



Academy of Discipleship

Annandale United Methodist Church

Training Disciples...



...Transforming the World



Bulletin 2011-2012

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior!

We continue to give thanks to God and to all of the membership for their commitment to the Wesleyan ideal of Christian perfection, or in Wesley's words, "entire sanctification." Such a commitment, in more contemporary language, is a commitment to continual spiritual formation through worship, service and study.

Annandale United Methodist continues to strive to provide vital and transformative offerings for a variety of learning modalities, and remain committed to the ideal of being a life- long learning community. Our opportunities are open to members and community alike, and I am excited about being one of the teachers/learners in this place.

I strongly encourage you to find a place of learning as we all seek to equip ourselves for even greater discipleship. We know that the blessing will be transforming for you and those with whom you experience the true meaning of community of faith.

Yours for a Vital Witness to Christ,

Rev. Clarence Brown
Senior Pastor



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Dear Friends,

We are delighted to begin the Fifth Anniversary year of the Academy of Discipleship. For the past five years, lay men and women have answered the call to lead small groups, teach classes, and facilitate workshops in order to help us all grow in faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. As a result of their work, hundreds of members, visitors, and friends have experienced spiritual growth and have been challenged to live their lives as faithful disciples.

For our Fifth Anniversary year, our theme is “Training Disciples...Transforming the World.” It is really a vision more than a theme. It is a challenge to take seriously the church mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. When we engage in disciple-making and training, we send committed disciples who affect the world with the transforming power of God’s grace.

Moreover, the vision represents our renewed commitment to not merely celebrate our success but to challenge ourselves to grow to the next level of training disciples who then transform the world through mission, evangelism, discipleship, and beyond.

To this end, we have special trainings planned to nurture new small group leaders in order to build our small group ministry at AUMC. We are trusting God and our congregation to raise up more lay people to answer the call to lead small groups, teach classes or bible studies, and to open their homes to host a small group.

We have also planned a Fifth Anniversary Speaker Series along with special classes to commemorate this milestone. We will also provide our customary offering of classes, bible studies, and small groups with a goal of connecting every member to a class or group.

Join us in turning this milestone into a stepping stone of greater growth and discipleship...for the transformation of the world!

Blessings,

Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver
Associate Pastor/Adult Discipleship

Discipleship Events

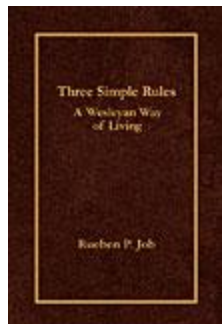
- September 11, 2011 Lunch and Learn Information Sessions
Learn more about Academy classes and small groups
Room 210 at 12:30pm
- September 12 Academy Mid-Week Classes begin
- September 18 Fifth Anniversary Speaker Series
Academy of Discipleship Convocation, 8:30/11:00am
Convocation Workshop, 9:45am
Professor Amy Oden, Wesley Theological Seminary
- September 25 Academy Sunday School Classes begin
Three Simple Rules Sermon Series begins
- October 2 Leading Life Changing Small Groups begins
Coaching Life-Changing Small Group Leaders begins
- October 8/9 Small Group Conference Webcast
- October 15 UMW Fall Gathering, 9:00am - 1:00pm
- October 30 *The Apostles' Creed* Sermon Series begins
- February 19, 2012 Lenten Study begins
- March 4 Fifth Anniversary Speaker Series
Dean Samuel Wells, Duke Divinity School
- May 20 Fifth Anniversary Speaker Series
Professor Lovett Weems, Wesley Theological Seminary



Fall Sermon Series

Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living

Begins Sunday, September 25, 2011



This fall, the pastors will begin a new sermon series based on *Three Simple Rules* by Bishop Rueben Job. *Three Simple Rules* offers an interpretation of John Wesley's General Rules for today's readers. This simple but challenging look at three commands, "do no harm, do good, stay in love with God," calls us to mutual respect, unity, and a deeper relationship with God. Join us in this study of the teachings of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. His teachings unite Methodists around the world.

The following groups are participating in this study:

Class/Group	Facilitator	Day, Time	Room
Exploring Faith in Life	Jim Cromwell/Harry Day	Sundays, 9:45am	303
Sermon Series Study Group	Cynthia Johnson-Oliver	Sundays, 12:30pm	210
Thursday Book Study Group	Marie Cavanagh	Thursdays, 4:30pm	Parlor
See bulletin for additional groups.			

