult Choir rehearsal resumes
- Sept. 6** – two worship services resume
- Sept. 9** – Adult Choir open house, 7:15 p.m.
- Sept. 13** – Connect Sunday: Children’s Ministry Promotion/Parent orientation; Children’s Sunday School and Young Adult class resume
- Sept. 20** – Academy Convocation; Children’s chapel and children’s choirs resume.



Academy of Discipleship Annandale United Methodist Church

CONVOCATION



Convocation Preacher:
The Rev. Dr. Robert Martin, Ph.D. Dean and Professor of Christian Formation and Leadership, Wesley Theological Seminary

Sunday, Sept. 20.
Worship: 8:30/11 a.m.
Combined Adult Class with Dr. Martin 9:45 a.m.; Sanctuary

The Academy of Discipleship will hold its ninth annual Convocation on Sunday, September 20. Our Convocation Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Robert Martin is Wesley’s dean and professor of Christian formation and leadership. An ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, he holds an M.Div and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Th.M. from Harvard Divinity School. He is particularly honored to take part in Wesley’s mission to help shape the church’s future leaders. Martin has served as an associate professor of church leadership and practical theology at Saint Paul School of Theology and an assistant professor of religious education at Yale Divinity School.

ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, Sept. 13
following both services
Register for Academy of Discipleship classes at www.annandale-umc.org/



Start of program year for Children’s Ministry:

+Sept. 13 – Promotion and Welcome: Begin a new program year with a gathering of families with children at 9:45 a.m. Activities will include promotion for children ages 3

years (as of Sept. 30, 2015) – 5th grade; blessing of children, Parent Orientation, Sunday School classroom visits, children meet teachers and classmates; register and sign up for programs and activities.

+Sept. 20 - Sunday School classes resume for children; Children’s choirs and Chapel (11 a.m. service) resume.

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AFTER PENTECOST



“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teachings, fellowship, and the breaking of bread, and prayer... And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

- Acts 2:42-46

Every Sunday, from the Day of Pentecost almost to Advent, many churches count the Sundays after Pentecost. It’s written in the liturgical calendar, lectionary planning resources, and even in our church bulletin. This seemingly interminable season of the year is known as Ordinary Time as it counts the ordinals from the first to the twenty-fifth Sunday “after Pentecost.”

But what really happened after Pentecost? What transpired in early Christianity following the Day of Pentecost? Earlier this month, I posed this question as a presenter at the New York-Washington Annual Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The conference theme was “Multiplying Disciples and Adding Churches.” I proposed to the conference that if we want to multiply disciples and grow our churches, we need look no further than the period after Pentecost.

On the Day of Pentecost in the New Testament, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples like tongues of fire and they began to speak in tongues. Peter preached from the prophet Joel, proclaiming that God would pour out God’s spirit on all flesh; sons and daughters would prophecy, there would be dreams and visions, and all who called on the name of The Lord would be saved. On that miraculous day, about 3,000 people were baptized and joined their movement.

In the immediate aftermath of Pentecost, the text tells us that they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teachings, fellowship, and the breaking of bread, and prayer. They gathered in the temple and in small groups, known as house churches. They witnessed signs and wonders, cared for the poor, and welcomed new people who were being saved.

In sum, discipleship happened after Pentecost. Discipleship is the process of forming and transforming people into committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Discipleship includes

Do you enjoying singing? Have you considered joining the church choir? A fun-filled, musically-focused AUMC Adult Choir Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 25-27 at Camp Highroad, a popular Methodist camp located near Middleburg, VA. For registration and fee details, contact Pat Vaughn, pvaughn@annandale-umc.org or Barbara Gordon, bgordon@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330. Regular rehearsals resume in September for adults, youth, children and bells. A choir open house is scheduled for Sept. 9, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Pat Vaughn.

study, fellowship, personal devotion, and answering the call to service. Discipleship may begin in corporate worship, but is deepened through small group study and fellowship as well as one-on-one mentoring and shepherding.

Dallas Willard calls discipleship the “great omission” of the church today. In our fast paced culture, many people rely solely on church attendance as a measure of spiritual commitment. Even many churches measure church attendance and membership as a mark of growth and progress.

