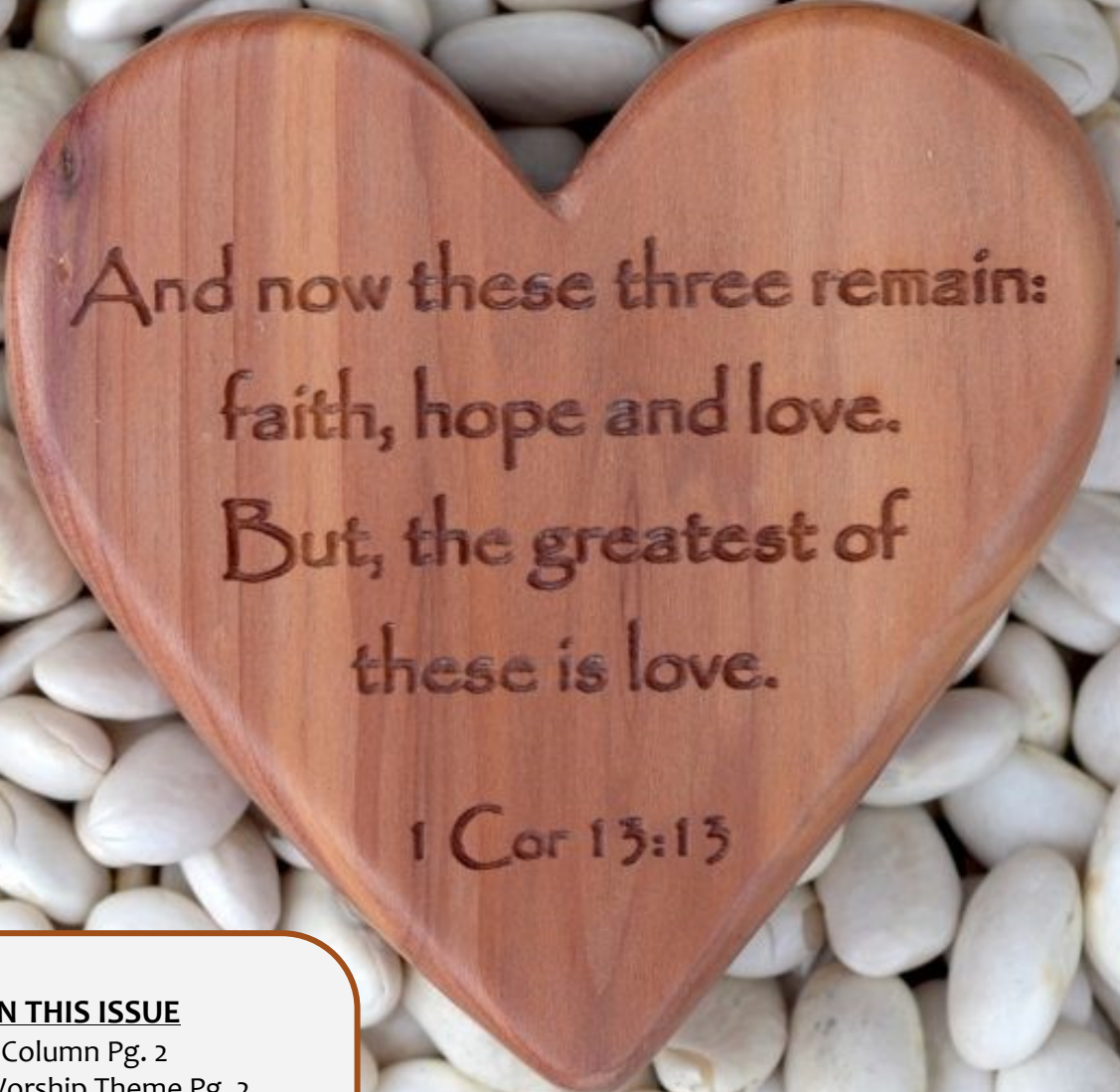


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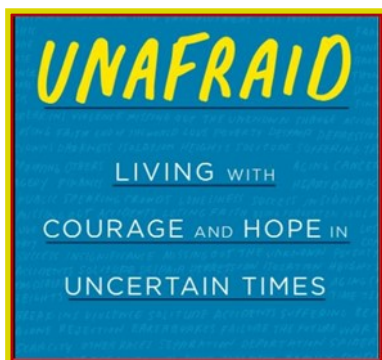
And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But, the greatest of
these is love.

