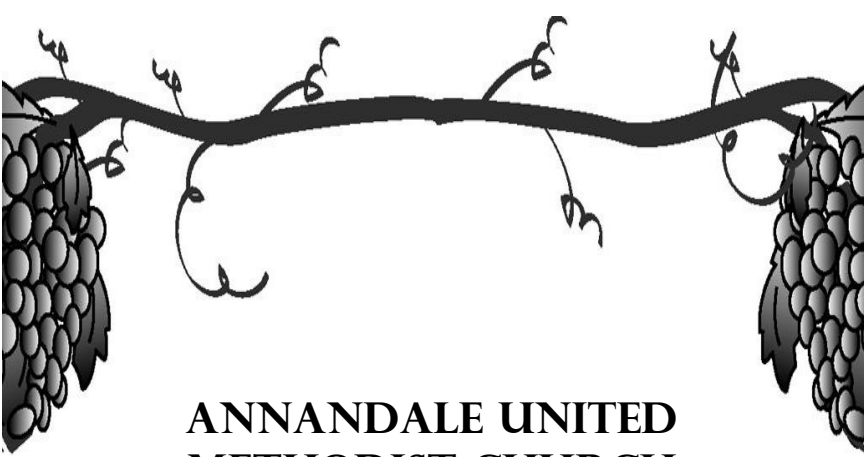




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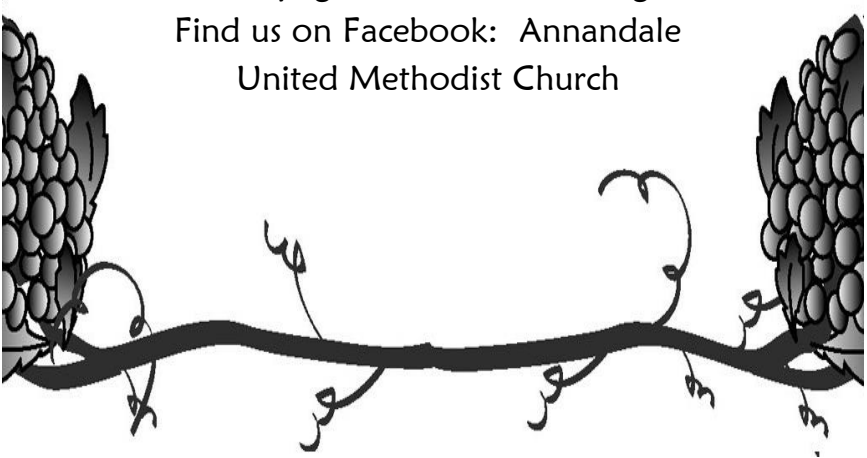
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They say you can't go home again. While that may be true, it seems that our United Methodist system seems to reinforce that idea for it's pastors and congregations. That is not necessarily a bad thing. It gives the next pastor a chance to get her/his feet on the ground, without any interference.

So, this is the second time that we have been going against the grain of that philosophy. It does feel a little weird for me, and probably for you as well. But I'm thankful that Pastor Mark is comfortable enough with everything to ask me to fill in for him while he is on parental leave. I pray that he enjoys his time with the new baby, It is an honor for me to be asked to help out in this way.

The primary gift of Jesus came through his crucifixion and resurrection. Our futures are intricately wrapped together with that gift of eternal life. But, Jesus also spent 3 years in ministry and preaching leading up to the resurrection! What did he want us to know?

While I'm with you we will be exploring the main messages that Jesus taught us during that time. First and foremost, he spoke of the reign of God, the kingdom of God. First and foremost, God is the authority of our lives, and yet we continually find ways to rebel against that authority. That is the human condition.

And we are grateful for the chances extended to us to come back into the fold, no matter if we have strayed away for a couple minutes, or for decades. Grace is Amazing. And it is yours. Thank God!

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind and may the blessing of God be with you.

Pastor (retired) Paul Baker

Life has Successes and tragedies A song to you The Boss

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving –Sept. 2025 Attendance –Sept. 2025

Sept. 7, 2025	\$2,915.00	24– in-person 17– online \$50.00 Sept. Mission March – Apportionments
Sept 14, 2025	\$1,229.95	16 – in-person 110 – online \$175.00 Sept. Mission March – Apportionments
Sept. 21, 2025	\$1,347.75	21 – in-person 139 – online
Sept. 28, 2025	\$998.17	22 – in-person

General funds needed each week: \$2,638.78

September income as of 09/17/25: \$6,497.70

September expenses as of 09/17/25: \$6,566.35

2025 apportionments = \$11,690.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$2,132.00



Our October Mission March, which will be taken during the first hymn on Sunday October 12, 2025, will go to the Building Fund.



Words that Changed the World – The Message of Jesus

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 September we explored Jesus's preaching on the Kingdom of God. In October we will look at the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more! Jesus' 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.

October 5, 2025 "The World's Most Important Sermon"

Scripture Readings: Matthew 5:1-16; Matthew 7:21-23

October 12, 2025 "He Spoke to them in Parables"

Scripture Readings: Matthew 25:21-40; Luke 10:29-3; Luke 15:11-13, 17-20, 28-32

October 19, 2025 "Who do you say that I Am?"

Scripture Readings: John 6:35; John 8:12 John 10:7; John 10:11-15; John 11:25-26; John 14:6-7; John 15:1

October 26, 2025 "Final Words"

Scripture Readings: John 13:34-35; Luke 22:24-27; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 19:26-30; Luke 23:33-34a, 39-43, 46

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

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](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org), or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Coffee Fellowship Serving Groups

October 5, 2025: Audrey Jones

October 12, 2025: Joni Walberg and Dianne Engler

October 19, 2025: Judd & Barb Owen

October 26, 2025: Steve & Laurie Dick



Usher Schedule

October 5, 2025: Need

October 12, 2025: Gerry Bahe

October 19, 2025: Need

October 26, 2025: Shelly Anderson



Pastor Mark will be on paternity leave until November 9, 2025. Pastor Paul Baker will be our guest speaker during his leave. If you have any pastoral needs during Pastor Mark's absence, please contact Linda in the church office and she will contact Rev. Cassi Betker who is on call for Pastor Mark during his paternity leave.



October Birthdays

October 6	Alan Isaacson
October 9	Shelly Anderson
October 9	Joni Walberg
October 22	Carson Petty
October 26	Mona Steinhaus



Those in our prayers:

- Scott Picken and his daughter, Michelle, who are battling cancer.
- Larry Wynia who is in the St. Cloud Hospital with shortness of breath issues. He underwent two preliminary surgeries and will undergo open heart surgery. Prayers requested. No visitors at this time.

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