The Apostles' Creed for Today

Begins Sunday, October 30, 2011

How many worshippers regularly recite the Creed without fully understanding the doctrinal significance of the words? This fall, after studying Wesley's General Rules, the pastors will turn to the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed to better understand the faith we regularly profess.

For our text, we will utilize Justo Gonzalez's *The Apostles' Creed for Today*.

Gonzalez guides readers through the thorny issues of the past that gave rise to the statements of the Creed. He shows clearly why the church struggled with these questions and how creedal affirmations are shaped by deep convictions that still have relevance today. Readers will learn much from this book about how to confess Christian faith with integrity, both honoring the tradition and creatively appropriating it for a new time.



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Leadership Development

Come join the team! We are building adult discipleship at AUMC. This fall, there will be several opportunities for new and continuing small group leaders to receive training and preparation. We are also starting a coaching program to equip experienced leaders to coach new and continuing leaders. In sum, now is a great time to join the adult discipleship team!

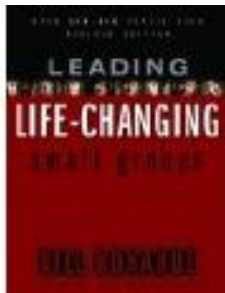


Small Group Conference - Webcast

October 8, 2011; 9:00am – 12:00pm

October 9, 2011; 12:30-3:00pm; Room 210

Twelve has been synonymous with small group Christian community since Jesus met with his disciples in the Upper Room. This training conference unpacks life in community with leaders actively working in small group ministries of all sizes across the country. Led by Saddleback Church via webcast, this conference promises to uncover the mysteries of discipleship in community, to examine small group community as a missional unit, to sense God's holy purpose in bringing together the Body in small numbers, and to consider why He has called us to this. Current and new small group leaders and coaches are invited to participate.

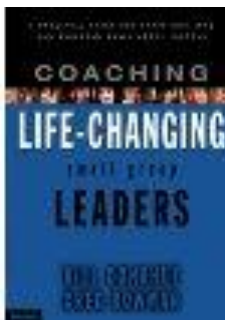


Leading Life-Changing Small Groups

Facilitator: TBA

Begins October 2, 2011; 12:30pm; Room 209

This class is designed to prepare individuals to serve as small group leaders. Like nothing else, small groups have the power to transform lives. This class provides comprehensive direction for cultivating small groups that foster discipleship and spiritual transformation. Topics include group formation and values, leadership requirements and responsibilities, group structure, meeting preparation, and much more. Consider whether you are called to lead a small group and discover how to model the life-changing elements of life in Christian community. ~ 4 to 6 weeks



Coaching Life-Changing Small Group Leaders

Facilitator: Richard Robinson

Begins October 2, 2011; 12:30pm; Room 212C

Small group leaders often feel the weight of shepherding their members. But who shepherds the shepherd? And what are the best ways to provide that support and guidance? These are the questions answered in *Coaching Life-Changing Small Group Leaders*. The Bible is full of stories that describe what happens when a coach or mentor speaks into the lives of people, investing in those who show leadership potential. Experienced small group leaders are invited to consider the call to coaching so that we may extend the fellowship and community of small groups to many more in the AUMC family. ~ 4 to 6 weeks



