

AUMC WITNESS

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

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REJOICE, I WILL SAY IT AGAIN, REJOICE!

Dear friends, it is with great joy that I write you today. Awesome August activities were a success, I'm forever thankful for the help, the presence, the willingness of all of you to be a part of this endeavor. But let's be real, some of you must be thinking "how much did we spend in all the activities?" Let me put your heart at ease real quick and fast by saying we didn't spend any money in the activities. By putting your heart at ease now I want you to join me in celebration and thanksgiving to our God! Why so? August has a hidden agenda, we want to make sure we, AUMC, grow in community with each other.

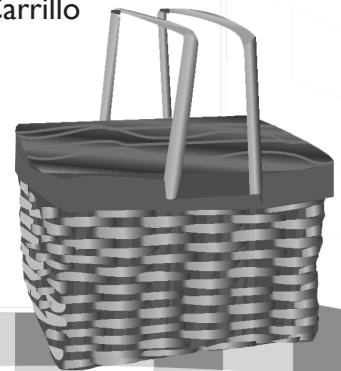
My prayer is that we grow **vertically and horizontally**. By that I mean growth in your relationship with God and in your relationship with your neighbor is of great importance. It is clear that we are not going to be able to join in and participate in all the events but in all the ways you participated, I want to assure you that people notice, and for that I give thanks to God because you embody hospitality and community. Psalm 133:1 says it best but allow me to sprinkle some Eduardo-ism to David's writings "behold, watch, check it out! How **AWESOME** is for our brothers and sisters, old and young, saints and sinners to be in community with each other!" It is through our actions that we emulate and show Christ's heart that is loving, caring and welcoming. It is through our community life that others see Christ.

I wish I had a few more pages to list all the names who were involved in coordinating, planning, selling tickets, in publications, cooking, laughing at the associate pastor as I tried to hit a ball with a stick. Indeed, Christ is in all

and through all. I have only **joy** when I see you being in community. And if I should boast, I will boast of Christ alone...And it is through Christ and your open hearts that we didn't spend anything that was not already set apart (i.e. Stop Hunger Now) but we were able to send off the quartet The Promised Land with a generous love offering, missions received a blessing as they invested in concessions and pizza, and the youth group were blessed during the bake sale by all of you! If you haven't received the message, let me say it plainly-- God is so good, for your participating in any big or small way, here at AUMC we thank you and bless you.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, **Rejoice**. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.


Rev. Eduardo Carrillo



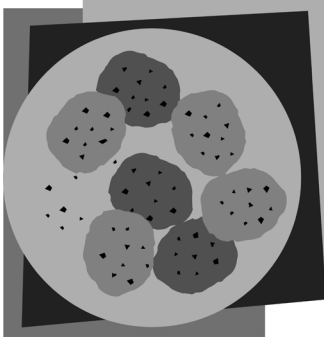
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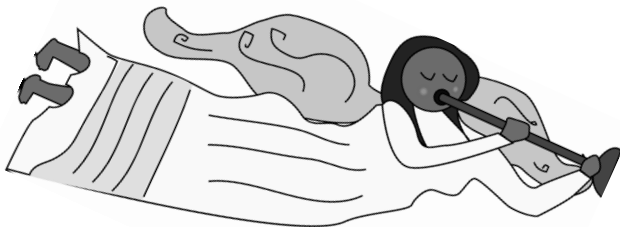


Kairos Cookies: The Kairos Prison Ministry Team is preparing to share God's love again for the men at Greenville Correctional Center, Oct. 15 – 18. The Annandale UMC team members are responsible for providing 800 dozen cookies! Cookies are a tangible and meaningful expression of our love for the inmates. 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, Oct. 4. Other church members and team members will do the baking! Place cookies, one dozen per quart freezer bag, in the AUMC kitchen freezer by Sunday, Oct. 11, and label them "Kairos Cookies." Contact Ed Jones at 703-300-0113 if you have questions.

