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**The Grapevine
November - 2020**

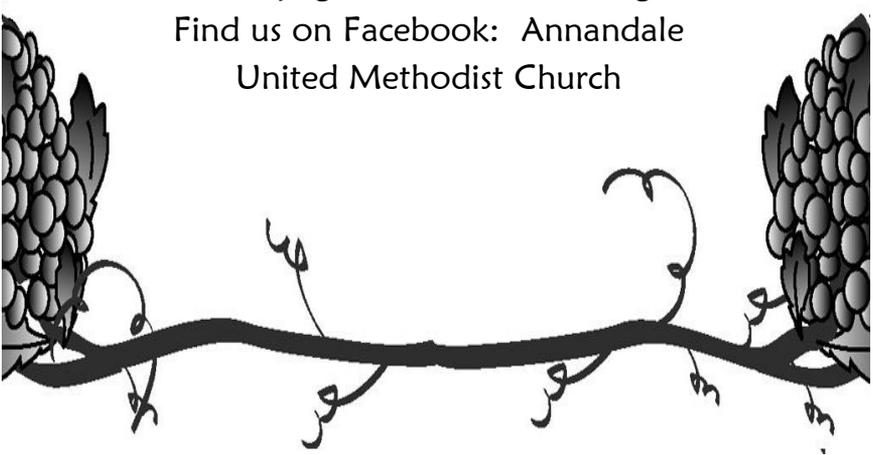
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Christ Recognizes and Loves Us

1st John 3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.

²Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure.

In 1994 Elton John sang a song for the animated movie, *The Lion King*. The song I'm thinking of is titled, *Can You Feel the Love Tonight*. It was sung in the movie while the two lions, Simba and Nala, frolicked a bit, and their relationship grew. Today, as I read this verse from 1st John 3, this song popped into my head from out of nowhere. I think I may have related the question, can you feel the love tonight, with the phrase in the scripture about the world not recognizing Jesus, and not recognizing the people who follow Jesus.

As we move into the month of November, I'm thinking about two things. First, I'm hoping that November will be a bit warmer than October was. And second, I'm thinking how important it is for us to do our best to live out the love that God has shared with us. Christmas is coming, and I am sure it won't look the same as it has in the past. Our Candlelight Christmas Eve service won't have candles, there won't be congregational singing, there won't be the crowds that usually inspire us so completely. Yet, there will be Love. Not the passionate Hollywood kind of love, but love that comes from a lifetime commitment. A true reflection of the love that our creator has shared with us since the

beginning of time and will last until the last second runs out on the clock.

So, we hope that your celebrations of Thanksgiving and Christmas will be more meaningful to you this year than they have ever been before. They will look different, however, that doesn't mean that they are less important. In fact, sharing your love this year is probably more important than it has ever been before.

Christ recognizes us, sees, us, and loves us more than we will ever know. For that we give thanks. Because Christ first loved us, I know we will all feel the love tonight.

As John Wesley said on his death bed, "The best of all, God is with us."

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

Pastor Paul

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Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards & other support while I've been laid up with my broken ankle! Steve and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and feel blessed to be part of the AUMC family!
- Laurie Dick

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving -Oct. 2020 Attendance -Oct. 2020

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| Oct. 4, 2020 | \$2,293.00 | 20 - sanctuary |
| | \$125.00 | 39 - online |
| | Mission March - Camp Koinonia | |
| Oct. 11, 2020 | \$1,090.00 | 18 - sanctuary |
| | \$80.00 | 30 - online |
| | Mission March - Camp Koinonia | |
| Oct. 18, 2020 | \$1,760.00 | 17 - sanctuary |
| | \$40.00 apporionments | 35 - online |
| | \$210.00 Mission March - Camp Koinonia | |
| Oct. 25, 2020 | \$1,530.00 | 16 - sanctuary |
| | | 41 - online |

General funds needed each week: \$2,523.38

October income as of 10/26/2020: \$5,598.00

October expenses as of 10/26/2020: \$7,989.27

2020 apporionments = \$18,089.00

Monthly apporionments = \$1,507.41

Apporionments paid in October = \$200.00

Apporionments paid YTD = \$4,150.00



Worship Information

We have many options for sharing worship together and with physical distancing.

1)- Our prerecorded video and print worship experiences are still reaching many new people. As in the past, we encourage you to take part in our online worship by going to www.vimeo.com/revwindsurfer and choosing which Sunday worship you would like to watch.

2)- In person worship in our building has reached about half of our normal attendance. This is what we expected. We have some restrictions, such as physical distancing, no singing, and now masks are required in public places. Your safety is our priority.

3)- We also offer a drive in worship experience. Simply park within a block of the church building, tune your FM radio to 88.7, and enjoy the service live. You may be able to greet people as they leave the building after worship.

4)- We also have the live service streaming on Facebook Live. Please search for the worship service on either Paul Baker's personal page, or Montrose or Annandale UMCs Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to watch Facebook Live. The service will also be saved on Facebook so you can watch it later if need be.

We are also offering a Monday evening online Bible Study Group via Zoom. If you are on our email list, you will receive an email invitation for that group on Sunday each week. If you don't receive an invitation, please call the Annandale church office (320-274-5127) and let us know your email address. Thank you.

Worship Themes

Truth is of more Value than ...

He wrote about half of the New Testament, yet none of the books of the Bible bear his name. Join us as we seek to get to know the man behind many of the teachings of the church. He was a man of his times, and some of his writings reflect the values of those times, and some of his values are universal for all times.

November 1, 2020 – “Love and Grief” - All Saints Day
1st John 3:1-3

November 8, 2020 – “Worth Waiting For” – Matthew 25:1-13

November 15, 2020 - “Integrity is of Most Value”
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22, 2020 – “The Truth of Eternity: It Starts Now”
Matthew 25:31-46

Advent Begins! - Incarnation!

November 29, 2020 – “Of Presidents and Kings”
Micah 5:2 Matthew 2:1-2

Blood Drive



Blood Drive - Friday, November 13

American Family is hosting a Red Cross blood drive at our church building on November 13.

The Blood Drives have been full, so please make a reservation online with the Red Cross *soon!* Due to Covid-19, they may not be accepting walk-ins.

Volunteers needed for 2 hour shifts to help check in the blood donors.



Christmas: Looking Ahead

This Christmas is sure to look different. If things stay as they are, we

plan to hold in person Christmas Eve services. If they get worse, we may need to go to entirely online. I hope that doesn't happen.

At any rate, we will need to limit the number of people who can attend. We may need to ask you to make reservations ahead of time so that we can plan for your safety.

There are many creative ideas floating around, including the possibility of holding an outdoor service. That would depend on the weather and mother nature of course.

However we end up celebrating this year, we know that your Christmas will be filled with the Love and the Spirit of the Christ Child. For that we give thanks.



Share Your Christmas will operate differently this year due to the COVID virus. The plan is to provide each child

with a \$35 gift card and each family with a \$40 Marketplace card. The cards will be mailed to the families on December 7th to give them time to shop.

Last year we provided gifts to 70 families, 27 senior citizens and 18 Care Center residents. Any financial help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made to the church and it will be directed to the Share Your Christmas account.

Thank you so much, Sally and Joyce



Poinsettias Order Form

If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia plant to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Season, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office by **Sunday, November 15**. Cost is \$8.00/plant. Make checks payable to: **Annandale UMC**.

YOUR NAME: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

NO. PLANTS ORDERED: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

CHOICE OF COLOR (please circle)

red

white

pink

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