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**The Grapevine
June 2026**

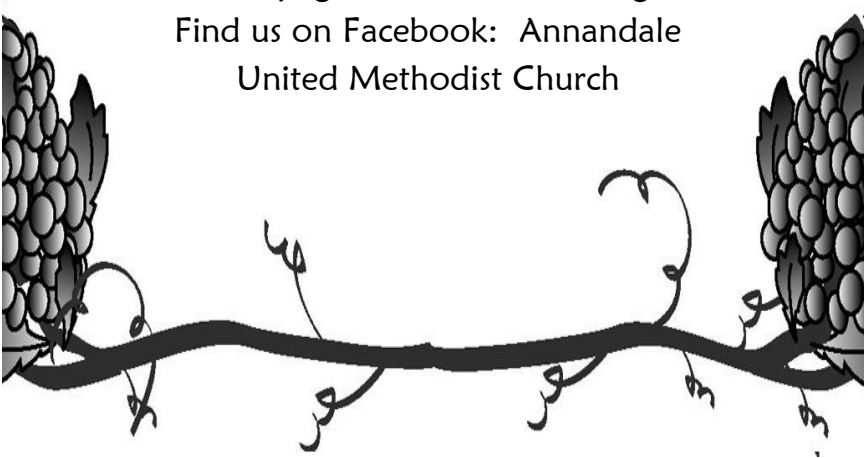
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June 2026 Grapevine

This month, we will be focusing on Abraham and Sarah (aka Abram and Sarai) in their unique journey of faith. Their journey is unique because they were the first ones chosen, but they're not unique in the way that they really mess it up. There are times of great faith and there are times of pure fear. Yet even in their fear and failure, God never abandoned them. That's the quiet miracle running through each of the four lessons this month.

We'll see how God calls a wandering, childless couple and promises to make them a blessing to the whole world—not because they're perfect, but because God is faithful. Then we'll hear how their doubt has turned into a laugh that names the impossible: a baby born to a ninety-year-old woman. Laughter, in this story, becomes the first language of hope.

But faith doesn't always feel like laughter. Later we'll sit with Hagar and her son in the wilderness, listening for a voice that speaks when all other voices have gone silent. Finally, we'll climb Mount Moriah with Abraham, where the question "Will God provide?" is answered not with an explanation, but with a ram caught in a thicket—and a deep trust that sometimes provision comes at the very last second. These are not neat stories. They are jagged, raw, and real.

As you read along this month, I invite you to notice where your own story overlaps with theirs. Where are you waiting for a promise that feels laughably late? Where are you afraid you've messed things up beyond repair? And where might you be hearing a quiet and persistent voice that says you are seen, you are held, and you are still part of the blessing? Abraham and Sarah remind us that God doesn't call the qualified; God qualifies the called. And that includes you.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Mark Schlasner

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving – May 2026 Attendance – May 2026

May 3, 2026	\$1,874.00	22 – in-person 57 – online
\$115.00 Flower Fund – flowers for church building		
May 10, 2026	\$1,524.00	25 – in-person 32 – online
\$184.00 May Mission March – Love Offering		
\$55.00 Flower Fund – flowers for church building		
May 17, 2026	\$1,723.17	20 – in-person 37 – online
\$50.00 Apportionment Fund		
\$25.00 May Mission March – Love Offering		
May 24, 2026	\$624.00	23 – in-person 40 – online

General funds needed each week: \$2,853.76

May income as of 05/21/26: \$5,990.17

May expenses as of 05/21/26: \$6,736.00

2026 apportionments = \$11,571.00

Apportionments paid May: \$1,409.00



June Worship Themes

Forming a Family/Preparing a People

June 7, 2026 "To Be a Blessing"

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

June 14, 2026 "A Miracle Called Laughter"

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-15

June 21, 2026 "Hearing the Voice"

Scripture Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

June 28, 2026 "God Will Provide"

Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-14



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



Coffee Fellowship Serving Groups

June 7, 2026: Judd & Barb Owen

June 14, 2026: Roberta Monk & Carol Picken

June 21, 2026: Audrey Jones

June 28, 2026: Gerry & Ruth Bahe



Usher Schedule

June 7, 2026: Gerry Bahe

June 14, 2026: Need

June 21, 2026: Dave Heberling

June 28, 2026: Shelly Anderson

Blood Drive



Blood Drive - Friday, July 10, 2026

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at our church on Friday, July 10 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).



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.

As the Annual Conference approaches this June, I'm reminded of how the Minnesota Conference ensures the gathering is both inspiring and transformational. Thanks to apportionments, what could easily become a routine, stuffy, or boring business meeting is instead transformed into a Spirit-led worship and ministry experience. Apportionments help fund the planning and execution that make this kind of genuine renewal possible.

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



Annandale United Methodist Church hosts
Community Ice Cream Social & Band Concert
Wednesday, June 24th 2026

The Annandale United Methodist Church will host an Ice Cream Social and Annandale Community Band concert on Wednesday, June 24th at the Park Pavilion from 6 to 8 pm. The band will perform on the front lawn and begin to play at 6:30. Bring your own chairs. In the event of rain, the concert will be cancelled or rescheduled.

This event will collect a “Cash for Kids” freewill offering to purchase school supplies for Annandale students.



4th of July Refreshment Stand

Help us make this July 4th fundraiser a success! We’re trying something new this year—breakfast items, ice cream novelties, along with our classic hot dogs and chips. To see what clicks with the Annandale community, we need your support. Please consider helping with a financial or food donation. Sign up or give during our Mission March on Sunday, June 14.

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