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**The Grapevine**  
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## May 2020 Grapevine

### For the Common Good

March 31<sup>st</sup> was the first projected end of our social distancing, and



I was not surprised when it was extended. I'm glad though that they took it slow. I can't imagine how I would have felt back then if they had told us that it may go into May.

Sometimes we need to take things just one day at a time. Actually, you already know that that is good advice for any time, not just now.

The apostle Paul knew this as well, and he expressed that thought in 1 Corinthians 3:2, "I gave you milk to drink instead of solid food, because you weren't up to it yet." Sometimes it is better to digest things slowly. When it comes to understanding Covid-19, it is amazing how quickly we have learned things about this brand-new virus. Compared to other infections of the past, like HIV, we have already learned a tremendous amount about this new virus. Yet, we all know that there is so much more to learn.

Earlier this year I spoke to you in a sermon about being wary of those folks out there who promote conspiracy theories. I feel a need to bring that up again now, as when it comes to information about the pandemic there seems to be a rash of people claiming to have knowledge that the experts don't have. Again, we are all learning about this virus together. Please be careful which sources you listen to. People who say they have all the answers probably don't have the correct answers.

We bring this up today because we want you to be safe. Places are opening up for shopping, etc. even though the cases are still rising. The White House guidelines have stated that no one should do

that until places show a 14 day decrease in numbers of cases. I think those guidelines are wise.

So, in short, be safe. Listen to reputable sources. And remind each other that you love each other. (from a distance)

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

*Pastor Paul*

Pastor Paul D. Baker



Video Worship Themes

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

**Half-Truths: God helps those who help themselves and other things the Bible doesn't say**

May 10, 2020 "God Won't Give You More than You Can Handle" Scripture: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:11-13

May 17, 2020 "God said it, I believe it, that settles it"  
Scripture: Deuteronomy 23:12-14

May 24, 2020 "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"  
Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5

May 31, 2020 **Pentecost Sunday**  
Scripture: John 7:37-39

## **Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance**

Giving -April 2020      Attendance -April 2020

April 5, 2020	\$1,976.08	31
April 12, 2020	\$6,672.00	46
April 19, 2020	\$2,192.00	45
April 26, 2020	\$0	37

General funds needed each week:    \$2,523.38

April income as of 04/27/2020: \$12,598.15

April expenses as of 04/27/2020: \$9,387.30

2020 apportionments = \$18,089.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,507.41

Apportionments paid in April = \$870.00



### Gospel Music Concert at AUMC

We have been notified that the Couch Concert that was to be in our church on May 23, has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 19th. Mark your calendars!

-Linda Elfstrand



## May Birthdays



May 5	Dave Heberling
May 6	Linda Elfstrand
May 10	Bonnie Ponsford
May 10	Muriel Rudolph
May 14	Jen Sommers
May 17	Steve Dick
May 28	Dan Roller



### Prayer Request

We are sorry to say that Paula Petty took a drastic turn for the worse in the last 24 hours, and at about 4:30 a.m. on Friday, May 8 entered into her heavenly rest.

Memorial service will be delayed due to the Corona 19 situation. A Memorial will be held later this summer.

Please continue to keep each other in your prayers.

-Pastor Paul Baker

### Confirmation

We have placed Confirmation classes on hold for the time being. Please stay tuned for further information.

## Kitchen Disaster

You may or may not have heard, but sometime during this past weekend the water in our commercial coffee maker started flowing freely on its own and didn't stop until Joni discovered it about noon on Sunday.

The result was that some of the kitchen cabinets have been ruined, we need to take up the flooring in the kitchen, and there was damage in the basement below the kitchen. Our insurance adjuster has been here already, and ServiceMaster is working to dry everything out and take up the flooring.

Everything is still in process, and we don't know how long our kitchen will be under construction, but we thought you should know about it.

The silver lining in this (and our own little miracle) is that this happened while we are not able to use the building anyway.

Thank you to Joni, Norm, Dave, Sally, and any others that I may have missed for all your help on Sunday, and for helping in the days since then. Thank you to the guys from ServiceMaster as well.

Continued blessings to you all, Pastor Paul

## **Blood Drive May 15**

American Family is hosting a Red Cross blood drive at our church building on May 15<sup>th</sup>. They will not be accepting walk-ins and their reservations for donations are already filled.



*Thank you for the beautiful Easter plants that adorned our sanctuary on Easter Sunday!*

*Jay & Audrey Jones in memory of George & Mianna Varner and Harold & Althea Jones*

*Dan & Mona Roller in member of John Roller and LeRoy Johnson*

*Tom & Cheryl Maki in memory of Bill & Faye Maki and Paul Ketchum*

*John O'Fallon in memory of Rose O'Fallon and our parents*

*Judd & Barb Owen in memory of Jake & Mary Essen*

*Nola Walberg in memory of Russell Walberg and Walter & Myrtle Madsen*

*Betsy Gridley in honor of David Schechter and Janet Gridley and Henry*

*Jim & Shelly Anderson in memory of loved ones and in honor of Nathan, Tyler, and Nikki*

*Linda Solberg in memory of Walter & Mabel Johnson, Beverly Holland and Lauretta Seifter and in honor of the soldiers and their families of our military*

*Doug Ollila and Jane Harper in memory of Betty & Everett Ollila and Berniece Olsen*

*Joni Walberg in memory of Dan & Arlene Hills*

*Jim & Judy Martin in memory of Ida Draper, John Draper, Orris Martin, Susanna Schneider, Coralee Heinz, Barbara Felton, and Lucas Plaul*

*Roberta Monk and Beth Young in memory of John Monk and Eva Zeug*

*Sally Smith in memory of Jim Smith*

*Shirley Nordberg in memory of Calvin Nordberg*

*Gerry & Ruth Bahe in memory of Robert Olson and Norman & Deloras Bahe*

*Alan & Aleta Isaacson in memory of Ruth Hograbe*

*Dave & Joyce Heberling in memory of our parents and loved ones*

*Mike & Jen Sommers and Family in memory of Robert Sommers*



## March Food Share Results

Even though our campaign was interrupted by the stay at home order, we had impressive collection results. The cash results were as follows:

North Side \$273.00

South Side \$112.00

Because of the urgency in getting the food and other items to the food shelf when the need was great, we did not get those tallies recorded for the competition, however we have estimated that there was a least 75 pounds gathered up and dropped off. Thank you to Pastor Paul and Debbie for taking the donations into the food shelf.

Congratulations to the North Side! Maybe we will try the pack the pews competition again in 2021. Thanks to everyone for your financial and food donations. Know that you are the hands and feet of Jesus when you feed the hungry. Thank you for being a blessing.

Linda Elfstrand and Aleta Isaacson, Outreach Coordinators





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