



AUMC WITNESS

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

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Commitment

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior!

I was musing the other day on an old joke. You may have heard it before. I had to do with a breakfast plate. On the plate were eggs and ham. The punch line was: "The chicken participated; the pig was committed."

A simple definition, I suppose, is a pledge or agreement to do something. That is what we do in many ways (e.g. loans and contracts, etc.). But there is a very special one we make as Christians.

When the Holy Spirit moves us to acts of contrition and repentance, it also subsequently moves us to joy and new life because of the assurance we are given that our sins are forgiven and we are welcomed into a new community of love, support, encouragement and accountability. We give a pledge, a commitment, to be full participants in that community. We commit to supporting it with our time, our talents, our gifts and our service. That commitment is the beginning of a lifelong journey.

Along that journey are many challenges. Those occur when God interrupts and change is necessitated. We must decide among many things that compete for our attention and our resources. We are challenged to re-prioritize, to let go of some cherished things and grab hold of some others.



The good news is that we are transformed in the transition; our spirits are revived, our vision gets clear, our relationships are enlivened. We are committed. I write this today because we are in a season of discernment and commitment. I invite you to this process of clarification and commitment with me.

Breakfast is served!

Yours for a vital witness to Christ,

Clarence
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COMING ON SUNDAY

Church-wide pot luck lunch and chili cook-off on Sunday, Oct. 25, following one worship service at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to enter the chili cook-off, contact Rev. Carrillo, ecarrillo@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

Upcoming sermons will continue with the thoughtful series on Alpha "Why Am I Here?" On Oct. 25, AUMC member (and pianist) Justin Dean will present a message on "God's Guidance". (Note: one service on Oct. 25 at 10:30 a.m.) On Nov. 1 (All Saints Sunday), Jim Harrington, Seminary Intern, will provide a message "Resisting Evil". Nov. 8 is Commitment Sunday and Dr. Brown will preach on "Faith Sharing". Nov. 15 Rev. Johnson-Oliver will preach on "Healing".

New Member Class Brownies with Brown will meet Oct. 25, Nov. 8, 15, 22 and 29 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 AUMC. Topics range from Wesleyan Theology to United Methodism 101; Stewardship to Spiritual Gifts. For more information, call 703-256-8330.

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DATEBOOK

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- Nov. 4** – Wednesday Night Together
- Nov. 7** – Holiday Bazaar, Used Book Sale, Bake Sale
- Nov. 8** – Consecration Sunday and lunch
- Nov. 14** – Kids' Stuff Consignment Sale
- Nov. 18** – Wednesday Night Together
- Nov. 29** – Hanging of the Greens

The AARP Smart Driver Course for Seniors will be held at AUMC on Nov. 9 and 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the AUMC Media Center with an hour off for lunch. Those who complete the two-day course will receive a certificate which often results in a reduction of the auto insurance premium. The cost is \$15 for AARP members (bring your card) and \$20 for non-members. Register by calling Jane Underhill at 703-573-2056 or Bob Herbst, 703-941-5930.

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 and Poe Intermediate schools. Contact Jerry Beyer, 703-399-1395 to serve in the tutoring program or for more information.

Feed the hungry: Sunday, Nov. 1, is collection Sunday for the ACCA food pantry. The Heritage campus food distribution collection Sunday is Nov. 15. Bring non-perishable food to the Atrium on those Sundays.

AUMC's Children's Christmas Pageant, the Story of Christmas, will be held during both worship services on Sunday, Dec. 13. Planning is already underway so parents should mark their calendars. The pageant is open to children ages 2 years (by Sept. 30, 2015) - 5th grade. Costumes will be provided and children are not required to memorize lines. A mandatory rehearsal for 4-year-olds through 5th graders will be on Saturday morning, Dec. 12. Online registration will open soon. Information on how to register will be printed in the weekly worship bulletins, in the Connect email newsletter, and in the November Witness. For details, contact Becki Stewart, bstewart@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330.

Donate your books: The United Methodist Men is collecting used books until Nov. 6 for its annual book sale, which will be held Nov. 7 as part of the Holiday Bazaar. Bring books to the room 210 weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or Sunday mornings. Questions: contact Jerry Beyer at 703-399-1395 or the church office at 703-256-8330.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and AUMC is blessed to have three wonderful pastors! Please let them know how much they mean to you.

The AUMC Craft Bazaar is Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down on Nov. 6 and Nov. 8. The Bazaar will include 40+ crafters, a youth bake sale, used book sale, lunch cafe, and free Little White Church tours. To volunteer or be a vendor, contact Cyra Doty at radu94@aol.com or 703-354-5330.

