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**The Grapevine**  
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## April 2021 Grapevine

### Easter Hope! The Basics!

Easter Hope sustains me in this crazy world we live in. My brother in Oklahoma told me this morning that a pastor friend in Ada Oklahoma was shot and killed last night. (FYI this is the hometown of Blake Shelton) My brother knew this pastor when they both served in Ada. Then, this morning I also saw on the news that a lawyer is being sued for lies she told after the last election. Her defense goes something like this. *The lies I told were so ridiculous that no reasonable person would believe them, and because they were so ridiculous, I can't be held responsible for people believing them.* (This was regarding her claim that voting machines had been rigged.) – This is the world we live in. And it isn't even 9 AM yet!

Oh, I forgot to mention, last night we learned of another shooting in Colorado, where at least 10 people were killed in a grocery store. A grocery store of all places! And these types of news stories will continue to be shared, because these types of events will continue to happen.

We truly need to get back to the basics. So, what are some basic values we hold in common? Jesus said, love God and you're your neighbor as yourself, these are the two greatest commandments. This was our theme for the Lenten season leading up to Easter. So now, after Easter, let's build on that foundation. Let's explore the basic building blocks of Jesus' own Hebrew Faith. Let's study the Top Ten List from the Bible.

There are 613 Laws in the Hebrew Bible, or what we Christians call the Old Testament. The Top Ten list is taken from those 613 total laws. So, they must be pretty important. We call them the 10 Commandments.


In 2021 we have shared a sermon series on 1) the Beatitudes of Jesus, 2) a series on the Two Greatest Commandments lifted up by Jesus, and we are now starting a sermon series on 3) the 10 Commandments God gave to us through Moses.

*Boring! The 10 Commandments are wonderful, but laws are boring.* Is that your reaction so far? If so, know that we will be looking at the 10 Commandments through the eyes of Jesus. And I guarantee you that every week we will experience seeing and understanding the commandments in a new and life-giving way. I'm looking forward to this!

These are three sermon series focused on the basics of our faith. I pray that each of these sermon series have been able to strengthen you, refresh you, and inspire you in two ways; first to accept the fact that you are worth loving and second, to share your faith and love with all those you meet. God knows this world needs to be loved.

We take comfort in John Wesley's words from his death bed, "The best of all, God is with us still."

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Paul". The script is cursive and elegant.

Pastor Paul D. Baker

## **Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance**

### Giving – March, 2021      Attendance – March 2021

March 7, 2021	\$3,986.30	19 – in-person 22 – online
	\$40.00	UMCOR Special Offering
March 14, 2021	\$1,263.00	19 – in-person 37 – online
	\$100.00	Apportionment Fund
	\$100.00	Building Fund
	\$45.00	UMCOR Special Offering
	\$25.00	Mission March – Food Shelf
	\$25.00	Easter Offering
March 21, 2021	\$1,155.00	16 – in-person 30 – online
	\$40.00	Apportionment Fund
	\$60.00	UMCOR Special Offering
	\$70.00	Mission March – Food Shelf

General funds needed each week:    \$2,519.00

March income as of 03/18/2021: \$5,918.53

March expenses as of 03/18/2021: \$7,322.84

2021 apportionments = \$14,020.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,170.00

Apportionments paid in March = \$1,170.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$3,510.00



## Worship Information and DVD's available

We continue to operate in the Minnesota Conference's recommended **Orange Phase**.

As such our in person worship continues with safety protocols in place.

1)- Our prerecorded video and print worship experiences are still reaching many new people. As in the past, we encourage you to take part in our online worship by either watching Facebook Live on our church Facebook page (or perhaps Paul D. Baker's personal page) or going to [www.vimeo.com/revwindsurfer](http://www.vimeo.com/revwindsurfer) and choosing which Sunday worship you would like to watch.

You can watch Facebook live without having a Facebook account yourself.

2)- After Easter we will offer a Zoom Monday Evening Video Bible Study on the 10 Commandments "Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today," with insight from the book of the same title by Adam Hamilton.

If you are on our email list, you will receive an email invitation for that group each week. If you don't receive an invitation, please call the Annandale church office (320-274-5127) and let us know your email address. Thank you.

If you would like a DVD of the regular Sunday services or a printed manuscript of the sermon, please let Pastor Paul know at 320-455-7314.



## Easter and Post-Easter Worship

April 1, 2021 – Maundy Thursday Service  
7:00 PM in Montrose

April 2, 2021 – NO Annandale Community Good  
Friday Service this Year

April 4, 2021 – **Easter** Sunday Regular Worship Times,  
NO Sunrise event this Year  
Our Easter offering will support the Annandale Food  
Shelf

[“Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten  
Commandments Today”](#)

April 11, 2021 – “At the Center of it All”  
Scripture Readings: Exodus 3:13-15, Exodus 20:1-3

April 18, 2021 – “The Idols we Keep”  
Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:4-5

April 25, 2021 – “I Swear to God”  
Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:7



Thank you for the beautiful Easter plants  
that adorned our sanctuary on  
Easter Sunday

Lilies

Jay & Audrey Jones in memory of George & Mianna  
Varner and Harold & Althea Jones

John O'Fallon in memory of Rose O'Fallon and our parents

Judd & Barb Owen in memory of Jake & Mary Essen

Betsy Gridley in memory of Bob & Florence Lohn

Doug Ollila and Jane Harper in memory of Betty & Everett  
Ollila and Berniece Olsen

Tulips

Dave & Joyce Heberling in honor of our children and  
grandchildren who have helped us during this pandemic

Lynne Bonine in memory of Dan and Caleb Bonine

Hydrangeas

Sally Smith in memory of Jim Smith and Lucille Hahn

Shirley Nordberg in memory of Calvin Nordberg

Gerry & Ruth Bahe in memory of Robert Olson and  
Norman & Deloras Bahe

Alan & Aleta Isaacson in memory of those gone before us  
and in honor of family and friends

Dave & Joyce Heberling in memory of our parents and  
grandparents

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