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**The Grapevine  
September - 2020**

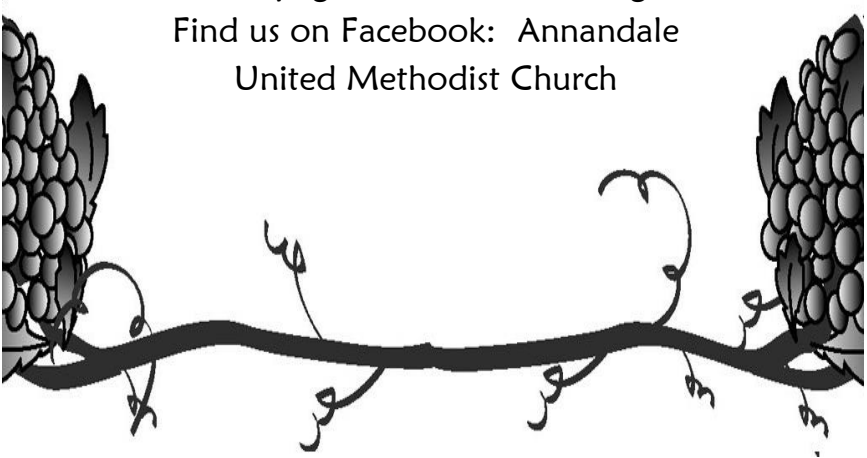
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## September 2020 Grapevine

### Because God first Loved Us

Passion. I'm feeling passionate about ministry in Annandale and Montrose. Even in these times when it seems like our regular schedules have been thrown totally out of whack, I'm feeling good about our ministries.

We have been called on to change just about everything about our ministries, yet, we seem to have taken on a new purpose. We have learned to be the church, without relying on being together, face to face. – Don't get me wrong, I wish we could meet more often in person. I wish we could bounce ideas off each other more easily. I miss your smiling faces more than you know.

But, I have also found new joys that I didn't know before. Speaking of smiles, I love taking your picture in worship. For those of you worshipping at home, we intend to use the photo in case we ever need to go through the process of "contact tracing." I love saying that corny joke, as we are all wearing masks, "Smile!" before I snap the photo. I love seeing how you enjoy greeting each other outside after worship. I have come to love our Monday evening Zoom Bible Study.

I love it that we are reaching more people online today than we ever reached with in-person worship before Covid-19 changed our lives. It has been a struggle. But, with the help of our technical experts, we are reaching people in ways we never imagined before this crisis hit.

I love to see so many of our servant volunteers helping out with getting meals to seniors, with redesigning our Montrose Fe+eD program with the help of Second Harvest's emergency food drops, that have now become a monthly food distribution in our Montrose parking lot. I love the way Annandale has opened its doors to help American Family with their Red Cross blood drives, holding them in our dining room area.

There has been so much happening here in the last few months, that there are times when I tell Debbie, "I just need to rest for a minute." But, it is funny how when a crisis hits, people step up. The passion for ministry is renewed. And ministry itself sometimes takes on new or redefined forms.

Thank you, so much for the extra efforts you have made in these new times. You have shared your faith in new and exciting ways. For that I am grateful.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Paul". The script is cursive and fluid.

Pastor Paul D. Baker

## **Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance**

Giving -Aug. 2020      Attendance -Aug. 2020

August 2, 2020	\$8,047.10	20 - sanctuary 54 - online
August 9, 2020	\$710.00	17 - sanctuary 48 - online
August 16, 2020	\$1,720.00 \$200.00 apportionments \$25.00 Love Offering	15 - sanctuary 40 - online
August 23, 2020	\$1,298.55 \$40.00 apportionments	16 - sanctuary 78 - online

General funds needed each week:    \$2,523.38

August income as of 08/20/2020: \$10,917.10

August expenses as of 08/20/2020: \$7,067.06

2020 apportionments = \$18,089.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,507.41

Apportionments paid in August = \$240.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$3,910.00



## Worship Information

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

- 1)-We will be continuing with our prerecorded video and print worship experiences until further notice. 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)-We are back to face-to-face worship in our building with 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)-Or we will also be 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.

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.

September 6, 2020 – “Called to Follow Christ” – His Background, Conversion, and Early Ministry

September 13, 2020 – “Go” - The First Missionary Journey

September 20, 2020 – “Called to Suffering”– Second Missionary Journey

September 27, 2020 – “Called to Love”– Second Missionary Journey – part 2

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

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

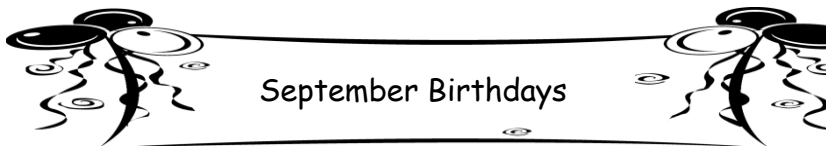
Blood Drive



### **Blood Drive - Friday, September 11**

American Family is hosting a Red Cross blood drive at our church building on Friday, September 11.

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



## September Birthdays

September 3	Emily Heitkamp
September 6	Mike Sommers
September 7	Brad Williams
September 15	Bill Smith
September 18	Rebecca Mix
September 19	Paige Sommers
September 23	John Bishop
September 27	Dianne Engler



### Gospel Music Concert at AUMC

Due to COVID-19 the Ernie & Jason Couch Concert will not be held this September 19, 2020. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021. Mark your calendars!

-Linda Elfstrand

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