1 Cor 13:13

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Pastor's Column



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“Fear is a complex emotion. Sometimes it saves us. More often it robs us of the life we want. But we can take our lives back.” This is a quote from the inside cover of Adam Hamilton’s book, *“Unafraid”*.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. During Lent we will be exploring scriptures that help us to live more productively in response to the uncertainties of life that are all around us. Fear has been with us since the beginning of time, and this study is based on the advice given in Bible times, to help us recognize some of life’s pitfalls in our own time.



In our time, even some of our TV advertisements seem to try to sell us things by appealing to fear. Think of the ads for pharmaceuticals for example. Some of them tell us that we need their product or else we might fall victim to something or other. Most of the stuff I’ve never even heard of before. But, because they increase our anxiety, the ads get our attention.

We will use the acronym, **F E A R**, to help us remember some of the Bible’s key points to grace filled living. Use these sayings to help you live a life of courage.

Face your fears with faith.

Examine your assumptions in light of the facts.

Attack your anxieties with action.

Release your cares to God.

As we walk forward through the Lenten season, we keep facing forward with our eyes on the Easter promise of Resurrection. May the Resurrection Hope fill our lives with compassion and courage.

May God’s Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven!

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul D. Baker
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Our February Sermon Series
on *“Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go”*
ended with this definition of

FORGIVENESS:

“Giving up the hope of a different past, (which will never happen), and taking on the hope of a joyful future!”



Annandale UMC
Wednesday, March 9th 6 pm
Wednesday March 23rd 6 pm

Montrose UMC
Wednesday, March 16th 6 pm

Lenten Worship Theme

Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday Service

Annandale UMC 6:15 pm

Montrose UMC 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 6, 2022

HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

“Understanding and Conquering Fear”

Scripture: Isaiah 41:10

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

~ Annandale UMC ~

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & VIDEO

Sunday, March 13, 2022

“Crime, Race, Terrorism, and Politics”

Scripture: Psalm 46:1-2a; 6-7

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

~ Montrose UMC ~

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & VIDEO

Sunday, March 20, 2022

“Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance, and Loneliness”

Scripture: Psalm 139:5, 7-10

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

~ Annandale UMC ~

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & VIDEO

Sunday, March 27, 2022

“Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out, and Finances”

Scripture: Luke 12:22-23, 27-31

Sunday, April 3, 2022

GUEST SPEAKER ~ TOD OVALL

Sunday, April 10, 2022

**HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY
PALM SUNDAY**

“Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of the Lord”

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7

Thursday, April 14, 2022

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
Service at Montrose UMC**

Friday, April 15, 2022

**GOOD FRIDAY
Community-wide Service
at Annandale UMC**

Sunday, April 17th - EASTER



Russia on Thursday, February 24, 2022 launched a military assault against Ukraine, with explosions occurring across a wide swath of the country. The attacks came as Russian President Vladimir Putin declared the launch of a “special military operation” to carry out the “demilitarization and denazification” of Ukraine. In light of these events, Bishop David Bard issued the following pastoral letter calling on Minnesota United Methodists to pray for peace:

Friends in Christ in the Minnesota Conference,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our peace and who encourages us to be peacemakers when he says, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”

This past Wednesday, Russian forces, under orders from President Vladimir Putin, invaded Ukraine. It is the most significant violation of territorial integrity in Europe since World War II. Much of the world is outraged by this unjustifiable military intervention, and anxious about what lies ahead. Lives will be lost. Communities will be seriously damaged. Ripple effects will be experienced by us all. And we are uncertain about the extent of Russia’s military adventurism.

At this critical moment, I call upon all Minnesota United Methodists to pray for peace in Ukraine. I invite every United Methodist congregation in this conference to pray for peace at their weekly worship services this coming weekend, and to carry prayers for peace into the holy season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church say: “We deplore war and urge the peaceful settlement of disputes among nations...We yearn for the day when there will be no more war and people will live together in peace and justice.” Let us pray out of this deep yearning for peace, and for a better world.

United Methodist Bishop Christian Alsted of the Nordic-Baltic Episcopal Area has written: “We stand with the United Methodists in Ukraine in prayer for protection, reconciliation, and peace.” Bishop Eduard Khegay of the Eurasia Episcopal Area in Northern Europe and the Eurasian Central Conference, which includes both Russia and Ukraine, has written simply and directly: “Ask for peace for Ukraine.”

