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**The Grapevine  
July 2026**

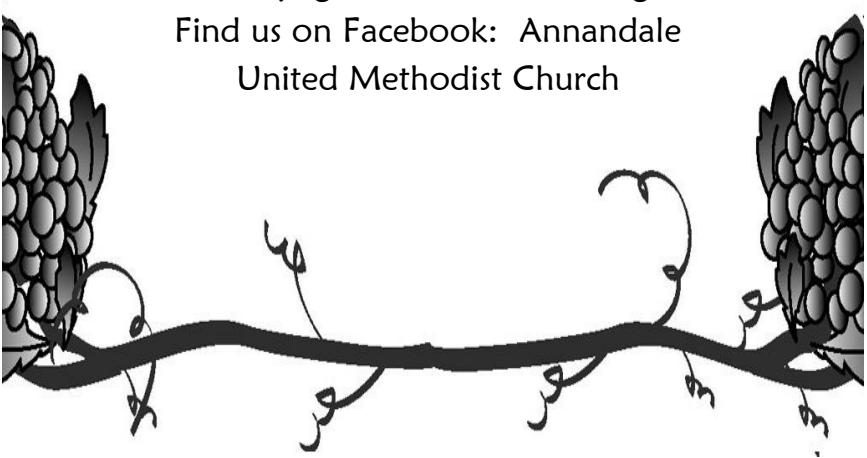
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## July 2026 Grapevine

There's a sacred rhythm to a Minnesota summer. It's the season of kids screaming in pure joy, the scent of pine needles warming in the sun, and the glassy stillness of a lake at dawn. For many of us, these long days are spent at the cabin—a place where we instinctively take a deep breath and feel our shoulders drop. But if we're honest, even in that quiet escape, our minds rarely settle easily. Worries drift in like a sudden storm on the water, and the restlessness we thought we left in the city finds us on the dock, staring at the stars. Perhaps the cabin isn't just a place to escape our daily lives, but a place to finally sort through what's rattling around inside them. It's in this spirit that we invite you to join us for a new sermon series designed to anchor your soul, no matter where you find yourself this summer.

This July, Core Faith is a deep dive into Romans chapter 8, a passage that feels remarkably suited to the quiet intensity of cabin life. Up north, we're closer to creation—we feel the lapping of the water against the rocky shore and hear the wind moving through the birch trees. Paul taps into this very imagery when he describes all creation groaning as in the pains of childbirth, waiting eagerly for renewal. There's a connection here we often miss in the hum of the highway: our spiritual journey is mysteriously bound up with the world around us. As we explore this ancient text, we'll ask what it means that the loons, the walleye, and the towering pines are, in their own way, participants in God's redemptive story.

Of course, a cabin isn't only about solitary sunsets; it's about the crowded tables on the porch, the shared stories around a campfire, and the laughter echoing across the lake. In the same

way, Core Faith isn't just about our private, internal peace. We'll explore how the Spirit binds us together as a body of Christ, linking our lives in both suffering and joy. When Paul talks about setting our minds on the Spirit instead of our sinful nature, he's describing a shift as tangible as turning off the noise to finally hear the rain on the roof. Over these weeks, we'll unpack how the law functions in our faith, what it truly means to be free from condemnation, and how we can possess the unshakable confidence that neither the depths of the lake nor the height of our worries can separate us from the love of God.

So whether you're joining us in the pews or streaming from a rocking chair with an iffy cell signal, we encourage you to lean into this series. Let's take this season to set our minds on the Spirit, letting the truths of Romans 8 settle into our hearts with the slow, steady rhythm of a Northwoods summer. Come as you are, and together, let's explore what it means to be securely anchored in our Core Faith.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Mark Schlasner

## Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

| <u>Giving – June 2026</u> | <u>Attendance – June 2026</u> |
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|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| June 7, 2026                                               | \$4,226.00 | 28- in-person<br>43 - online |
| \$600.00 June Mission March – 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fund |            |                              |

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|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| June 14, 2026 | \$1,404.00                                        | 24 – in-person<br>35 – online |
| \$105.00      | June Mission March – 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fund |                               |
| \$50.00       | Outreach Fund – Ice cream social donation         |                               |
| \$25.00       | Apportionment Fund                                |                               |

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|---------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| June 21, 2026 | \$1,126.00                   | 26 – in-person |
| \$25.00       | Apportionment Fund           |                |
| \$75.00       | 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Fund |                |

General funds needed each week: \$2,853.76

June income as of 06/25/26: \$8,520.00

June expenses as of 06/25/26: \$6,159.63

2026 apportionments = \$11,571.00

Apportionments paid in June: \$50.00



Our July mission march, which will be taken on Sunday, July 12, will support The Backpack Project. This project is a special opportunity to support Annandale Middle School by providing school supplies for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.



## July Worship Themes

July 5, 2026 “Delight in the Law”  
Scripture Reading: Romans 7:15-25

July 12, 2026 “Set the Mind”  
Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-11

July 19, 2026 “Wait with Eager Longing”  
Scripture Reading: Romans 8:12-25

July 26, 2026 “More Than Conquerors”  
Scripture Reading: Romans 8:26-39



## July Birthdays

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|---------|-------------------|
| July 3  | Bekah Mix         |
| July 11 | Maverick Woyke    |
| July 13 | Stephanie Prinsen |
| July 16 | AJ Sommers        |
| July 22 | Aria Woyke        |
| July 24 | Joseph Hill       |



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. Watch for more information coming!



## Coffee Fellowship Serving Groups

July 5, 2026: Tom & Cheryl Maki

July 12, 2026: Barb McNellis and Betsy Gridley

July 19, 2026: Sally Smith

July 26, 2026: Judd & Barb Owen



## Usher Schedule

July 5, 2026: Dave Heberling

July 12, 2026: Need

July 19, 2026: Need

July 26, 2026: Shelly Anderson



Stop by our Rummage Sale on Thursday and Friday, August 6 and 7 from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Donations can be brought to the church during office hours and on

Sundays starting July 12, 2026. 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.



Apportionments can be seen as an ugly word, but I can testify that apportionments have helped our church.

Every month, I will be sharing how apportionments help support international, national, and local missions in the United Methodist Church.

The Minnesota conference uses apportionments to help support rural ministries through the Rural Ministry Matters group. This Rural Ministry Matters group offers isolated rural pastors a vital community for connection, shared resources, and mutual encouragement through regular in-person and virtual gatherings. By providing a space to address their unique challenges and recharge together, the initiative helps sustain and uplift clergy so they can move from surviving to thriving in their vital ministry. Ultimately, it empowers rural pastors to find their collective voice and model creative, vibrant ministry for the broader church.

The only money collected for apportionments are those indicated as such. So we ask that you prayerfully consider giving whatever you can for apportionments so *we* can pass it on and bless other congregations.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Mark



#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Refreshment Stand

Stop by our Refreshment Stand on Saturday, July 4 and check out our new menu items! We will be selling home-baked cinnamon rolls, iced coffee, hotdogs and chips, ice cream novelties, water, and pop during the parade.

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