The Rainbow Exercise Class (low-impact aerobics for Senior Citizens) meets Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in Wright Hall. The fee is \$40 for the year. The objective is to increase flexibility and endurance, strengthen muscles and increase cardiovascular fitness.

Festival Choir Rehearses for Christmas 2015: Rehearsals are underway for AUMC's annual Christmas Lessons and Carols service on Dec. 6. If you are college age or above and love to sing, you are invited to join the Adult Choir for this short-time commitment. Festival Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays now through Dec. 2 from 7:15-8 p.m. in the Choir Room. For details, contact Pat Vaughn at pvaughn@annandale-umc.org.

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. 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.

CIRCLE NEWS

SARAH ELIZABETH: Sun., Nov. 8, 1 p.m., AUMC Rm 209. Prog.: Filling Salvation Army stockings. A light lunch will be served.

DEBORAH: Mon., Nov. 9, 7 p.m., AUMC Rm 210. Prog.: Filling Salvation Army stockings. Hostess: Marilyn Deihr.

LYDIA: Thurs., Nov. 12, 10 a.m., AUMC Rm 209. Prog.: Filling Salvation Army stockings. Hostesses: Sally Bizer and DeEtte Johnson. Dev.: Shirley Bailey.

MARTHA: Mon., Nov. 16, 1 p.m. Heritage Campus Fellowship Hall. Prog.: Christmas mission project. Devotions and light refreshments will be served.

M&M's: Sat., Nov. 21, 8 a.m., At the home of Pat Sherfey. Hostess: Kristine Grow. Dev.: Becki Stewart.

All visitors and guests are welcome at all circles!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Come for the fun, fellowship and food!

Wednesday Night Together fellowship dinners and programs will be held on Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 2 and 16, at 6 p.m. Register on the pew pad on Sundays or by noon on the prior Monday by contacting Joyce Kitzmiller: jkitzmiller@annandale-umc.org or 703-256-8330. On Nov. 4, the dinner will be main dish pot luck; salad, rolls and dessert will be provided. Rev. Dr. Brown will present "Brownie Bites" as the program. On Nov. 18, the meal will be provided: green salad, stuffed green peppers, roasted beets and sweets, rolls, apple crisp and vanilla ice cream. The meal price is \$8/person, \$4/child under 9, and \$25/family max. The program will be a Mission Moment about the recent Appalachian Service Project trip to West Virginia. On Dec. 2, the program will be an Advent Fair.

Crime Prevention in Church will be the topic of a workshop provided by the Fairfax County Police at AUMC on Thursday, Oct. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. The workshop will help church members and church staff to develop a plan to prevent crime and to prepare for critical incidents. Anyone may attend.

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

Kids' Stuff Consignment Sale: The annual sale, sponsored by the AUMC Weekday Children's Programs, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bargains on quality new and pre-owned children's clothing, toys, games, books, equipment, and furniture. Sales are cash only. For details or to consign, go to www.AUMCConsignmentSale.com.

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

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.

AUMC tshirts and magnets are still available in the church office! T-shirts are \$10 each, magnets are a \$5 suggested donation (Youth Programs fundraiser).

The Annandale Book Lovers will meet Nov. 15, 7 p.m. in the Parlor to discuss *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham.



AUMC and American Legion Post 1976 Remember Our Cemetery Veterans Wednesday, November 11

A Veterans Day tribute to military veterans both living and deceased is scheduled for Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, in AUMC Cemetery. During the ceremony, American Legion Post 1976 and AUMC members will implant an American flag in each interred veteran's grave site. Members of the congregation are invited to witness and participate. Those attending should gather at the cemetery flagpole at 8:50 a.m.. Veterans Day is an appropriate occasion to acquaint yourself with the dignity, beauty, and historical richness of AUMC's 169-year-old cemetery which contains not just the grave sites of veterans but also the final earthly resting places of many members of our church's founding families. For details contact Mike Moser, 703-591-1210 or mmoser@annandale-umc.org.