Fall Schedule 2011

Mid-Week Classes begin September 12
Sunday School Classes begin September 25

Day and Time	Class	Teacher/ Facilitator	Room	Enrollment Information
Sunday School 9:45am	Bible Fellowship	B. Thompson	111	Ongoing
	C ³ K New Members Class	Brown	212C	Oct 2-23 Nov 27-Dec 18
	Disciple 1 for Sun. School	Information Session: Sep 11; 12:30pm; Rm 210		
	Exploring Faith in Life	Cromwell/Day	303	Ongoing
	Get Real! Young Adults	Carrillo	210	Ongoing
	In His Steps	Iwig	302	Ongoing
	Issues in Christianity	Sabo	307	Ongoing
	Kaleidoscope/Seminar	Underhill	300	See bulletin
	Korean Bible Class	Shin	Hughes Hall	Ongoing
	Williams Bible Class	R. Thompson	118	Ongoing
	Women in Search of Truth	Carney/Vaughn	306	Ongoing
	Women of the Day	Golobic/Hampton/ Montgomery	Parlor	Ongoing
Sunday School 12:30pm	Contemplative Spirituality	Cho	Parlor	Begins Aug 28
	Sermon Series Study Group	Johnson-Oliver	210	See bulletin
	Coaching Group Leaders	Robinson	212C	Begins Oct 2
	Leading Small Groups	TBD	209	Begins Oct 2
Mon, 7:00pm	Invitation to Romans	Adams/Fleming	209	Begins Sep 12
1 st & 3 rd Mon, 7:00pm	Small Group	G. & J. FitzGibbon/ Mitchell/Mock	Parlor	Ongoing
Tue, 10:00am	Tuesday Bible Study	R. Thompson	300	Ongoing
Wed, 7:30am	Prayer & Praise Bible Study	Meekins	307	Ongoing
Thu, 4:30pm	Thursday Book Study	Cavanagh	Parlor	Begins Sep 16
Thu, 7:00pm	Alpha/Christianity 101	Brown	Schedule TBA	
Thu, 7:30pm	Young Adult Small Group	McConville	302	Ongoing
1 st & 4 th Sat, 7:30pm	1 Kings Men's Bible Study	Iwig	Jukebox Diner 7039 Columbia Pike	



Fifth Anniversary



Academy of Discipleship Convocation

Professor Amy Oden

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Worship: 8:30, 11:00a.m.; Workshop: 9:45a.m.

Amy Oden is Dean and Professor of the History of Christianity at Wesley Theological Seminary. She received the BA from the University of Oklahoma and the PhD from Southern Methodist University. She has taught such classes as Teaching the Church's Stories, Early Christian Communities, and History of Christian Spiritual Practices.

She has written several books, including *In Her Words: Women's Writings in the History of Christian Thought*, *And You Welcomed Me: Sourcebook on Hospitality in Early Christianity*, and *God's Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World*. She is a member of University United Methodist Church in College Park, MD. She enjoys music and reading historical novels.



Bishop Charlene Kammerer

Charlene Payne Kammerer was elected to the episcopacy at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in 1996. She served as bishop over the Charlotte Area for eight years. In July 2004, Bishop Kammerer was assigned to serve the Virginia Conference.

In her fourth quadrennium on the Council of Bishops, Bishop Kammerer serves as President of the General Board of Discipleship and is a member of the In Defense of Creation Task Force within the Council. She is a member of the denominational Connectional Table.

Bishop Kammerer received an A.B. degree in Religion and Philosophy from Wesleyan College in Macon, GA. She obtained Master of Christian Education and Master of Divinity degrees from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. She received a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1991 from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

She is married to Leigh Kammerer. Their son, Chris, is completing his tour of duty with the United States Navy. They are the proud grandparents of Christopher and Noelle Joy. Bishop Kammerer enjoys walking, reading for fun, pottery, fine art, theater, movies, and the nurturing of friendships.

Speaker Series



Dean Samuel Wells

Sunday, March 4, 2012; 3:00pm

Sam Wells is Dean of Duke University Chapel and Research Professor of Christian Ethics at Duke Divinity School. He received his M.A. from Merton College, Oxford, his B.D. from Edinburgh University, and his Ph.D. from Durham University. He is a well-known preacher, theologian, spokesperson, and convener of conversations on faith. Sam has published 20 books, including *Power and Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection*, *Improvisation*, *God's Companions*, and *What Episcopalians Believe*.

Ordained in 1991, Sam served Church of England parishes in Newcastle, Cambridge, and Norwich before moving to North Carolina in 2005. From 1991-2005, his work included community organizing in inner-city Liverpool, as well as service in village communities in Cambridge. Sam is married to Jo Bailey Wells, former Dean of Clare College, Cambridge, and now Director of the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies at Duke Divinity School. They used to have hobbies, but now they have children – a boy and a girl. Their golden retriever fills most idle moments. Sam loves most sports, especially cricket, rugby, and soccer.



Professor Lovett H. Weems Jr.

Sunday, May 20, 2012

Lovett Weems is Distinguished Professor of Church Leadership and Director of the G. Douglass Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary. He is a preeminent expert on leadership practice and theory in the United Methodist denomination. He is respected as a pastor, educator, author, and researcher.