Continuing the series on Alpha,

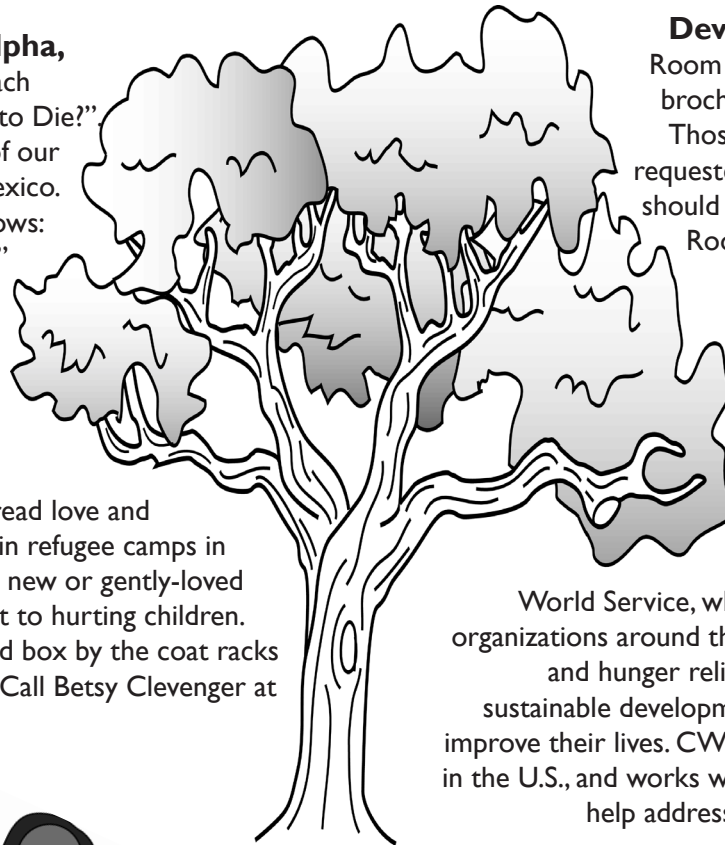
Rev. Eduardo Carrillo, Sr., will preach Sept. 27 on "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" The senior Carrillo is the father of our associate pastor and resides in Mexico. Upcoming sermons will be as follows: Oct. 4, "How Can We Have Faith?" (World Communion Sunday); Oct. 11, "Why and How Do I Pray?" (Laity Sunday); Oct. 18, "How Do I Read the Bible?" (Children's Sabbath).

Teddy Bear Brigade: help spread love and comfort to children orphaned or in refugee camps in third-world countries by donating new or gently-loved stuffed animals to provide comfort to hurting children. Place the stuffed animals in marked box by the coat racks or Atrium by Oct. 11. Questions? Call Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424.



Blessing of the Animals: Oct. 11, 2 p.m.

Bring Oscar, Savannah, Ginger, Fido, Nemo and Daffy for blessings from Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, Jr. The blessings will be given on the lawn in front of the church by the middle ramp door.



Devotional booklets, Upper Room Readers, are available in the brochure racks by the front door.

Those who take the Readers are requested to contribute \$5. Checks should be made to AUMC, "Upper Room Reader" in the note line.

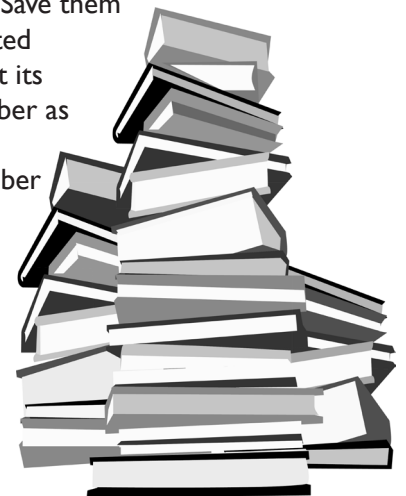
The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk

will be held on Oct. 17 at Lake Accotink Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. near the marina. The CROP Hunger Walk raises funds for Church

World Service, which partners with Christian organizations around the world to provide disaster and hunger relief, refugee resettlement and sustainable development projects to help people improve their lives. CWS also responds to disasters in the U.S., and works with partner organizations to help address hunger and poverty locally.

Share your books: if you can't bear to toss old books, we have a solution for you. Save them

(but not forever)! The United Methodist Men will conduct its annual book sale in November as part of the UMW bazaar. Save your books until October when collections will begin for the bazaar. Questions: contact Jerry Beyer at 703-399-1395 or the church office at 703-256-8330.



CIRCLE NEWS

M&M Circle is hosting Welcome to the World party for Amelia Harrington, newborn daughter of Seminary Intern, Jim Harrington and wife, Kathy, Sept. 26, 2 p.m., at the home of Jerry and Margaret Bruce 930 N. Chambliss St. Alexandria. All men and women are invited. RSVP by Sept. 23 to Margaret Bruce, 571-314-3102 or Cyndi Jones 571 212-8824. The M&M's regular meeting will be Sat., Oct. 17, the same date as the AUMW Fall Gathering, so all sisters are encouraged to attend the Gathering.

DEBORAH will not meet in October. All sisters are encouraged to attend the AUMW Fall Gathering.

LYDIA: Thurs., Oct. 8, 10 a.m., AUMC Rm. 209. Prog.: Collecting food items for the Fall Gathering and planning for the Bazaar. Hostesses: Sherri Kenski and Sindi Keplinger. Dev.: Shirley Bailey.

MARTHA: TBD

SARAH ELIZABETH: Sun., Oct. 11, 1 p.m., AUMC Rm. 209. Prog: service project.

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

Local mission

opportunity:

volunteer as a tutor or reader, snack provider or administrative helper for AUMC's tutoring program on Wednesdays from 3:45 – 5:30 p.m. at the Heritage Campus, 7901 Heritage Drive. The program focuses on homework and reading for students who attend Braddock and Annandale Terrace Elementary schools and Poe Intermediate School. Contact Jerry Beyer, 703-399-1395 if you are willing to serve in our tutoring program or if you have questions.

Hablas español?

Spanish speakers are needed 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. If you can help on Thursdays from 5:30 – 7 p.m. please call Betsy Clevenger at 703-425-6424.