Many of you know that the Rev. Dr. Fred Vanderwerf, District Superintendent of the Southern Prairie District, and his wife Stacy, served as United Methodist missionaries in Ukraine. He shared the following: “Many of you have been inquiring how are friends from our time of missionary service are doing in Ukraine, and we appreciate your inquiries. We lived in the western city of Lviv, where Ukrainian identity is preserved well, and like over 90 percent of Ukraine, they long to be respected as a sovereign nation and people. So far missiles have not landed in Lviv but have struck military installations in the oblast (like a state). My friends there seem most concerned about disinformation that is being spread through social media. The best way we can help is to only support legitimate sources. For example, it has been suggested that Ukraine was the initial aggressor and Russia is simply responding. This is categorically untrue. Mostly, I would like the world to know that this diabolical scheme of President Putin is not merely an attack on the sovereignty of Ukraine, but a potential catalyst for world war. Our concern is for Ukraine, but what happens there affects us all. Pray for peace, but also look for ways to wage peace. It’s hard to know how currently, but sacrifices at the gas station, or in our investment portfolios, are the very least we can endure for a people whose lives lay in the balance and a nation.”

Reverend Fred Vanderwerf, District Superintendent, also recorded a video that you may watch on his Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/593681332/videos/1028852921000798/>

Friends, let us ask for peace for Ukraine. Pray for a world where people will live in peace and justice, and there will be no more war. Pray, and let us “pursue what makes for peace” (Romans 14:19).

Grace and peace,

Bishop David A. Bard
Interim Bishop, Minnesota Conference

PRAYER PAGE

Grieving with Families...

† The Virginia “Ginny” Kramer Family. Ginny, a friend of Ricki Malerich’s from the Buffalo Women’s Connection, passed away Jan. 12th at age 79.

† The Kathleen “Kathy” Kanduth Family. Kathy, a friend of Ricki Malerich’s from the Buffalo Women’s Connection, passed away Jan. 28th at age 76.

† The James “Jim” Karie Family. Jim, the son of Ricki Malerich’s friend Doris, passed away Feb. 2nd at age 55.

† The Connie Nelson Family. Connie was diagnosed with cancer recently and put on hospice rather quickly. She passed away at home surrounded by her family on Feb. 6th at age 70.

† The Marcella “Marcie” Dubbin Family. Marcie passed away Feb. 20th at age 92.

Our Friends Staying Safe at Home...

Gloria Adickes
John Hylland



Lifting in Our Prayers...

Bonnie Ashbaugh, had her 3rd back surgery on February 9th. Prayers for healing. **There is a **MEAL TRAIN** to help the family as she recovers. You can go to Sign-up Genius and search “Ashbaugh”, or call Bonnie directly at (952) 356-6709.

Kathy Ramthun, friend of Carol Prestidge’s, diagnosed with Lymphoma and will begin chemotherapy soon.

Allan Malerich, as he undergoes some tests for weakness in his legs. **UPDATE:** Allan is waiting for more test results, but the good news is his neuropathy test came back good.

Don Danford, has several doctor appts, and awaiting decisions. Prayers for those fighting addictions.

Prayers for elderly parents, from Roger & Jacque Vanderlinde, that they understand decisions made on their behalf are to keep them safe.

Gordy Herrig, friend of Tod & Sherry Oval, getting treatment for renal cancer.

UKRAINE, and let us not forget other Countries & Nations facing turmoil. (See PG. 3 letter from Bishop Bard.)

Don Danford, having a procedure on his leg March 1st.

Jacque Vanderlinde’s brother, having back surgery March 1st.

Roger Vanderlinde’s three cousins, all battling cancer.

Irene, a friend of Ricki Malerich’s at Park View Care Center, had Covid and now suffering from dementia.

Carrie, a co-worker of Carol Hoppe’s, out sick from work since end of January. Tested negative many times for Covid, and now a month later tested positive for Covid.

Paul Baker’s niece’s husband, had Covid and unable to return to work until he tests negative.

Blessings and Celebrations

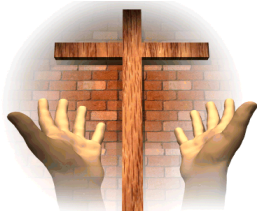
Covid-19 positive test rates in Wright County declining!

Dan Baker, Pastor Paul’s dad, has gone home to Williston, ND and is doing well! (Pastor Paul very thankful he made it there and back in such horrible weather.)

Ricki Malerich and the Golden Aires, able to sing for folks at Park View Care Center Saturday, February 26th!

Happy
Birthdays

We celebrate
the many special
Birthdays in February!