Lovett received a BA from Milsap College, a MTh from Perkins School of Theology, and a DMin from Wesley Theological Seminary. He has written several books, including *Take the Next Step: Leading Lasting Change in the Church*, *The Crisis of Younger Clergy*, *Church Leadership*, and most recently, *Bearing Fruit: Ministry with Real Results* (co-written with Tom Berlin).

He has taught such classes as Best Practices in Church Leadership And Administration, Beginning Ministry in a New Setting, and Church Finances.

Class Descriptions

Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM

Bible Fellowship Burnett Thompson

**Room 111/
Media Center**

This class provides in-depth study of scripture to incorporate Biblical truths into contemporary life. This fall, the class will study the Old Testament Minor Prophets. These books provide a historical perspective of God's expectations of humanity, our continuing refusal to live by those expectations, and encounters of Jesus as the way to fulfillment.

C³K – Clarence, Coffee, Cabbages, and the King Rev. Clarence Brown

**Begins Oct 2
Room 212C**

Especially for new members and those considering joining the church, this class 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. This class is repeated throughout the year. We welcome you to Annandale! ~ 4 weeks

Disciple 1 (Sunday School Edition)

This new Sunday school version of Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study offers the same in-depth bible study with a one-hour class format. The Disciple program is designed to develop strong local churches through in-depth study of Scripture. Disciple 1 assumes no prior knowledge of the bible and takes participants from Genesis through Revelation. ~ 34 weeks

Exploring Faith in Life Jim Cromwell /Harry Day

Room 303

This is a dynamic group of individuals who learn from each other and grow spiritually by exploring faith issues of everyday life. This fall, we will participate in the church sermon series, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living* and *The Apostles' Creed for Today*. Both studies challenge us to become familiar with Methodist beliefs and practices so that we may confidently proclaim what we believe.

Get Real – Young Adult Class Rev. Eduardo Carrillo

Room 210

Many Christians struggle with how to reconcile God's love and God's judgment: Has God created billions of people only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to suffer forever in hell? How is this "good news?" But what if what Jesus meant by heaven, hell, and salvation are very different from how we understand them? In *Love Wins*, Rob Bell presents a biblical vision of heaven, salvation, and repentance. He discovers that the "good news" is much better than we ever imagined.

In His Steps Bill Iwig

Room 302

This class will continue a study of the Gospel of John. In John, Jesus teaches a new way of life and a new type of relationship with God. According to John 20: 31, the gospel was written "so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." You are warmly invited to join us in this faith-enriching study.

Issues in Modern Christianity

Kevin Sabo

Room 307

This year's class will focus on "Diggin' the Bible." Through a series of recorded DVDs and study guides, the class will look at physical locations of the most popular Bible stories as a means to better understand how the people of the Bible actually lived. Modern archeological digs and other research will be combined with videos to bring these stories alive. We will literally be diggin' the Bible!

Kaleidoscope Seminar

Jack Underhill

Room 300

The class, in its 44th year at Annandale, offers an in-depth perspective on contemporary issues, such as poverty, hunger, terrorism, crime, world religions, and other issues that challenge Christians to change the world and achieve social justice. This class meets monthly and welcomes new members.

Williams Bible Class

Ramona Thompson

Room 118

The Williams Bible Class is the oldest class at Annandale. Recently, it has evolved into a women's group with scripture study and informal discussion. This fall, the class will study Thessalonians.

Women in Search of Truth

Tracy Carney/Margaret Vaughn

Room 306

All women are invited to join us for a 20-week DVD-based bible study, *A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place* by Beth Moore. Explore the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its meanings for your walk with God today. Prepare your heart, like the holy of holies, to become a dwelling place for God.

Women of the Day

Louise Golobic/Judy Hampton/Julie Montgomery

Parlor

The class is made up of women of all ages who are at various stages of their spiritual journeys. This fall, we will study *Women Speak of God*, a DVD-based curriculum featuring Professor Amy Oden (Convocation Speaker). From the earliest days of the church, women have spoken and written of their faith. Hear their stories of how God works in difficult times and places

Adult Sunday School

12:30 PM

Contemplative Spiritual Formation

Rev. Kiok Cho

Starts Aug 28

Parlor

This class is designed to help participants to be present to God through contemplative prayers. In each session they may experience the Presence of God through a different form of prayer. Each session will include a short introduction on prayer form, body awareness, silence, journaling, reflection and sharing. Anyone who desires for a deeper prayer life is welcomed.

