



# Annandale UMC Mission Center 2025 Stories and Stats



Free dental visits! 52,000+ got food!



1,700+ children got coats and clothes!  
1,100+ got diapers and personal hygiene items!



New ESL classes! New community garden!



Hosted youth groups, neighborhood events, and  
3 congregations! Gave out hundreds of books!

## In 2025, we also:

- Hired a full-time custodian/handyman
- Upgraded the sanctuary floor and had a major roof repair
- Hosted Braddock Elementary's summer Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math program
- Surveyed our Thursday clients to assess our performance and community needs

*Keep reading to check out some of the wonderful ways our volunteers and partners served others.*



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# Children's Clothing Closet

*Led by Annandale United Methodist Church*

“I love seeing the children’s excitement as they pick out clothing. Moms are especially appreciative of our coat distribution in the fall knowing their kids will be ready for winter.”

– Pam Adams, CCC Program Lead



In 2025 we gave away **17,000+ clothing items** to **1,671 children** including **352 winter coats** and **36 Newborn Kits**.

In the fall children also got school supplies, and during the holiday season children received toys.

Clothing donations are welcome in the box at the coat rack at the Annandale UMC main campus or in the box outside the Mission Center door (please no household items!). Contact Pam Adams at [majmommd@msn.com](mailto:majmommd@msn.com) to make other arrangements or to make a cash donation or volunteer.



A special thanks to all our donors, especially our institutional partner, Women Giving Back.

# Children's Wellness Clinic

*Operated by the Medical Care for Children Partnership (MCCP)*

The Community Wellness Clinic provides comprehensive, no-cost medical and dental screenings to eligible neighborhood children. Services include routine health checks, dental assessments, and preventive care - ensuring children have access to the healthcare they need to learn, grow, and thrive alongside their peers. To date, the clinic has provided more than **720 preventive screenings**, supported by the dedication of over 65 volunteers who generously give their time and expertise.



The clinic is funded and staffed by the Medical Care for Children Partnership (MCCP Foundation) and was established in 2023. MCCP Foundation also sponsors the Annandale High School club, Youth Changing the World, which empowers students to engage in service, public health and community leadership.

The clinic is named the Janet Petty Community Wellness Clinic in memory of Janet Petty, RN, a devoted Annandale UMC member remembered for her tireless service and lasting commitment to public health.

# Community Garden

*Operated by Hands on Harvests*

Hands on Harvests (HOH) partnered with Annandale UMC to build a community garden on a portion of the Mission Center grounds. The garden was generously funded by an anonymous community donor through the MCCP Foundation.



In 2025, more than **50 volunteers** participated in creating the garden by hauling compost, building raised beds, and constructing a garden shed. Boy Scout Troop 150 built a beautiful pergola for the space. Volunteers planted a fall garden and donated more than **60 pounds of fresh food** from that harvest to the Mission Center food ministry.

This spring, HOH will work alongside local community members who want to grow in this shared space, with interest meetings planned for February. We are especially excited to collaborate with members of the Heritage Community, an area largely made up of apartment housing with limited access to gardening space, to help families grow fresh, healthy food close to home.



hands on harvests

# Food Ministry

*Led by Annandale United Methodist Church*

“Coming here is the highlight of my week. I get to make a difference!”  
- *A Volunteer*

**391,800 meals worth** of food distributed

**52,640 individuals in 16,836 households** received **383,750 lbs** of food.



**51% of clients report annual household income below \$20,000.\***

**270,000+ lbs** of purchased and donated food were **picked up, transported in personal vehicles, and stocked** by Mission Center volunteers.

**59% of clients rely on the Mission Center** for half or more of their household's food needs.\*

**77% of client households have children.**

**70% of clients attend food distribution every week.**

**40% of clients were new to the program** in 2025, consistent with other data showing the area has a high number of transient families.

*\*Finding from a November 2025 survey of 150 clients.*

A Special Thanks to Our  
Food Ministry Partners



# Family Literacy Program/ English as a Second Language

*Operated by Fairfax County Public Schools, ESOL Services*

In 2025, we joyfully launched a Family Literacy program in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools to support parents of children who attend FCPS or who will be future FCPS students. The program is free of charge and creates a welcoming space where families can learn English, better understand the school system, and celebrate their cultures together.



Morning classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with early childhood education for children ages 2–5 while parents attend ESL classes.



Thanks to strong participation and the positive response from families, evening classes have been added for 2026. These classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and include enrichment classes for school-aged children, allowing families to continue learning and growing together.

# Personal Products Ministry

*Led by Annandale United Methodist Church*

“Diapers and feminine hygiene products are so expensive they can fall to the bottom of a struggling family’s budget. Yet not having them when needed can cause pain and embarrassment. Our Personal Products Ministry helps preserve individuals’ dignity and health and supports new parents.”

– *Betsy Clevenger, Ministry Lead*



In 2025, **1,100+** received **37,000+ infant diapers** donated by our partner, Fairfax Diapers.



**1,200+** received **feminine hygiene packages** donated by our partner, Bringing Resources to Aid Women’s Shelters (BRAWS)

Distributions of personal products to our Thursday clients are from 4-6:30 PM on a monthly rotation with the Children’s Clothing Closet:

- 1st Thursday - Infant Diapers
- 2nd Thursday - Feminine Hygiene Products
- 3rd Thursday - Children’s Clothing
- 4th Thursday – Adult Diapers

## About The Mission Center

The Mission Center is a non-evangelical community outreach of Annandale United Methodist Church (AUMC). Volunteers and support also come from congregations of other faiths and community members across Fairfax County. The Mission Center serves the Heritage neighborhood with a focus on those within walking distance.

Our building was constructed in 1965 as Imanuel United Methodist Church and expanded upon in the 1980s. In 2012 Imanuel's congregation merged with AUMC which continued hosting a Korean language Methodist congregation, a Spanish language Seventh Day Adventist congregation, and supporting a small weekly food distribution ministry.

Over the years the food ministry has grown five-fold, and other distributions, youth groups, other community events, and a third congregation have been added to the schedule. By 2022 the Mission Center became so busy AMUC appointed a Board of Directors to lead, coordinate, and focus efforts there.

We continue to look for more ways to serve and become an ever-better resource hub for the community. The United Methodist Discipline on serving:

“We seek to live lovingly and justly as servants of Jesus Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, being a compassionate presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel.”

# 2025 Scrapbook



Every week we reconfigure the hall from food distribution to fellowship.



We hired Morris as our full time custodian...  
And added a Little Free Library just for picture books.



We held a volunteer appreciation holiday party to celebrate the many helpers who make our work possible.



## Mission Center Board of Directors

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