The Lenten Season Begins in March Dates for 2022

Ash Wednesday ~ March 2, 2022

Palm Sunday ~ April 10, 2022

Maundy Thursday ~ April 14, 2022

Good Friday ~ April 15, 2022

Holy Saturday ~ April 16, 2022

Easter Sunday ~ April 17, 2022

March is Food Shelf Month! GET READY TO PACK THE PEWS!

March is Food Share Month!

The Waverly Food Shelf is collecting

CANNED FOOD ITEMS

FEBRUARY 28TH THROUGH APRIL 10TH

They are also accepting monetary donations,
which you can go to www.wccaweb.com

And click on “Food Shelf Donation” button.
The Food Bank will MATCH Dollar-for-Dollar
those donations!

*The Family of Connie Nelson
Sent a **Thank You** card to the church,
thanking everyone that helped with her
funeral service and luncheon.*



Connie directed the family to give everyone one of her hand-painted ball ornaments to remember her by. If you haven’t received one yet and would like one, please contact or see Kim Wagner.

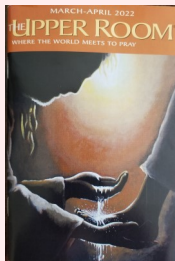
We have also hung one of the ball ornaments on a stand in our library to remember Connie.

**The Montrose United Methodist Women
“Hannah Circle”**

**Meets on the 3rd Monday
of each month at 7 pm**

**~ Next Meeting ~
Monday, March 21st**

Our January & February meetings were cancelled due to weather. We plan to kick-off March with a short devotion, then move into discussion from our resource books, be it the Program Booklet or The Upper Room March-April Devotional. Then we'll be making a tie-blanket to donate.



Come find out how YOU can make a difference in the lives of Women and Children! Join us for an up-coming gathering. Please contact us at: montroseumw@gmail.com with any questions. We'd love for you to join us or provide comments/suggestions on what you'd like to see the UMW group do!

**UMW Special Giving Day
Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

*Embrace the future for women, children and youth
by giving to the **Legacy Endowment Fund.***

There is a LIVE Facebook event March 23rd that will show you how these funds are being put to work.

unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund

Ways to Give:

- ◆ Online at above mentioned website
- ◆ By phone 1-800-278-7771
- ◆ By Text to 41444 and enter “Legacy150” in the message area.
- ◆ By check to: United Methodist Women
ATTN: Legacy
475 Riverside Dr., 15th Floor
New York, NY 10115
Note “**Day of Giving**” in memo section on your check.

Easter is Sunday, April 17th

UMW Hannah Circle invites you to participate in decorating our church again this year for Easter. Perhaps you would like to donate a plant and/or make a monetary donation for the floral Easter Cross. As in prior years, donated flowers are yours to keep and take home after the Easter Worship Service.



**LOOK FOR THE
EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM
IN YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN AND
ON CENTER TABLE IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**Please complete the form
and give to Linda Marquette or
Jacque Vanderlinde.**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
TO MONTROSE UMC
“HANNAH CIRCLE”**



EASTER FLOWERS & PRICES

Easter Lily (5+ Blooms)	\$15 each
Begonias	\$14 each
Cyclamen	\$14 each
Easter Mums	\$14 each
Tulips	\$12 each
Azaleas	\$26 each
Hydrangea Pink	\$26 each
Hydrangea Blue	\$26 each

(All plants are in 6” pots with a pastel color speed cover.)

**I'd like to make a Donation Towards
the alter Easter Cross \$_____**

Hannah Circle Thanks You!

**The Easter Cross is decorated by
Linda Marquette & Jessica Reinhart.**

*The Easter Cross has become an annual
tradition at Montrose UMC and favorite
photo opportunity for many of our
church families to take an Easter
picture together.*

The deadline to place your order is Sunday, April 3rd

SCRIP News!

ShopWithScrip®

Are these local businesses part of your weekly shopping routine? Then why not purchase Gift Cards on-hand for those last minute shopping or gift-giving needs! And support the church at the same time?!

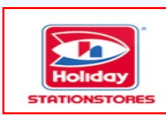
NEW... CASEY'S GIFT CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Question? Please contact Angie Ferrell (763) 442-4876 or Kelly Rux (952) 221-8659.

MARCH ORDER DATES

Monday
MARCH 7th & 21st

NEW!!



Upcoming Events!

FISH FRY (2)

Friday, March 11th



1) Montrose Lion's Fish Fry

at Huikko's 4:30 pm - 8 pm.

Call Roger Vanderlinde for tickets

2) Montrose Days Committee

At Montrose Community Center

4:30 pm - 8 pm (Volunteers needed!)

