

The Grapevine June 2025

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God's Presence in the Summer Season

As the warmth of summer settles in, we are reminded of God's faithfulness in every season. The longer days and sunlit evenings invite us to pause and recognize the ways God knits us together as one body in Christ. In shared meals, laughter, and moments of quiet reflection, we see glimpses of the unity He desires for His people—a unity that transcends differences and reflects His boundless love. Summer's rhythm calls us to open our hearts to one another, just as God opens His hands to bless us with abundance and connection.

This season also stirs within us a sense of divine awakening. Like the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost, God's Spirit moves in our midst, breathing new life into weary souls and igniting fresh purpose. The vibrant energy of summer mirrors the fire of the Holy Spirit, urging us to listen for God's call and step forward in faith. Whether in the stillness of a morning sunrise or the joy of gathered worship, God speaks, inviting us to trust His guidance even when the path ahead is unclear.

Yet summer is not without its storms—both literal and spiritual. When trials come or plans unravel, we are reminded that God is our refuge and strength. Like the prophet who watched words be rewritten, we learn that His mercies are never exhausted. Even in brokenness, God restores, weaving our struggles into a greater story of redemption. These long, sunlit days become a testament to His faithfulness, teaching us to lean into His promises when the heat of life feels overwhelming.

As we journey through these summer months, may we seek God in every moment—in the laughter of children, the shade of ancient trees, and the quiet whispers of His Spirit. Let us embrace this season as a sacred opportunity to grow closer to Him and one another, trusting that His light will guide us, His grace will sustain us, and His love will bind us together, now and always.

With love and blessings,

Rev. Mark Schlasner

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving -May 2025 Attendance -May 2025

May 4, 2025 \$2,637.23 33- in-person

84- online

May 11, 2025 \$1,404.00 22 - in-person

49 - online

\$176.00 Mission March – Love Offering

May 18, 2025 \$3,598.00 26 - in-person

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\$25.00 Apportionment Fund

\$75.00 Mission March - Flower Fund

May 25, 2025 \$1,366.03 24 - in-person

110 - online

\$105.00 Special Sundays Fund – United Methodist Student Day

General funds needed each week: \$2,638.78

May income as of 05/20/25: \$8.403.23

May expenses as of 05/20/25: \$15,590.92

2025 apportionments = \$11,690.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$1,025.00



Our June Mission March, which will be taken during the first hymn on Sunday June 8, 2025, will go to apportionments. Apportionments are the share each annual conference or local church pays to support international, national, and local missions.



June Worship Themes

June 1, 2025 One in Christ Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

June 8, 2025 Pentecost Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7

> June 15, 2025 The Call Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:1-10

June 22, 2025 Guest Preacher - Sherry Oval

June 29, 2025 Scroll Burned and Rewritten Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31



Coffee Fellowship Serving Groups

June 1, 2025: Joe Hill

June 8, 2025: Mona Steinhaus

June 15, 2025: Dave & Joyce Heberling

June 22, 2025: Audrey Jones

June 29, 2025: Need



Usher Schedule

June 1, 2025: Gerry Bahe

June 8, 2025: Gerry Bahe

June 15, 2025: Dave Heberling

June 22, 2025: Shelly Anderson

June 29, 2025: Dave Heberling



June Birthdays

June 5 Jade Petty

June 8 Bob Woelfel

June 16 Jim Martin

June 19 Kelly Woyke

June 29 Sharalyn Babbitt

June 29 Mike Planer

June 30 Sharon Planer



Blood Drive - Friday, July 11, 2025

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at our church on Friday, July 11 from 10:00am—4:00pm.

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



Shirley Nordberg, a cherished friend of our Annandale UMC community, passed away in March 2025 at the age of 92, surrounded by her loving family. Committal Services will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Woodlawn Cemetery. A Celebration of Shirley's Life will follow from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Nordberg Family Farm, 7985 Osborn Ave. in South Haven, MN.



Peace with Justice Sunday is June 15, 2025. The United Methodist Church uses this day to speak out for peace and justice.

Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as peacemakers in resolving conflict. We renew our commitment that to live into our mission of transforming the world, we must prioritize collaboration among nations, work to reduce the use and need for weapons, and foster just, equitable and durable solutions to the root causes of conflict. Contributions support programs that witness to God's demands for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world.



Community Ice Cream Social & Band Concert Wednesday, June 18, 2025

We are hosting a new event this year as an outing for the community and a fundraiser for school supplies

for our Annandale students. The ice cream social and band concert will be at the Annandale Park Pavilion from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday June 18th. The Annandale Community Band has graciously agreed to entertain us beginning at 6:30.

A freewill offering titled "Cash for Kids" will be accepted and will be used to purchase school supplies directly or passed along to the school social workers for this purpose.

Your help is needed for donations of ice cream and toppings as well with setup, serving and cleanup. A clipboard will be sent around for your sign ups.



4th of July Brat and Hotdog Stand

Come and watch the parade and enjoy refreshments from our brat and hotdog stand on Friday, July 4th! Clipboards will be passed around this month asking for donations of pop and water, cash donations, and help working the stand.

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