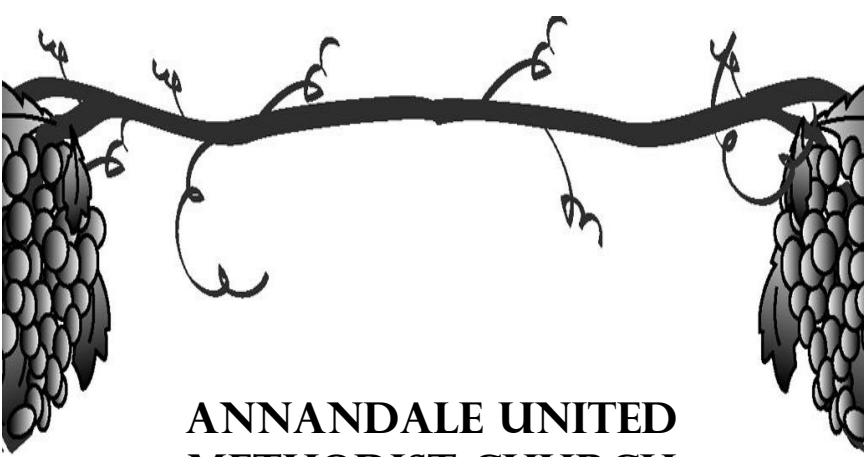




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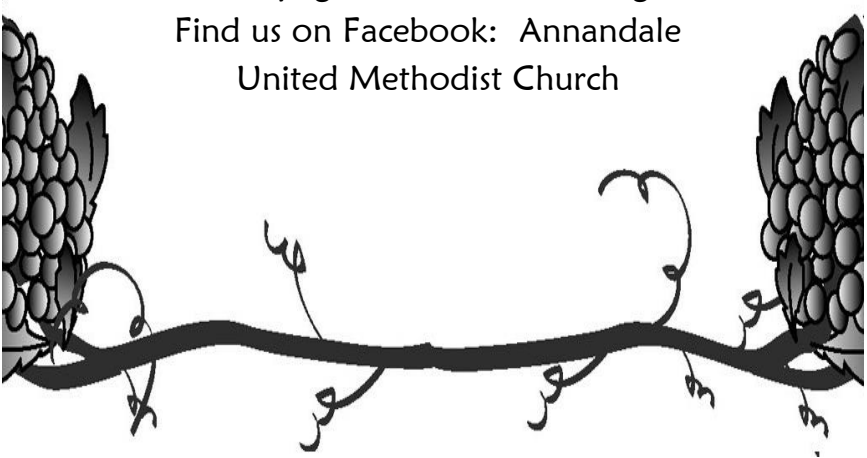
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August 2026 Grapevine

A Month of Refreshing and Renewal: Join Us for “Praise Break” & “Lessons in Leadership”

This month, we are excited to guide our congregation through two distinct but complementary sermon series designed to nourish your spirit and equip our community. As the lazy days of summer often leave us feeling both physically drained and spiritually parched, we are kicking off August with a much-needed interlude. We invite you to pause, take a deep breath, and recalibrate your heart with a series simply titled “Praise Break.” Running for the first three weeks, this series is our chance to step away from the frantic pace of summer activities and remember the joy that comes from simply being in God’s presence.

In “Praise Break,” we are turning to the timeless songbook of the faithful to find refreshment for our weary souls. Whether the heat has gotten to you or the schedule has worn you down, this series serves as a spiritual reset. We will explore how music and declaration are not just elements of a service, but vital responses to the reality of God’s constant presence. By examining the Psalms and other scriptural songs, we will remind ourselves that praise isn’t contingent on perfect circumstances; it is the appropriate response to a God who walks with us through every season. It is an invitation to let go of our burdens and simply lift our voices in gratitude.

As we close out the month and transition into the rhythms of fall, we will shift our focus to a forward-looking series entitled “Lessons in Leadership.” Covering the final two weeks of the month, this series is designed to prepare our hearts

and minds for the work ahead. As we gather back together and look toward the future, it is essential that we align our values and take inventory of our attitudes. This is not a seminar on management or a step-by-step guide for handling church logistics; rather, it is an opportunity to ask the deeper questions about the kind of community we aspire to be.