Military Veterans Interred in Annandale United Methodist Church Cemetery

James Benjamin Bladen, U.S. Air Force, Site 36C, passed 2006
Betty M. Bullock, U.S. Navy, Site UG20A, passed 2007
Howard B. Bullock, U.S. Army Site UG20B, passed 2013
Edward Blocksom Bunch, U.S. Army, Site 77A, passed 1972
William Chapman, U.S. Navy, Site 76A, passed 2007
Aubrey Chason, U.S. Army, Site 28A, passed 2009
Henry C. Cock, Army, (Confederate) Site OS12, passed 1910
Dale Farringer, U.S. Navy, Site 57E, passed 1993
Philip Gibson, U.S. Army AF, Site 7C, passed 2004
Theodore P. Gleiter, U.S. Navy, Site 71A, passed 2009
F. Dean Hannah, U.S. Navy, Site 53A, passed 1996
George Hartley, U.S. Army, Site UG15B, passed 2006
George W. Hill, Sr., U.S. Army, Site 34A, passed 2011
John A. Jackson, U.S. Army, Site 62A, passed 2011
Edward Kysar, U.S. Army, Site 69A, passed 2004
Maurice Lacy, U.S. Army, Site 60D, passed 2003
Margaret Ann LaPlante, U.S. Army, Site UG13B, passed 2013
Charles Lynch Jr., U.S. Air Force, Site 44F, passed 2004
Charles Lynch Sr., U.S. Navy, Site 44 E, passed 1988
Sam Lynch, U.S. Army, Site 76D, passed 1981
Ralph May, U.S. Army, Site UG12A, passed 2004
Sanford W. Merryman, U.S. Navy, Site 33D, passed 1996
Amy Mikel, U.S. Army, Site 73B, passed 2005
Russell Mikel, U.S. Army, Site 73A, passed 2002
Malcolm R. Moore, U.S. Navy, Site 43 E, passed 2008
John D. Newton, U.S. Army, Site UG11A, passed 1997
Jack Pierce, U.S. Navy, Site 54A, passed 2004
Donald L. Plucknett, U.S. Army, Site 8A, passed 2007
Gene C. Trent, U.S. Army, Site 79F, passed 2013
Elhanan W. Wakefield, U.S. Army, Site OS 4, passed 1920
Lowell Wakefield, U.S. Army, Site OSI, passed 1978
John C. Webb, U.S. Army, Site 13C passed 2000
Shelton T. White, U.S. Army, Site 30E passed 1994
George H. Williams, Army (Confederate), Site OS64, passed 1929
Wasena F. Wright, Jr., U.S. Army, Site 42E, passed 2003
John Joseph Zych, U.S. Army, Site 66C, passed 1989

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MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tues., Oct. 27	SPRC	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues, Nov. 3	Trustees	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Wed., Nov. 4	Stephen Ministry	7:30 p.m.	Room 303
Tues., Nov. 10	Finance Committee	7 p.m.	Room 210
Tues., Nov. 10	Missions Committee	7 p.m.	Room 302
Tues., Nov. 17	Church Council	7:15 p.m.	Room 302

ACCA's furniture ministry, which delivers donated furniture to needy families, needs volunteers. AUMC's next date to assist is Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more information, and to volunteer, contact Brad Rothermel bigbadbrad63@hotmail.com or 703-256-3511.

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The Women's Retreat is coming April 29 - May 1 and registration forms are now being accepted. Space is limited, so register early with a \$40 deposit. The key-note speaker will be United Methodist Minister Rev. Debra Colbert Cline who will bring an energetic message of "Be Strong in the Lord and His Mighty Power". Retreat attendees will also visit the Sight and Sound theater to watch the amazing play of "Samson" and enjoy a hearty, flavorful, family-style dinner at "Good & Plenty". The retreat is a great time to connect with God and the Women of AUMC. For details stop by the Women's Retreat table after Sunday worship or email Cyra Doty at radu94@aol.com.

Help ensure that AUMC receives the support needed for ministries and operating expenses through the end of 2015. Please continue your pledged rate of giving or increase your giving to AUMC during the next two months. You can also help stabilize our church's finances by signing up for eGiving, which frees you from writing a weekly check or putting cash in the offering plate. Thank you for your continued support of our church family with your time, talent and treasure!

Young Adults will meet again Nov. 8 and 22 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 (lunch provided).

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

SINGLE SERVICE Sunday, Oct. 25

Door greeters: J. Maxwell, K. Redden, S. Naugle, M. Pearson, W. Ward

Welcome Desk: J. Lord, A. Lohr

Fellowship hour: Kairos Prison Ministry

Ushers: 10:30 a.m. S. Chase, A. Cogswell, R. Gordon, S. Fleming, C. Jones, C. Jones, P. Snitzer, R. Witkowski

Sunday, Nov. 1

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 S. Kyer, S. Keplinger;
11 a.m. A. Gribben

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

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

Sunday, Nov. 8

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 J. Brooks; 11 K. Nietzey

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

11 a.m. R. Gallagher, C. Perdue, G. Rothman,
P. Adams

Sunday, Nov. 15

Door greeters: 8:10 a.m. J. Vance, C. Cox;
9:30 a.m. M. Pearson; 10:30 a.m. D. Johnson

Welcome Desk: 8:30 J. Lord;

11 a.m. M. Cavanagh

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

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

NEXT DEADLINE:

Friday, Nov. 6 is the deadline for the Nov. 17 Witness which covers Nov. 22 and 29 and Dec. 6 and 13.