



**ANNANDALE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

250 OAK AVENUE NORTH

PO BOX 329

ANNANDALE, MN 55302

(320) 274-5127

The Grapevine
June - 2020

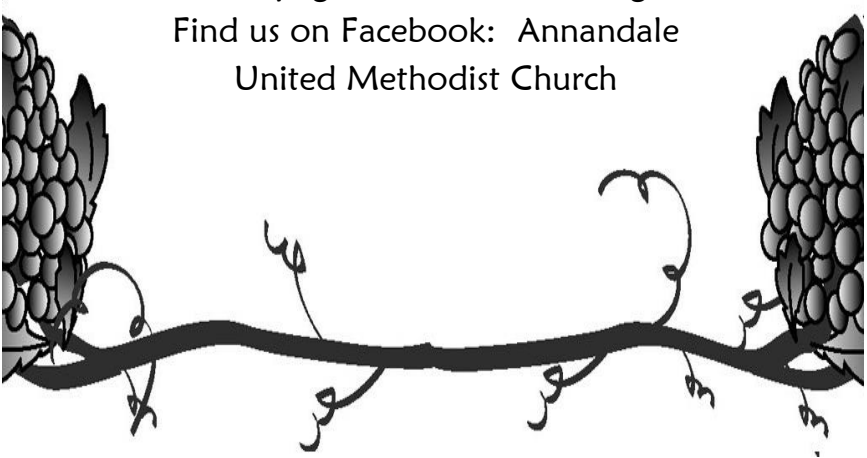
Pastor Paul Baker

(Pastor) am.umc.pastor@gmail.com

(Office) aumc@lakedalelink.net

Webpage: annandaleumc.org

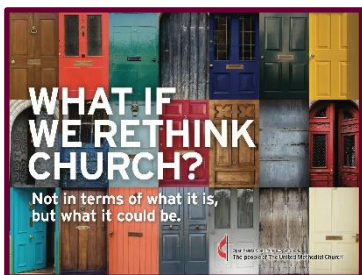
Find us on Facebook: Annandale
United Methodist Church



June 2020 Grapevine

For the Common Good

There is hope. There has always been hope, and there will



always be hope. There is trust.

There has always been trust, and there will always be trust. There is faith. There has always been faith, and there will always be faith. Do we believe these words? Then we need to live them out.

It doesn't take me to tell you that the world is a mess right now, something is amiss. The world's priorities have gotten way out of whack. And we need to prioritize our God.

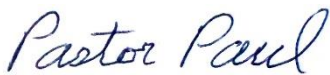
Jesus came at just the right time. A time when violence reigned supreme. Not only had the military of Rome invaded the country, but even the puppet ruler of Israel, Herod the Great, used his power to try to destroy the hope, trust, and faith of his own people. He turned people against each other. They were good people, who ended up looking for hope in all the wrong places. Some found hope in violence.

Into that world came the son of God, Jesus. He offered us the answer to all life's questions. He offered us love. Not the mushy, feel good movie kind of love. But a deep love, a rich love, a healing love. He offered us a love that reminded us of what is important. He helped us remember what God's priorities are. And how did we treat him? He ended up being violently arrested and crucified, because people didn't understand or appreciate that kind of love.

But, there is resurrection hope! Out of His resurrection came the church. Not a building, not a place, but a community of people who cared. A church of people that put the love of Jesus first in their lives. Oh, it was never perfect. And we will never be perfect in this life either, but this is our calling. In a world that has lost direction, hope, faith, and trust, we are called to share the light.

Please, rethink what we think church should be. Especially now, when we are out of our buildings we have a new opportunity. We can show the world and each other what the light of Christ is all about. We do that by living out love, the deep and meaningful kind of love. Allow love to be your guide when you interact with people who have lost hope, who can't seem to find strength to go on, who don't trust anyone, who have lost any faith they ever had. We are more than individuals; we are a community of faith. Remind each other that especially in times like this, God's faith in us is strong enough to carry us through.

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 elegant.

Pastor Paul D. Baker

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving -May 2020 Attendance -May 2020

May 3, 2020	\$2,295.00	50
May 10, 2020	\$2,489.57	41
May 17, 2020	\$9,563.00	32
May 24, 2020	\$1,080.00	37
	\$1,040.00 apportionments	
May 31, 2020	\$375.00	32

General funds needed each week: \$2,523.38

May income as of 05/27/2020: \$23,451.32*

*Includes PPP Loan (Payroll Plan Protection Loan) received

May expenses as of 05/27/2020: \$9,223.24

2020 apportionments = \$18,089.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,507.41

Apportionments paid in May = \$1,040.00

Blood Drive July 10

American Family is hosting a Red Cross blood drive at our church building on Friday, July 10. They will not be accepting walk-ins, so if you would like to give, please make a reservation online with the Red Cross.



Worship Themes

We will be continuing with our video and print worship experiences until further notice.

We are developing a plan to get back to face-to-face worship as quickly as we can. Your safety is our priority. We will move first to a drive-in worship experience, and we will let you know when we think that is feasible. For now, we encourage you to take part in our online worship by going to www.vimeo.com/revwindsurfer.

We are also offering a Monday evening online Bible Study Group via Zoom. You will receive an email invitation for that group on Sunday each week.

Open our Eyes

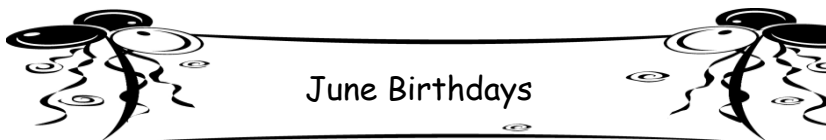
June 7, 2020 Peace with Justice Sunday
“Go, Therefore”

Scripture readings: 2nd Corinthians 13:11-13,
Matthew 28:16-20

June 14, 2020 “See All the People”
Scripture reading: Romans 5:1-8

June 21, 2020 “Hear All the People”
Scripture reading: Genesis 21:8-13

June 28, 2020 “Love All the People”
Scripture reading: Matthew 10:40-42



June Birthdays

June 5	Jade Petty
June 8	Bob Woelfel
June 11	Deb McCreight
June 16	Jim Martin
June 18	Sonja Roller
June 19	Kelly Woyke
June 29	Sharalyn Babbitt
June 29	Paul Baker
June 29	Michael Planer
June 30	Sharon Planer



Congratulations Graduate Megan Woods

Parents: Warren & Trisha Woods

Graduated from: Annandale High School

Favorite subjects: History and math

Activities: Dance, reading, baking, bell choir,

and doing things with friends and family.

School memories: The best school memories I have are from all of the sporting events I went to and the dances the school held and prom.

Future plans: I plan to attend the University of North Dakota and double major in history and communications. I also plan to double minor in art history and museum studies and philosophy and religious studies.

What I like about our congregation: I enjoy that our congregation is very welcoming and kind to everyone that attends.

Water Damage Progress

In case you had not heard yet, the coffee maker in the kitchen allowed water to run freely in the church kitchen and into the lower level for an entire weekend. We had a flood! The clean-up phase of repairs is completed. Insurance should cover all expenses except the \$2500 deductible.

The plan moving forward is to repair the damage to the kitchen cabinets, replace the floor in the kitchen, install new matching countertops in the kitchen, and to continue to evaluate what is needed in the lower level as repairs progress.

Thank you to our trustees, and to everyone who has supported us in this effort.

The silver lining to this cloud is that this flood happened while we were not using the building.

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good!

Pastor Paul

Annandale UMC
250 Oak Avenue North
PO Box 329
Annandale, MN 55302