

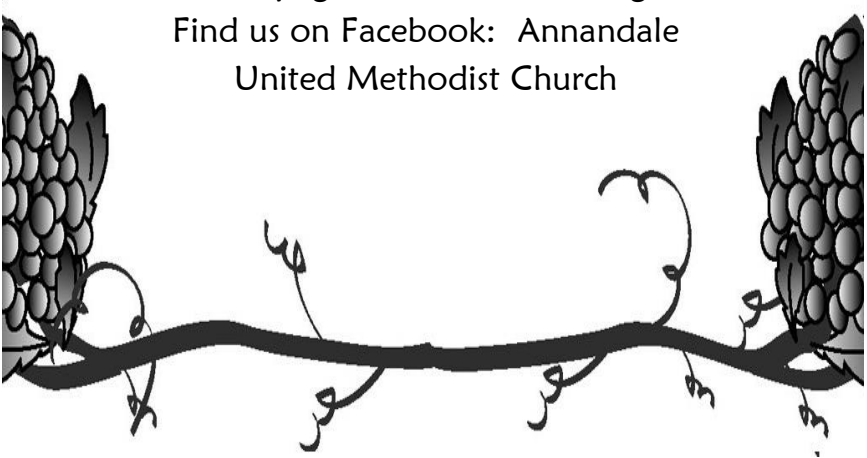


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**The Grapevine
July 2024**

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July 2024 Grapevine

As we enter the month of July, we are thrilled to continue our spiritual journey through the profound teachings of "The Art of Neighboring" by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. Over the past few weeks, we have explored the sacred commandment to love our neighbors and the transformative power it holds for both our souls and our community. Now, let us embark on the second half of this enlightening path together.

In the upcoming weeks, we will delve deeper into the spiritual principles and practical steps that guide us towards becoming Christ-like neighbors. We will uncover profound truths and insights that will help us grow in our understanding of God's love and our role as ambassadors of His grace.

One crucial aspect we will focus on is the art of receiving. As we open our homes and hearts to our neighbors, we create sacred spaces where God's love can flow freely. We will explore the transformative power of being receptive to the presence and gifts of our neighbors. Together, we will discover how embracing the art of receiving can deepen our understanding of God's love and nurture authentic connections within our community.

Additionally, we will delve into the divine calling of collaboration. By joining hands with our neighbors, we can manifest God's kingdom on earth. Through inductive reasoning, we will explore inspiring stories of spiritual collaboration that have brought about remarkable blessings and growth. Together, we will uncover the beauty of unity and the profound impact it can have on our community and our own spiritual journeys.

As we continue our exploration of neighboring, let us approach it with open hearts and a deep desire to grow in our spiritual walk. Join us in our upcoming discussions as we seek to align our lives with God's heart for our neighbors. Together, let us embrace this sacred opportunity to cultivate the fruits of the Spirit within ourselves and extend God's love to those around us.

Remember, that the art of neighboring is not merely a practical endeavor but a profound spiritual calling. Let us walk this path together, supporting and encouraging one another as we strive to be Christ's hands and feet in our community.

May God bless you abundantly as we continue this spiritual journey of neighborly love.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Mark Schlasner

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving -June 2024 Attendance -June 2024

June 2, 2024	\$1,398.00	26 - in-person 35 - online
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June 9, 2024	\$1,029.00	22 - in-person 24 - online
	\$286.00 Mission March - Apportionments	
	\$140.00 Flower Fund	
	\$10.00 Fourth of July Fund	

June 16, 2024	\$1,983.00	28 - in-person 25 - online
	\$25.00 Apportionment Fund	
	\$120.00 Fourth of July Fund	

June 23, 2024	\$1,021.67	28 - in-person - online
	\$45.00 Fourth of July Fund	

General funds needed each week: \$2,491.70

June income as of 06/20/24: \$5,191.00

June expenses as of 06/20/24: \$5,852.63

2024 apportionments = \$12,769.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,078.83

June apportionments paid = \$286.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$2,271.00



July Worship Themes

July 7, 2024 “Motives Matter “
Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

July 14, 2024 “The Art of Receiving”
Scripture Reading: John 12:1-8

July 21, 2024 “Forgiving”
Scripture Reading: Luke 7:35-50

July 28, 2024 “Better Together”
Scripture Reading: Luke 10:1-2



Coffee Fellowship Serving Groups

July 7, 2024: Garry & Linda Elfstrand

July 14, 2024: Betsy Gridley and Barb McNellis

July 21, 2024: Need

July 28, 2024: Judd & Barb Owen



Usher Schedule

July 7, 2024: Shelly Anderson

July 14, 2024: Judd & Barb Owen

July 21, 2024: Garry Elfstrand

July 28, 2024: Shelly Anderson



- Thanks to all for prayers for Jessica and baby! Baby was born on Friday, June 21 and both are doing great! Welcome to Gods world... Henry Gordon Schmidt -Steve and Laurie Dick (Grandpa and Grandma)
- Update for Jim Anderson's brother, Andy, who has been diagnosed with cervical myelopathy, (compression of the spinal cord). Andy is weaning off the neck brace and getting used to not having it on. He can have it off for a couple hours at a time. He thanks you for your prayers.



Happy Summer! Things are most definitely in bloom!

The church gardens are looking extremely beautiful, as usual, this year. However, with all of the rain we have been getting, it is becoming a bumper year for weeds, too.

Therefore, we are asking if anyone would consider donating any extra Hosta to the church gardens. We believe by planting some of these in prime locations, it could help keep the weeds down and also help with drainage along the sidewalk. If you have any Hosta you would like to donate, please contact Deb Woelfel @ (320)282-3288. Thanks so much for your consideration!



Thank you for all the help weeding! We know there have been a number of people helping with this and your help is definitely noticed and appreciated! The front/sign garden looks great!
- Laurie Dick and Deb Woelfel

Blood Drive



Blood Drive - Friday, July 12, 2024

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at our church on Friday, July 12 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).



4th of July Refreshment Stand

We will be selling grilled brats and hotdogs, chips, pop, and water at our refreshment stand on Thursday, July 4 before, during, and after the parade. The parade starts at 10:00am.

Stop by and enjoy refreshments while watching the parade!



Join us for this year's National Night Out Party on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. Come out and meet your neighbors! Root beer floats will be served. Watch for more information coming!



Stay tune for more information on our Church Rummage Sale in August. Donations can be brought to the church

during office hours and on Sundays starting July 14, 2024. 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.

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