But this was not the calling of Jesus nor was it the way of the early church. In the great commission, Jesus calls his followers to go make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey all that Jesus commanded. In the Epistle to the Ephesians, the early Christian community is instructed “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” The teaching and equipping modeled by the early church requires more than church attendance, more than membership. Indeed, it is a call to discipleship.

This fall, as AUMC classes and small groups begin, we encourage you to make discipleship a priority in your life. We pray that the Holy Spirit will fill you anew with a burning desire to devote yourselves to the teachings of Jesus, the apostles, and other teachers of the faith. We invite you to commit to a bible study or small group and to answer the call to service. Then we can truly experience the blessings of God that occur after Pentecost.

Blessings,

Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver

Calling all Tutors – AUMC will be back for its 3rd year of tutoring this fall at the Heritage campus. Volunteers are needed to serve as tutors, readers, snack providers, and administrative helpers. The program begins in mid-September and meets Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. The program helps 1st – 8th graders with a focus on homework and reading. Contact Jerry Beyer, 703-399-1395, or the church office, 703-256-8330, if you are willing to serve or have questions.

Feed the hungry: Help make 800 sandwiches and pack 80 bags Thursday, Aug. 20, 27 and Sept. 3 at 3 p.m. at the Heritage Drive campus, 7901 Heritage Drive., for kids who eat free lunch during the school year. Distribute food to neighbors in need every Thursday, 5-7 p.m., year-round, at Heritage campus. Contact Betsy Clevenger, 703-425-6424, for more info. Both stand up and sit down tasks available.

CIRCLE NEWS

DEBORAH: Mon., Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m., AUMC Rm 210.

LYDIA: Thurs., Sept., 10, 10 a.m., AUMC Rm 209.

MARTHA: Mon., Sept., 26, 1 p.m., Fellowship Hall at Heritage Drive Campus. Prog.: Betsy Clevenger will present the program to be followed by a short, hands-on service project. Dev.: Betsy Clevenger. Light refreshments will be served.

M&M's: Sat., Sept. 19, 8 a.m., at the home of Pat Sherfey.

SARAH ELIZABETH: Sun., Sept., 13, 1 p.m., AUMC Rm 209.

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

"The Role of Spirituality in Healing Victims of Human Trafficking" is the title of a seminar hosted by the AUMC Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force on Sept. 19. The seminar will be offered by Restoration Ministries of Washington, DC, a non-profit, faith-based service provider to victims of human trafficking. The seminar topic is "Good News about Shame: Healing the Emotional Wound of Trauma," and the presenter will be Curt Thompson, M.D., a psychiatrist in private practice in Falls Church. Dr. Thompson will address the nature of shame as it is manifested in trafficking victims; how it affects the brain; and the role of spirituality in healing. This seminar is available to AUMC church members and the community at large. The seminar will be held in the sanctuary from 8:45 a.m. – noon. Register to attend with Restoration Ministries at <http://ministeringtosurvivors.bpt.me/>. The fee is \$50

Feed the children: Volunteers will be needed to serve evening meals to children at Poe Middle School beginning in September. The commitment would be prepping, serving or going shopping one Tuesday per month. If interested, contact Sheila Kyer, 703-981-6080 or Sheila.Kyer@dbhds.virginia.gov.

New Member Class

Brownies with Brown will meet Sept. 27, 9:45 a.m. in room 212C. The class, taught by Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr., is a time of exploration of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ at AUMC. Topics range from Wesleyan Theology to United Methodism 101; from Stewardship to Spiritual Gifts.

Have you been attending AUMC but have not joined?

Contact Dottie Rogerson, drogerson@annandale-umc.org or call 703-256-8330, for membership information.

Young Adults will meet Sept. 13 and 27, 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 (lunch provided).

Don't Need It? We'll Take It!

- **Boxes and cans of non-perishable food** will be collected for the ACCA pantry on Sunday, Sept. 6, and for the Heritage campus food distribution site on Sunday, Sept. 20.

- **Sheets and towels (any size), cooking utensils, and children's clothing** are needed for Shelter House in marked boxes under the coat rack.

