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**The Grapevine
November 2025**

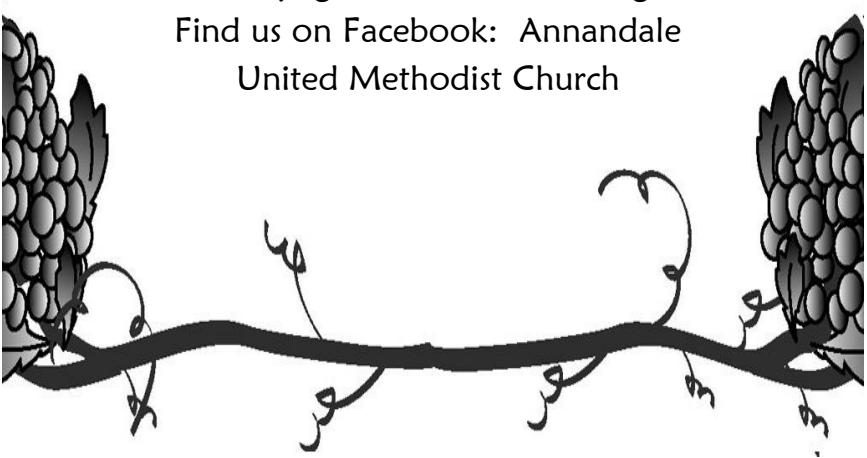
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I want to thank Pastor Mark for asking me to fill in for him during his time of parental leave. His generosity of spirit to ask a former pastor to come and preach here again is amazing. I wish him and you all the best as you continue to share the ministry of Christ with and in this community.

I have enjoyed my time with you these past eight weeks. And I have tried to share my faith with you, I believe sharing of ourselves is a key part of following Jesus. I also believe that as we share, we can find the Holy Spirit at work in places we might not expect to find it.

My brother has recently reminded me of the wisdom and encouragement he has found in the songs of Bruce Springsteen. They speak to me as well. So, I want to share the lyrics from one of his songs with you here, as I believe these words will speak to you as well. These are the lyrics to “Letter to You.”

'Neath a crowd of mongrel trees I pulled that
bothersome thread
Got down on my knees, grabbed my pen and bowed
my head
Tried to summon all that my heart finds true
And send it in my letter to you, whoa!

Things I found out through hard times and good

I wrote 'em all out in ink and blood
Dug deep in my soul and signed my name true
And sent it in my letter to you

[Chorus] In my letter to you I took all my fears and
doubts

In my letter to you All the hard things I found out
In my letter to you All that I found true
And I sent it in My letter to you

[Verse 3] I took all the sunshine and rain
All my happiness and all my pain
The dark evening stars and the morning sky of blue
And I sent it in my letter to you
And I sent it in my letter to you

--May we continue to share our lives together, in the
many ways that Christ is leading us to do so.

Pastor (retired) Paul D. Baker

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving – Oct. 2025 Attendance – Oct. 2025

Oct. 5, 2025	\$2,081.00	26- in-person 0- online
	\$50.00	Craft Bake Sale Fund donation
	\$95.00	Special Sunday Fund – World Communion

Oct. 12, 2025	\$5,412.00	28 – in-person – online
\$254.00	October. Mission March – Building/Maintenance Fund	
\$2,000.00	Building/Maintenance Fund – Bell Tower donation	
\$835.00	Holiday Market & Bake Shop Fund	

Oct. 19, 2025	\$1,462.00	27 – in-person 174 – online
	\$25.00	Apportionment Fund
	\$20.00	Holiday Market & Bake Shop Fund

Oct. 26, 2025	\$1,661.75	37 – in-person 83 – online
	\$100.00	Thanksgiving Dinner Fund
	\$25.00	Memorial Fund – Scott Picken Memorial

General funds needed each week: \$2,638.78

October income as of 10/28/25: \$13,327.17

October expenses as of 10/28/25: \$13,643.62

2025 apportionments = \$11,690.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$2,132.00



Words that Changed the World – The Message of Jesus -Pastor Paul

More than 3 billion people claim to follow Jesus.

But aside from a few verses, how many actually know what he taught? In this series we will explore some of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. In the first two weeks of November, we continue to explore Jesus' message. His message is not only life-changing, but world-changing.

We will conclude this series with a stand-alone message, on the importance of being guided by both our head and heart. This message is based in Philip's interaction with the Ethiopian eunuch.

November 2, 2025 "The Resurrection and the Life"

Scripture Readings: Matthew 22:29-33; Luke 16:19-31; John 14:1-3; Matthew 28:16-20

November 9, 2025 "Head and Heart"

Scripture Readings: Mark 12:30-31; Acts 8:26-40

November 16, 2025 Pastor Mark preaching

November 23, 2025 Pastor Mark preaching

November 30, 2025 Pastor Mark preaching



Our November Mission March, which will be taken during the first hymn on Sunday, November 9, 2025, will go towards our Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27, 2025. This Mission March will help with the cost of the dinner.

Blood Drive



Blood Drive - Friday, November 14, 2025

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at our church on Friday, November 14 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).



Coffee Fellowship Serving Groups

November 2, 2025: Sally Smith

November 9, 2025: Betsy Gridley and Barb McNellis

November 16, 2025: Judd & Barb Owen

November 23, 2025: Joyce Heberling

November 30, 2025: Mona Steinhaus



Usher Schedule

November 2, 2025: Gerry Bahe

November 9, 2025: Shelly Anderson

November 16, 2025: Mona Steinhaus

November 23, 2025: Gerry Bahe

November 30, 2025: Judd & Barb Owen



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 into the church office by **Sunday, November 16**. Cost is \$9.00/plant. Make checks payable to: **Annandale UMC**.

YOUR NAME: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

NUMBER PLANTS ORDERED: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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