Feed the Hungry!

- **The ACCA food pantry** needs to be restocked. Sunday, Oct. 4, is collection Sunday for ACCA. The Heritage campus food distribution site also needs donations. Sunday, Oct. 18, is collection Sunday for the Heritage food site. Bring boxes and cans of non-perishable food to the Atrium.

- Volunteers are needed to **distribute food** every Thursday, 5-7 p.m., at Heritage campus. Both stand up and sit down tasks available.

- Help us **serve evening meals** to children at Poe Middle School! Volunteers prep, serve meals, or go shopping one Tuesday per month. Contact Sheila Kyer at Sheila.Kyer@dbhds.virginia.gov or 703-981-6080.

Come Join a Class!

The Annandale Book Lovers will meet on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor to discuss any of the Tea Shop mysteries by Laura Childs. Everyone is welcome!

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 and to spend more time with God, 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. All are welcome from those with experience to those new to the practice. We support one another and discuss a short piece of spiritual wisdom.

New Member Class Brownies with Brown will meet Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 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.

Young Adults will meet Sept. 27, Oct. 11 and 25 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 (lunch provided).

United Methodist Women's Fall Gathering on Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. in Wright Hall. All women welcome! The program will be Hands-on mission projects.

United Methodist Men steak dinner will be Thursday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m. All men are invited! RSVP to Gary FitzGibbon, gary@garyfitzgibbon.com or 703-963-8707.

AUMC's Child Development Center has openings for toddlers and three year olds. For information call 703-256-1772.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues, Oct. 6	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., Oct. 7	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Oct. 13	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Oct. 13	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., Oct. 20	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 302

DATEBOOK

Sept. 25-27 – Adult Choir retreat **Oct. 17** – UMW Fall Gathering
Oct. 4 – GS Kids **Oct. 22** – UMM Dinner
Oct. 11 – Pet Blessing **Oct. 24** – Annandale Parade

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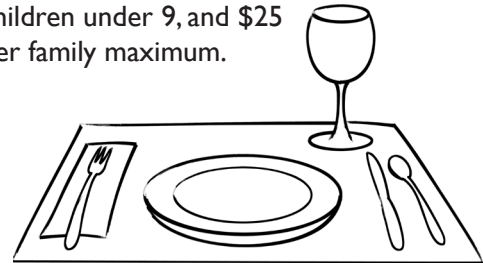
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Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinners and programs will be held on Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2 and 16, at 6 p.m. Register for dinner on the pew pad on Sundays or by noon on the prior Monday either online at www.annandale-umc.org, by contacting Joyce Kitzmiller: jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or calling 703-256-8330. The menu and programs for October are:

Oct 7: main dish pot luck. Everyone should bring a main dish or a side dish; a green salad and a dessert (peach/pineapple dump cake) will be provided. The program, provided by Dr. Brown entitled “Brownie Bites”, will be an open conversation about mission and ministry. Cost: free; a love offering will be taken.

Oct. 21: green salad, white chicken chili, elbow noodles, corn bread, pumpkin fluff with ginger snaps for dessert; children's menu: macaroni and cheese. Program provided by Rev. Johnson-Oliver. The meal price is \$8 per person, \$3 for children under 9, and \$25 per family maximum.



WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, September 27

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. S. Fleming, J. Beyer
 9:30 a.m. M. Pearson; 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson
Welcome Desk: 8:30 a.m. S. Kyer, S. Keplinger;
 11 a.m. K. Nietzey
Fellowship Hours: Bible Fellowship/Lydia Circle
Ushers: 8:30 a.m. J. Haymaker, G. Sherfey,
 R. Gordon, P. Sherfey(c)
 11 a.m. S. Fleming, R. Gallagher,
 C. Perdue, R. Witkowski(c)

Sunday, October 4

Welcome Desk: 8:30 a.m. S. Kyer, S. Keplinger;
 11 a.m. A. Gribben
Fellowship Hours: In His Steps/Issues in Christianity
Ushers: 8:30 a.m. A. Cogswell, S. Kenski,
 K. Sabo, E. McKenney (c)
 11 a.m. W. Annan, C. Perdue, P. Straub, P. Snitzer (c)

Sunday, October 11

Welcome Desk: 8:30 a.m. V. Cannon,
 11 a.m. M. Cavanagh
Fellowship Hours: Deborah Circle/Funeral Ministry
Ushers: 8:30 a.m. S. Chase, J. Clarke,
 G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey (c)
 11 a.m. S. Fleming, R. Gallagher,
 R. Witkowski, R. Gordon (c)

Sunday, October 18

Welcome Desk: 8:30 a.m. M. McCarthy;
 11 a.m. K. Nietzey
Fellowship Hours: United Methodist Men
Ushers: 8:30 a.m. J. Haymaker, S. Kenski,
 G. Sherfey, P. Sherfey (c)
 11 a.m. A. Bretzfelder, L. Bretzfelder,
 P. Straub, P. Shockley, P. Adams(c)

NEXT DEADLINE:

Friday, Oct. 9 is the deadline for the Oct. 21 Witness which covers Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, 8, and 15.