MUMC FAMILY GAME

DAY & LUNCH



Sunday, March 20th 11:45 am

Join us for lunch and our favorite games as we welcome "normal"! Kim Wagner will provide Corned Beef & Cabbage, and Corn Dogs for kids! If you'd like to bring a dish/desert to share please do! We'll have games in the Fellowship Hall and an Animated movie for the younger age group in the Sanctuary!

FE+ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, March 22nd

12 pm - 1:30 pm Set-up & Packing

3 pm Distribution at the

Montrose Community Center

(Drive through event)



FE+ED UPDATE



"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these volunteers from their swift completion of distributing food to the community!" Okay, maybe I (Kim) borrowed that from the US Postal Service, but it describes our unrelenting FE+ED volunteers month-in-and-month-out! January was the coldest ever FE-ED food distribution and February might have been the windiest and snowiest!

God Bless Each and Every One of FE+ED's Volunteers!

Hmmm...what will March bring?!



Our community contributed a lot of extras:

- * 10 boxes of bread from Waverly Food Shelf.
- * Bread, strawberries, chicken, pie crusts, apples, pineapples, and Mac & Cheese from Buffalo Food Shelf.
- * Hearts & Hands 4All provided Dog & Cat Food.

February Statistics:

- 4,518.5 pounds of food from SHH
- Families served 97 (Down from average 120, most likely due to the weather.)
- Individuals served 328
- Veterans served 16
- Communities served 11

The next food drop is **Tuesday, March 22!**

Report prepared by Pam Johnson, Secretary

FINANCE UPDATE



Thanks for Your Support!

Happy March everyone!! Nothing too exciting to report from the finance committee. There is a lot less stress now that the mortgage is paid off - which is lovely.

We are working to build back up our reserves in our new "Building Maintenance" fund. Your continued support is appreciated. We had our first chance to use the fund for the compressor replacement that recently took place. It was nice not having to pull money out of the general fund or our regular savings accounts. Your continued support to those funds is appreciated. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have some major items coming up on our church building/grounds once street repairs are complete, so having funds available is essential.

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

A CELEBRATION OF THE MORTGAGE BEING PAID-OFF!



~ Watch for details in our April newsletter ~



Drive-Up
Food
Distribution



FE+ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd
3 pm until gone

Drive-thru pick-up on a first come- first serve basis while quantities last.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>We continue to be in PHASE YELLOW We still encourage masks and socially distancing. We will continue to update everyone as these precautions change. As of this publication, Wright County's positive test rate has dropped significantly to around the 7%. We will be making adjustments to our response weekly. <i>Sincerely, Your Church Council</i></p>		<p>1 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>2  7:30 pm Service (S)</p>	<p>3 7-8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 6-8 pm Palabra Viva (S) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p>6  9:30 am Sunday School (C) 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)</p>	<p>7 SCRIP ORDER DAY! 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva (S)</p>	<p>8 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm 4H Club (C) 7-8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>11 FISH FRY (See Events Pg. 6)</p>	<p>12 6-8 pm Palabra Viva (S) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

1st-Erik Marquette
3rd-Cole Dostal
7th-Bonnie Ashbaugh
7th-Debbie Baker
9th-Jan Kanduth
13th-Don Klarstrom
14th-Alyssa Prestidge

17th-Hudson Lieser
18th-Jeff Dostal
19th-Audrey Dahl
20th-Peter Prestidge
23rd-Brandon Torres
30th-James Kuhn
30th-Tony Spreeman



ANNIVERSARIES!

We have no March Anniversaries!



Effective January 1, 2022 Mike Wagner accepted the Custodian position for the church.

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FE+ED
For Each and Every Day
(4th Tuesday of the Month)

UPCOMING FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS:
March 22nd
April 26th
May 24th

Starting at 3:00 pm

This will be a drive thru event at the
Montrose Community Center

**Volunteers are needed & welcome starting at
12:00 pm to pack food boxes!**

FE+ED offers a drive-thru food distribution every
4th Tuesday of the month! Pre-packed boxes/bags of dairy,
produce and food items will be distributed starting at
3 pm until gone at the Community Center parking lot.

Go to the FEED website for more information:

www.fe-ed.org



*We invite you
to join us on
Sunday Mornings
and during this
Lenten Season!*

- ♦ *Sunday School 9:30 am*
- ♦ *Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am*
- ♦ *Worship Service 10:30 am*

*Watch our Worship Service Live on
Facebook or anytime on our website
www.montroseumc.com (worship)!*

Reverend Paul Baker, Pastor