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**The Grapevine
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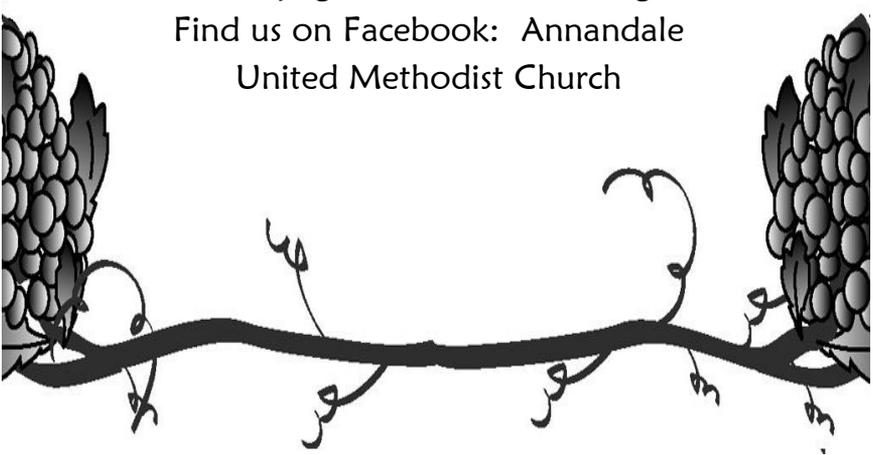
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Because God first Loved Us

Last month I wrote about Grace. This month I want to tell you about Gracie, our adopted dog. She is eleven years old. She was pretty set in her ways when we got her, and not very trusting. She took to Debbie right away, but it took her a while to learn to trust me. Not only that, she was extremely aggressive towards other big dogs, so we tried to be careful with her when we had her out.

Because God

You Give them Something

We've had her for about a year now, and she has mellowed considerably. We will probably never know what her background was, what traumatic experiences she has been through, or why she became so wary of new people and dogs. I'm guessing it wouldn't be a pleasant story.

In the last couple of weeks Gracie has lost her vision. It has made for quite a change at our house. We need to be careful to have everything in its place, or she will run right into things we leave laying on the floor. She still has trouble judging corners and occasionally will turn too early and walk into a wall. It is sad to see.

However, she still loves her three walks per day! It is remarkable to see her when she is out in the open, you can tell that she just wants to run! And, in those places where we are concerned that she will run into something, or step off a curb, she has adapted to paying attention to the slightest nudge with

the leash. She knows we are warning her of an obstacle in the area. She has learned to trust us to keep her safe.

It hasn't been easy, and won't be easy, but our connection with her has deepened and grown stronger as we have learned to adapt to this new challenge. I am amazed at how quickly she has learned to respond to our guidance with the slightest pressure on the leash. If only we could be this responsive to God's guidance in our lives.

God uses the Holy Spirit to give us a nudge now and then. God gives us a long leash. As we continue to come through this difficult time of physical separation in our lives, know that God is with us still. Jesus came to this earth for a reason. He came to remind us that even through the difficult times in life, we are not alone. Jesus is here, and will be with us as we journey through life, both on this side of eternity and on the other side. To God be the Glory, and please, help me to notice the nudges you give me.

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

Pastor Paul

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Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving -July 2020 Attendance -July 2020

July 5, 2020	\$1,233.00	15 - sanctuary 52 - online
July 12, 2020	\$1,107.00	20 - sanctuary 49 - online
July 19, 2020	\$3,022.00 \$40.00 apportionments \$325.00 Love Offering	16 - sanctuary 68 - online
July 26, 2020	\$1,342.00 \$85.00 Love Offering	17 - sanctuary 58 - online

General funds needed each week: \$2,523.38

July income as of 07/23/2020: \$5,727.00

July expenses as of 07/23/2020: \$8,974.34

2020 apportionments = \$18,089.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,507.41

Apportionments paid in July = \$650.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$3,670.00



Worship Information

We have many options for sharing worship together and with physical distancing.

1)-We will be continuing with our video and print worship experiences until further notice. As in the past, we encourage you to take part in our online worship by going to www.vimeo.com/revwindsurfer and choosing which Sunday worship you would like to watch.

2)-We are back to face-to-face worship in our building for now, depending on how the virus progresses. Your safety is our priority.

3)-We also offer a drive-in worship experience. Simply park close to the church building, tune your FM radio to 88.7, and enjoy the service as it takes place in our building. You may be able to greet people as they leave the building after worship.

4)-Or we will also be streaming on Facebook Live. Please search for the worship service on either Paul Baker's personal page, or Montrose or Annandale UMCs Facebook page. This is new, so we are still figuring it out right now. You do not need a Facebook account to watch Facebook Live.

We are also offering a Monday evening online Bible Study Group via Zoom. You will receive an email invitation for that group on Sunday each week.

Worship Themes

Because God

Our focus is Jesus. Always, yes of course, but particularly in this series we are looking at Jesus and then looking at us. Not so much so we can copy Jesus, but so that we can find motivation for what it is that we do. God's how is our why, remember?

August 2, 2020 – “You Give the Something to Eat” –
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9, 2020 – “The Word is Near You”–
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16, 2020 – “To the Lost Sheep”– Matthew 15:21-28

August 23, 2020 – “Who do You Say”– Matthew 16:13-20

August 30, 2020 – “Holding Fast” - Matthew 16:13-20
Romans 12:9-21

Blood Drive



Blood Drive - Friday, September 11

American Family is hosting a Red Cross blood drive at our church building on Friday, September 11.

They will not be accepting walk-ins, so if you would like to give, please make a reservation online with the Red Cross.



Rowan Sommers
Garry Elfstrand
Erin Bach
Norm Planer
Vern Powers
Cheryl Maki
Tom Ponsford
Sharon Schumacher
Adeline Anderson
Jim Anderson
Joyce Heberling
Logan Woods
Audrey Jones

We are praying for:

Alan Isaacson's brother, who is now at home
Barb Owen who broke her wrist and is doing well
Linda Williams' uncle, Dale Grant, who is dealing
with cancer

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