Sermon Series Study Group

Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver

Room 210

This group provides the opportunity to study and reflect on the various church sermon series. We will meet when there is a sermon series, study the related books, and reflect on their meaning for our personal spiritual growth. Other pastors may "drop in" and participate in this study as well.

Mid-Week Classes and Small Groups

Invitation to Romans

Pam Adams/Karen Fleming

Mondays, 7:00pm

Room 209

Exploring how people have interpreted Romans through the ages is a good lens to view the history of Christianity itself. Compare what Paul writes in Romans to what theologians like Augustine, Luther, and Calvin say in trying to understand Paul in their time. From Disciple Bible Studies, this study conveys Paul's radical vision of the "love of God in Christ Jesus." ~ 8 weeks

Monday Night Small Group

Gary FitzGibbon/Todd Mitchell/Michelle Mock

1st/3rd Mondays, 7:00pm

Parlor

This group meets every two weeks for fellowship, bible study, and group discussion. This fall, they will begin a 4-session series, "Reading and Discussing the Book of Revelation."

Bible Study

Ramona Thompson

Tuesdays, 10:00am

Room 300

This women's bible study has attracted participants from within Annandale as well as other area churches. This fall, they will conduct a study of First and Second Thessalonians.

Prayer & Praise Bible Study

Rudy Meekins

Wednesdays, 7:30am

Room 307

This group meets weekly to pray together, study the bible, and hear from various guest speakers. Previous speakers have included clergy, missionaries, and Christian world leaders. Participants study the bible and share in Christian fellowship with one another.

Thursday Book Study: John Wesley

Marie Cavanagh

Thursdays, 4:30pm

Parlor

John Wesley's teachings connect United Methodists around the world and focus on becoming committed disciples of Jesus Christ. This class offers a discussion of *Three Simple Rules* by Rueben P. Job (church sermon series), along with a video series of Wesleyan scholars focusing on salvation, sanctification, and global Methodism, including a case study of one developing country. ~ 12 weeks

Christianity 101/Alpha Course

Rev. Clarence Brown

Thursdays, 7:00pm

Schedule TBD

Sometimes you need to get back to the basics: Who is Jesus? Why did he die? How can I be sure of my faith? Alpha provides an open door where questions of faith can be explored. ~ 12 weeks

Young Adult Small Group

Liz McConville

Thursdays, 7:30pm

Room 209

Young adults, ages 18-35, are invited to come grow with us in fun and fellowship as we learn from each other and discuss what it means to be a follower of Christ in today's society.

1 Kings Men's Bible Study

Bill Iwig/Jim Cromwell

1st/4th Saturdays, 7:30am

Jukebox Diner backroom

This men's group meets for breakfast, fellowship, encouragement, and Bible Study twice a month at the Jukebox Diner, utilizing the Master Builders Bible for Men. The group regularly provides financial support for programs at AUMC. All men of the church are warmly invited to join.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men (UMM) is a creative, supportive, fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually, and to seek daily God's will. As stated on its national web site, the purpose of UMM is "helping men grow in Christ, so others can know Christ."



Annandale UMM meets monthly for fellowship and learning. This past year, UMM hosted a steak dinner, a cookout, and invited speakers. They frequently serve and support various areas of ministry in the church. For more information, contact Gary FitzGibbon at 703-256-6896.



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women (UMW) is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Each UMW circle has its own mission focus as well as programs and fellowship. Additionally, the UMW unit has

semi-annual programs and events.

If you are interested in finding out more about the United Methodist Women or joining an existing circle or establishing a new circle, please contact any of the following individual circle leaders, or Erin McKenney at 703-403-1742.

UMW Circle	Meeting Day	Time	Location	Contact
Deborah Circle	Second Monday	7:30 PM	Church	Lottie Brown 703-698-1665
Lydia Circle	Second Thursday	9:45 AM	Church	Rosemary Perdue 703-354-6645 Gloria Rothman 703-256-0853/625-0898
Mary and Martha Circle	Third Saturday	8:30 AM	Home of Pat Sherfey	Molly Wilmarth 703-750-1375
Miriam Circle (crafts)	Second Thursday	9:30 AM	Church	Rita Witkowski 703-941-2935
Phoebe Circle (young or young at heart)	Fourth Tuesday	7:30 PM	Local restaurant	Cyra Doty 703-354-5330

Teachers and Facilitators

Photo not available.

