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**The Grapevine  
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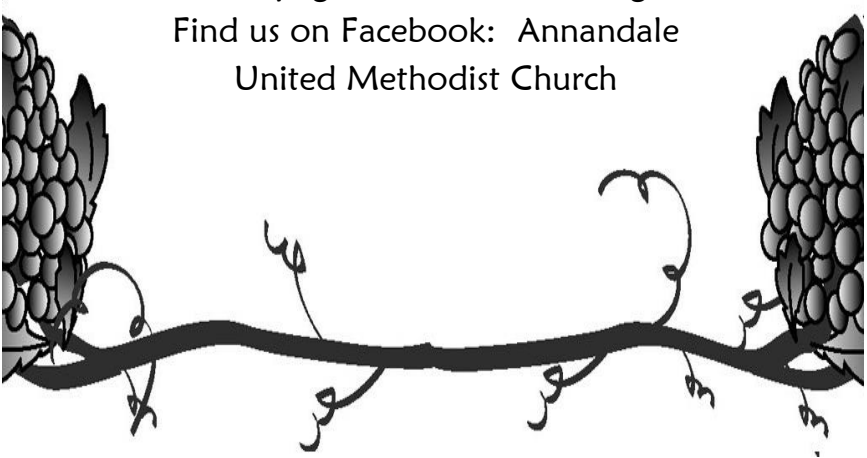
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## October 2020 Grapevine

### The Faithfulness of Christ

**Philippians 3:8-11** 8 But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ 9 and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. 10 The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death 11 so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

It seems that we are all grieving the loss of something in these last few months. It appears the apostle Paul may have been feeling the same way. The letter to the church in Philippi was probably written while Paul was imprisoned because of his faith. He was grieving the loss of his freedom, yet even in his grief he realized that there is more happening here than we humans can know.

He was able to find and share a joy that was based in faith. Yet, maybe not the faith that we think about. Verse 9 says *In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith.* His hope was not based in his faith in Christ, but rather in the faithfulness of Christ! – As the hymn says, Great is thy faithfulness.

My devotional today mentioned another example of considering all things lost when compared with the joys of finding a reason for living. *In the film The Greatest Showman, vandals burned down the building that housed Barnum's circus. In the wreckage, Phillip Carlyle said, "You know, Barnum... when I first met you... I had an inheritance, acclaim, an invitation to every party in town. And now, thanks to you, all that's gone. All that's left is friendship, love, and work that I adore. You brought joy into my life."*

I love my life with you all. And yet, I know even that is nothing compared to the joy that I receive from knowing Christ. It may not be a jump up and down with happiness kind of joy, but it is a steady and strong assurance that through any loss, through any triumph, each and every day, Christ is the foundation for my life. I thank God for that assurance. It brings me lasting joy.

And thank you, so much for sharing your faith and your struggles with each other. I have witnessed many times when your love for Christ and each other has made a tremendous difference in these recent months. For that I am grateful.

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*

Pastor Paul D. Baker

## **Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance**

|                | <u>Giving -Sept. 2020</u>            | <u>Attendance -Sept. 2020</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sept. 6, 2020  | \$2,005.00                           | 18 - sanctuary<br>38 - online |
| Sept. 13, 2020 | \$848.00                             | 17 - sanctuary<br>33 - online |
| Sept. 20, 2020 | \$1,368.63<br>\$40.00 apportionments | 14 - sanctuary<br>33 - online |

General funds needed each week: \$2,523.38

September income as of 09/17/2020: \$2,820.00

September expenses as of 09/17/2020: \$6,632.69

2020 apportionments = \$18,089.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,507.41

Apportionments paid in September = \$40.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$3,950.00



## 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](http://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

### The Call of Paul

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.

October 4, 2020      “Generosity as a Calling”  
   – Third Missionary Journey

October 11, 2020      “Faithfulness as a Lifestyle”  
   – Paul’s Death and Legacy

October 18, 2020      Montrose – UMW Sunday  
   Annandale – “Faith and Taxes”  
   Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

October 25, 2020      “Trying to Out-logic Jesus.  
   (Not a Good Idea)”  
   Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46

Blood Drive

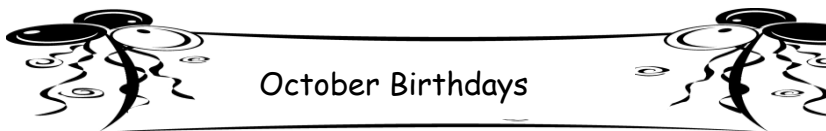


### **Blood Drive - Friday, November 13**

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.



## October Birthdays

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| October 6  | Alan Isaacson   |
| October 9  | Shelly Anderson |
| October 9  | Mona Steinhaus  |
| October 22 | Carson Petty    |
| October 26 | Mona Steinhaus  |



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Love INC-Big Woods

### Gala Open House Fundraiser

Saturday, October 3, 1-5 p.m. at the Buffalo Covenant Church, 1601 North Highway 25, Buffalo

Appetizers, desserts and a Silent Auction  
(Pandemic guidelines will be in place)

Find out what Love INC and our affiliate churches are doing in your community!

Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at their Thrift Store and area churches

Proceeds go to help neighbors in need in the local area

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