- **Clean children's clothing** donations are welcomed for the Children's Clothing Closet, Heritage Campus (donation box under coat rack).

- **New school supplies** (crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, paper) are being collected to help local children get a good head start on a new school year. Collection box is located on the table in the Atrium, or bring items to the church office.

- **Used books** will be collected for the United Methodist Men's annual book sale in November as part of the UMW Bazaar. Save your books until October when collections will begin. Questions: contact Jerry Beyer at 703-399-1395 or the church office at 703-256-8330.

- **Tape dispensers and cores (Scotch tape reels), mouthwash bottles and caps, deodorant containers and caps, toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers, and toothbrushes** are being collected in the boxes in front of Wright Hall by the Earth and Spirit group for recycling. It is important that all items are clean before left in the collection boxes! A private company "upcycles" the items collected for other uses. There is a potential for a small donation to AUMC from the firm if the amount of items collected is substantial.

- **Plastic grocery bags** are needed for the food distribution site on the Heritage Campus. Place clean, dry, plastic grocery bags in the box under the coat rack or bring to the office.

- **"Box Tops for Education"** labels from General Mills products and **"Labels for Education"** from Campbell's Soup products, are being collected in the marked box by door #2 to support AUMC Preschool programs. If you have a Safeway rewards card, log on to www.escrip.com, go to "sign up", register your Safeway card, and select the AUMC Preschool Group ID #149029884. If you have a Harris Teeter savings card, give the cashier the AUMC Preschool Code #1481 or the Child Development Center code #5814 during checkout and AUMC Preschool will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand purchases. These programs reward customers by providing funds to the Preschool.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Aug. 25	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues, Sept. 1	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., Sept. 2	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Sept. 8	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Sept. 8	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., Sept. 15	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., Sept. 22	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210

The Annandale Book Lovers will meet on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor to discuss *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriania Trigiani. On Sept. 20, the group will meet to discuss *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick. Everyone is welcome!

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The Spirit is Moving Campaign Update

Supporting HVAC Repairs: July 2015 – June 2017

Total Commitments: \$293,477

Total Contributions through July 31, 2015: \$73,817

If you have not made a commitment, please prayerfully consider doing so by using a green commitment card in the pew racks or contacting Garry Bell, gbell@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330. Make checks payable to Annandale UMC with "HVAC" on the memo line and designating the gift for "HVAC" on your giving envelope. E-giving donations through the Online Giving button on the AUMC website should also specify "HVAC". Thank you for helping Annandale UMC to serve our congregation and the community in a safe and comfortable environment.

Everyone is welcome to attend Centering Prayer, 9:30 a.m. Mondays in room 308. If you are seeking a meaningful way to begin the week in a quiet place away from the busy pace of life, Centering Prayer may serve your needs. This time includes a practice of silence in which we open the mind and heart to God's transforming work. We support one another and discuss a short piece of spiritual wisdom.

AUMC's Child Development Center has openings for an infant, toddler (one year old), and a three year old beginning in September. For details, call 703-256-1772. The Weekday Preschool also has a few openings for 3 and 4 year olds.

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Single Service Sunday, August 23

Door greeters: J. Maxwell, K. Redden, D. Ruhter, W. Ward

Welcome Desk: J. Brooks

Ushers: S. Chase, J. Clarke, J. Thomas, R. Witkowski (c)

Single Service Sunday, August 30

Door greeters: S. Fleming, R. Hampton, B. Otto, D. Johnson

Welcome Desk: A. Lohr

Ushers: J. Haymaker, P. Thomas, G. Rothman, S. Fleming (c)

Two-Service Sunday, September 6

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

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

Welcome Desk: ???

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. ??? (c)

11 a.m. ??? (c)

Two-Service Sunday, September 13

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. E. Wilson, C. Cox,

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

Welcome Desk: ???

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. ??? (c)

11 a.m. ??? (c)

Two-Service Sunday, September 20

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

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

Welcome Desk: ???

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. ??? (c)

11 a.m. ???(c)

NEXT DEADLINE:

Friday, Sept. 11 is the deadline for the Sept. 22 Witness which covers Sept. 27 and Oct. 4, 11, and 18.