We encourage you to join us for these powerful five Sundays. Allow the first half of the month to fill your cup with the energy and joy of praise, so that you are ready to approach the second half with a spirit of wisdom and unity. Whether you are a long-time member or a guest, these messages are for everyone who calls this church home. Let us enter the sanctuary ready to sing, ready to learn, and ready to grow together as we build up the body of Christ. We look forward to seeing you there!

With love and blessings,

Pastor Mark Schlasner

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving –July 2026 Attendance –July 2026

July 5, 2026	\$2,008.00	19– in-person
		43 – online
\$743.00 4 th of July Fund – Refreshment Stand sales		

July 12, 2026	\$1,672.62	17 – in-person
		41 – online
\$90.00 July Mission March – Backpack project		
\$1,000.00 Bldg/Maint Fund – A/C repair donation		
\$25.00 Apportionment Fund		

July 19, 2026	\$2,219.46	24 – in-person
		52 - online
\$25.00 Apportionment Fund		
\$50.00 School Backpack Fund - donation		

July 26, 2026	\$572.25	21 – in-person
		51 - online
\$100.00 School Backpack Fund - donation		

General funds needed each week: \$2,853.76

July income as of 07/16/26: \$5,538.62

July expenses as of 07/16/26: \$6,586.72

2026 apportionments = \$11,571.00

Apportionments paid in July: \$25.00



Our August Mission March, which will be taken during the first hymn on Sunday August 9, 2026, will go to apportionments.

Apportionments are the share each annual conference or local church pays to support international, national, and local missions.



August Worship Themes

August 2, 2026 "Behold the Face"
Scripture Reading: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

August 9, 2026 "Sing Praises"
Scripture Reading: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

August 16, 2026 "Unity of Praise"
Scripture Reading: Psalm 133

August 23, 2026 "Power"
Scripture Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10

August 30, 2026 "Acceptance"
Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15



Join us for this year's National Night Out Party on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. Come out and meet your neighbors! Root beer floats will be served. Root beer floats will be served. The Police Department will visit our church at 7:00 pm.



Stop by our Rummage Sale on Thursday and Friday, August 6 and 7 from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Donations are still being accepted and can be brought to the

church during office hours and on Sundays. We will gather items along the back wall of the Fellowship Hall. Any large unsold items will need to be picked up by the donor. Questions may be directed to Audrey Jones or Sally Smith.



Coffee Fellowship Serving Groups

August 2, 2026: Sally Smith

August 9, 2026: Dave & Joyce Heberling

August 16, 2026: Joni Walberg & Dianne Engler

August 23, 2026: Audrey Jones

August 30, 2026: Judd & Barb Owen



Usher Schedule

August 2, 2026: Judd & Barb Owen

August 9, 2026: Dave Heberling

August 16, 2026: Shelly Anderson

August 23, 2026: Dave Heberling

August 30, 2026: Need



2026 Middle School Supply Project

The Outreach Committee is ready to start collecting school supplies that will enable making five backpacks for grades 6, 7, & 8 in time for the Middle School Open House.

The items needed list is located on the stand in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up before you purchase any items to avoid duplication and overlap. Place your donations in the first and second pews in the sanctuary on the South side on or before August 9. This will keep them separate from rummage sale items. Assembly and a celebration breakfast pizza party will be on Sunday, August 16 following worship. Thanks for your support of this outreach project.



August Birthdays

August 3	Rowan Sommers
August 3	Garry Elfstrand
August 12	Erin Bach
August 12	Norm Planer
August 18	Cheryl Maki
August 18	Tom Ponsford
August 19	Sharon Schumacher
August 20	Adeline Anderson
August 20	Jim Anderson
August 22	Grace Jeppesen
August 26	Joyce Heberling
August 30	Logan Woods
August 31	Audrey Jones

Blood Drive



Blood Drive - Friday, September 4, 2026

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at our church on Friday, September 4 from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Donors can schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org), or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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