Pam Adams

Pam is a committed disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of AUMC. In striving to be an obedient disciple, she felt led to co-facilitate a Disciple study. She says, “My heart has been opened to a spiritual gift that I never would have imagined ... teaching God’s Word ... who knew!!” She has an unquenchable thirst for God’s Word and a passion for others to know about what the Bible teaches.



Rev. Clarence Brown

Rev. Brown is the Senior Pastor at AUMC. He is known across the conference for his strong preaching and expertise in church revitalization. Prior to his arrival, he served as District Superintendent of the Norfolk and Charlottesville Districts, Senior Pastor of St. Paul UMC in Chesapeake, VA, and as Director of the Wesley Westminster Foundation at Norfolk State University. He holds a B.A. from Georgia State University, a M. Div. from Gammon Theological Seminary (Atlanta, GA), and is completing the D. Min. at Wesley Theological Seminary.



Tracy Carney

Tracy has been a member of AUMC since 1993. She has participated in Community Bible Study (CBS) for 8 years, including studies of the Pentateuch, Isaiah, the Gospels and various letters of Paul. She recently completed the Beth Moore study entitled *The Patriarchs*. Tracy has been very active in children’s ministries and has taught Sunday school to children for many years. Her husband, Clay, and nine year old daughter, Kyla, are also members of AUMC.



Rev. Eduardo Carrillo

Rev. Carrillo is an Associate Pastor at AUMC. He was born in Mexico, and his father is a recently elected Bishop in the Pacifico Conference of the Mexican Methodist Church. He was educated at United Methodist institutions since high school. He received a B.A. in Religion at Ferrum College, and he received the Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary. He has interned with the World Methodist Council and General Board of Church and Society.



Marie Cavanagh

Marie has been an AUMC member since 1996. She has served on various church committees, is a United Methodist Woman, participates in numerous service projects, was a small group leader for *The Grid* last year, and has co-led *Companions in Christ*. She enjoyed her long career as a librarian. She has taken many church classes and feels called to teach a class on John Wesley after visiting El Salvador and seeing how much Methodists there know about Wesley. Marie is married to Mike Cavanagh and has two children, Alex and Emily.

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Rev. Kiok Cho

Kiok is a Deacon in full connection in the Virginia Conference, United Methodist Church. She graduated from Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea with Th. M. and received Master of Theological Studies and completed course work for the Doctor of Ministry program on “Spirituality and Social Transformation” at Wesley Theological Seminary. She has served as a Minister of Adult Christian Education and Spiritual Formation and has led contemplative prayer groups and retreats through *Companions in Christ*. She lives in Annandale with her husband, Young Jin Cho. They have three adult children.



Harry Day

Harry has a Ph.D. in Personality and Social Psychology from Cornell University. He has had an interest in human personal and social behavior from a cross-cultural perspective throughout his career in program evaluation and applied social research. He also has had a drive for spiritual growth since childhood. He has found leading the Faith-in-Life Class over the last twenty years to be a significant opportunity for the Holy Spirit to nurture spiritual growth in himself and others.



Gary & Jeanie FitzGibbon

Gary and Jeanie FitzGibbon have co-facilitated a small group over the past year and have found it extremely rewarding. They live in Annandale with their two teenagers, Kelly and Ryan and their miniature schnauzer, Pepper.



Karen Fleming

Karen has completed Disciple 1, II, III, and IV. She has completed regional training for Disciple facilitators and served as a teacher for Disciple I and III. She has been a member of Annandale UMC for 26 years. She sings in the choir and has also taught children’s Sunday School.



Bill Iwig

Bill has been a member of Annandale UMC since 1985 and has been serving as a leader of the In His Steps Class since its beginning in the mid-1990s. He also founded the 1 Kings Men’s Bible Study group in January 1998. He is a trained Stephen Minister and has served in many different roles at church. His spiritual journey has been blessed tremendously over the years by the In His Steps class, the United Methodist Men, 1 Kings, his Emmaus Walk, and Annandale UMC.



