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**The Grapevine  
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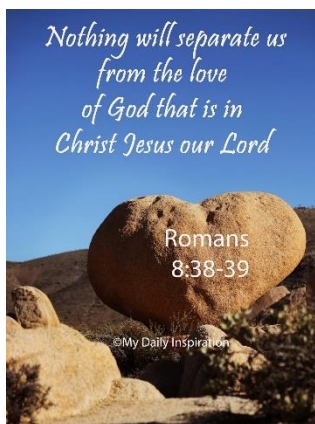
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## July 2020 Grapevine

### Nothing can Separate Us from the Grace of God

There is Grace. As I was reading through the scriptures for the upcoming series from the book of Romans, there were three words that stood out to me; law, sin, and self. In fact, one that really stood out to me in Romans 7:5 was “Self-centered.” I was reading from a relatively new translation, so maybe I had never seen the idea expressed in quite that way before.



The purpose of this entire section of Romans is to remind people who live under the Jewish Law, that Christ has come to fulfill the law. Law was here to help make us aware of sin, which separates us from God. Grace however, is the power that makes sure that we are never completely separated from the love of God, no matter how the power of Sin tries to convince us

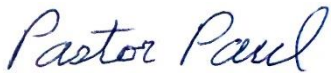
that we are not worthy.

The world of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century was a mess. Poverty was everywhere, the country was occupied by the Roman Army, and many of the Jewish leaders that we would expect to have a heart for the people were corrupt themselves. Into this world came the embodiment of Hope, Jesus the Christ.

He broke down barriers between people, he offered healing to many, he even offered healing to the family of Roman soldiers. He taught us how to love our neighbor, and even how to love our enemies.

The main thing he offered us though, was what the apostle Paul spoke so much about in the letter to the church in Rome. He offered us reconciliation with God even after we had succumbed to the power of Sin. He offered us what we call today, salvation. All we can do is thank him for that gift. We thank him for using his grace to overcome the power of law, and Sin, and our own self-centeredness. We are in this together, and nothing will separate us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Give thanks to God.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Paul".

Pastor Paul D. Baker

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## **Montrose UMC Emergency Food Drop - Wednesday, July 15, 300 PM**

*Just got the Info!* Our July Food Drop will be Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM until we run out of Food Boxes. The boxes will have fresh produce, and people will also receive a separate box of dairy. We hope to have 150 – 200 boxes available. Everyone is welcome! We are currently in discussion about how we can get our Fe-eD program back up and running, so stay tuned for more info on Fe-eD. Volunteer servants are always needed for our food distribution ministry.

## **Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance**

Giving - June 2020      Attendance - June 2020

|               |                        |                |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| June 7, 2020  | \$1,238.00             | 31             |
| June 14, 2020 | \$1,556.57             | 30             |
| June 21, 2020 | \$996.00               | 18 - sanctuary |
|               | \$40.00 apportionments | 29 - online    |
| June 28, 2020 | \$888.00               | 18 - sanctuary |
|               |                        | 3 - drive-in   |
|               |                        | 101 - online   |

General funds needed each week:    \$2,523.38

June income as of 06/25/2020: \$4,080.57

June expenses as of 06/25/2020: \$7,989.09

2020 apportionments = \$18,089.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,507.41

Apportionments paid in June = \$40.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$3,020.00

Blood Drive



### **Blood Drive - Friday, July 10**

American Family is hosting a Red Cross blood drive at our church building on Friday, July 10.

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



## Worship Themes

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](http://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.

### Nothing Shall Separate Us

July 5, 2020 – “For Freedom” – Romans 7:15-20

July 12, 2020 – “Set Your Mind” – Romans 8:1-11

July 19, 2020 – “Creation Waits” – Romans 8:12-25

July 26, 2020 – “More Than Conquerors” – Romans 8:26-39



## Paula Petty Memorial Service

Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 10:00 -11:00 AM there will be a visitation at the church for Paula.

Paula's memorial service will be at 11:00 AM.

The sanctuary will be limited to 50 people with social distancing practices in effect. For the safety of others, bring your own mask or one will be provided for you. Your Safety is our number one concern.

Other options to attend will be as follows:

- 1) Drive-in worship: Park around the church avoiding the road construction, and tune your FM radio to 88.7. You will be able to hear the service at least a block away, and perhaps after the service you can greet Paula's family on the church lawn.
- 2) Facebook Live: We will be streaming the service on Annandale United Methodist Church Facebook page. We are told that one does not need to have a Facebook account to watch Facebook Live.
- 3) We may set up overflow seating in the Dining area of the church. However, this has not been decided yet.

Please keep Paula's family and friends in your prayers.



## July Birthdays



Bekah Mix  
Maverick Woyke  
Stephanie Prinsen  
Avery Sommers  
Aria Woyke  
Joseph Hill

### **Annandale Kitchen Repairs Progress**

In case you had not heard yet, the coffee maker in the kitchen allowed water to run freely in the church kitchen and into the lower level for an entire weekend. We had a flood! The clean-up phase of repairs is completed. Insurance should cover all expenses except the \$2500 deductible.

The plan moving forward is to repair the damage to the kitchen cabinets, replace the floor in the kitchen, install new matching countertops in the kitchen, and to continue to evaluate what is needed in the lower level as repairs progress.

Physically, we have not yet started on the rebuilding process, however, the behind the scenes work with the insurance company has been progressing well.

Thank you to our trustees, and to everyone who has supported us in this effort.

The silver lining to this cloud is that this flood happened while we were not using the building.

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good!  
-Pastor Paul

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