Rev. Cynthia Johnson-Oliver

Rev. Johnson-Oliver is the Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship at AUMC. She is serving on loan to the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, where she was ordained an Elder in 1998. She received the AB in Comparative Religion from Harvard College, a Masters in Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, and a Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School. She has served in many pastoral roles and has been a national speaker at revivals, conferences, and workshops.



Rudy Meekins

Rudy Meekins has been a member of AUMC for over 50 years and has been teaching for over 30 years. He has also served on the Staff Parish and Finance committees. He served in the United States Marines and served in the Korean War. He also is a realtor with Meekins & Associates.



Todd Mitchell and Michelle Mock

Todd and Michelle have been active as Children's and Youth Sunday School teachers since they joined AUMC in 1989. They completed Disciple I and II Bible study classes and have hosted small groups and Bible studies in their home. Michelle serves as a professional mediator/facilitator/coach. Todd is a telecommunications systems engineer.



Richard Robinson

Richard has been a member of AUMC since 1998. He has taken Disciple I, II, and Christian Believer, and he recently led a class in Disciple III. He has served as an usher, on the Finance Committee, as chair of the Outreach and Evangelism Committee, and as a member of the mission team to Alaska. He works at the American Red Cross Biomedical Headquarters and lives in Alexandria with Karen and Nellie and their 3 cats. He is an active member of Toastmasters International. His favorite small group snacks are M & Ms, chocolate chip cookies, and Tostitos.



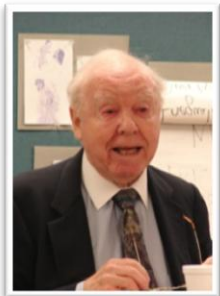
Gloria Rothman

After joining AUMC in June 2000, Gloria completed Disciple I, II and Christian Believer. She is a member of several small groups. She previously served as co-leader of Disciple II, co-leader of the Prayer Committee for the Forward by Faith Capital Campaign, and facilitator of Invitation to Romans. Gloria is active in the Rock Spring Garden Club, the Kiwanis Club, and Taiji and Qigong classes at O-Mei Wushu (Kungfu) Center. She received her Doctorate in Educational Administration from Vanderbilt University.



Kevin Sabo

Kevin Sabo, along with his wife Janet, has taught several Sunday school classes during the past few years. He currently serves as worship committee chairman at AUMC and has attended the last several Virginia Annual Conferences. He was an alternate delegate to the 2008 General Conference and a delegate to the 2008 Southeast Jurisdiction Conference. He holds a law degree from Catholic University and an Equipping Lay Ministry certificate at Wesley Seminary.



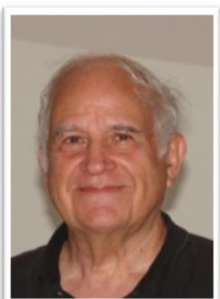
Burnett Thompson

Burnett has been a member of Annandale UMC for 38 years and has been teaching Bible Fellowship for as many years. He has a degree in Bible with a minor in Greek. For the past 30 years, he has been building relations based on spiritual values among people in the Balkans, and he recently returned from a two-week trip to Croatia. He is a former businessman and former Chief of Staff of a member of Congress from Virginia. Burnett has been married to Ramona for 57 years; they have three children and six grandchildren.



Ramona Thompson

Ramona is a long-time member of Annandale UMC. She has taught bible studies at the church and in her home and has assisted with seminars in Europe. She has a degree in Social Studies with minors in Greek and Bible. She has been married to Burnett Thompson for 57 years; they have three children and six grandchildren.



Jack Underhill

Jack has been involved with the Seminar for more than 35 years. He has taken Discipleship I-IV as well as courses on religion at Wesley Seminary and the Osher Life Long Learning Institute at George Mason University. He was educated at the University of California at Berkeley (BA 1954), Columbia University (MA 1959), the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard (MPA 1969), and George Mason University (PhD 1994). He retired in 1997 after 42 years of federal service.



Molly Wilmarth

My husband Ken and I moved to Alexandria from Durham, NC with our two children, Michael and Carrie, and began attending AUMC in 1995. We are originally from Southern CA. My background is education. At AUMC I have had the opportunity to lead children, youth and adults classes. Coming into the church as an adult, I have found teaching an invaluable way to grow in my understanding and in my faith.



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