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**The Grapevine
December - 2018**

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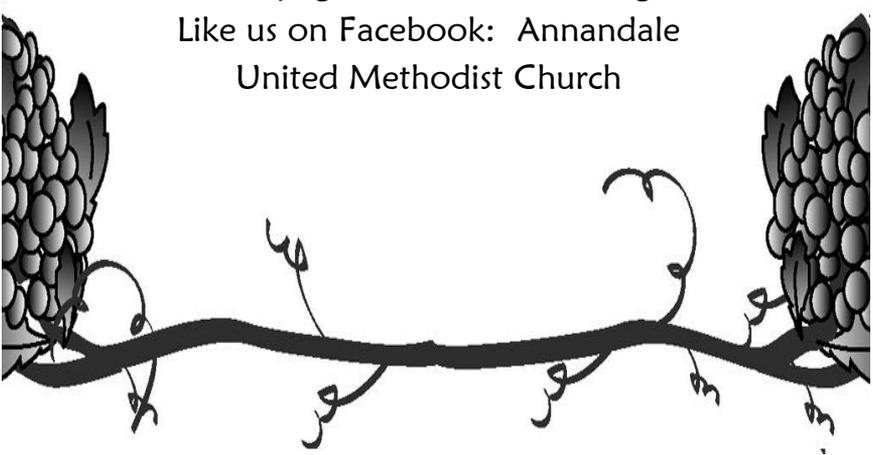
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Christmas is about the Journey as much as it is about the event itself. What I mean by that is simple. It is more than just the journey that Mary and Joseph made. It is the journey you are making, today and every day of your life. Are you growing in your faith, through God's grace?

This December we will seek to understand a little more deeply, what Mary and Joseph's journey of faith was all about. The themes include being willing to follow Christ, Mercy, Encouragement, Perseverance, Presence, and concludes with the song, O Come Let Us Adore Him!

Recently I was at an event, and as people were gathering, I noticed one lady sitting by herself, off to the side of the main crowd. When I had a chance, I stepped over to her and introduced myself. Her response surprised me. She said, "thank you for coming over to say hello. I was just praying that someone would talk to me." She continued on, telling me of how she had been at this event for at least 15 minutes, and no one had done so much as even say hello to her. I felt bad for her.

December is the time of year when churches receive a lot of visitors. Please pay attention to those who may visit worship in this Advent and Christmas season. Pay attention to the people around you. Notice if someone seems to be sitting alone, or maybe is unfamiliar with our worship. You might even want to move from your usual pew, and go and sit with them. If you do, it might make a world of difference to that person. And, isn't that what we as Christians are called to do, to make a difference, to make the world a better place, and to help Christ bring the Kingdom on earth, as it is in Heaven?

Maybe someone you know wants to attend a Christmas worship service, and is just waiting for an invitation. Wouldn't that be a great way to show you care? Just walk across the room, and smile at someone. That is always the first step to sharing our faith.

Let's light up the world this Christmas, with the light of Christ. Share the love in three simple steps:

- 1, Make a friend.
2. Be a friend.
3. Be Christ to a friend.

I'll see you in worship, if not before. May God's Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven, and have a blessed day!

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul D. Baker



As a community we will take "The Journey with Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, the shepherds and wise ones in order to understand more of what it was like to live out the plans that God had laid out before them. We pray that learning more about their journey will inspire you, as you

make your way forward through life. Sometimes we think we know the stories of Christ's birth so well already, that we miss some important points and lessons. Join us Mondays at 6 PM, as we watch a video from Pastor Adam Hamilton, and study the scriptures together. Books are available in the church entryway, for \$8.00.

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving –Nov. 2018 Attendance –Nov. 2018

Nov. 4, 2018	\$4,252.00	52
Nov. 12, 2018	\$1,027.00	35
	\$113.00 Mission March – Reach, Renew, Rejoice Campaign	
	\$500.00 Apportionments	
Nov. 18, 2018	\$1,485.00	38
	\$5.00 Apportionments	
Nov. 25, 2018	\$3,198.07	47
	\$386.00 Craft & Bake Sale 11/17/18	
	\$40.00 Food Shelf donation	
	\$672.96 Thanksgiving Dinner offering	

General funds needed each week: \$2,621.00

November income as of 11/29/18: \$11,716.03

November expenses as of 11/29/18: \$7,622.65

Monthly apportionments = \$1,319.08

Apportionments paid in November = \$576.78

Apportionments paid YTD = \$5,308.77



December Mission March is December 9

Annandale UMC's Mission March for December will go towards apportionments.



Our next Family Night on Wednesday, December 12 @ 6:30pm is a Potluck Christmas Party! Please bring a small gift to exchange. (White Elephant type thing, \$4-\$5 limit). See you then!



We are praying for:

Willard Weller

Rose O'Fallon

Debbie Vokaty

Paula Petty

Sonja Roller

Cody Grossinger

Adeline Anderson

Helen Allen

Kathy Allen

Kodie Sickmann, LeRoy Roller's friend

Jim Hill



Feed My Starving Children: We are in the process of scheduling a time to pack meals at FMSC over the Christmas break. Please stay tuned for more information. This will be a Youth and church event for both the Annandale and Montrose churches!



We express our deepest sympathy
to the family and friends of
Norman Oletzke

Norm passed away on Monday, November 26, 2018 at the Annandale Care Center at the age of 101. A memorial service will be held at our church on Friday, November 30, 2018 at 11:00am with Pastor Paul officiating. Norm was a long-time member of the Annandale United Methodist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing guitar, singing and playing cards; especially Crazy eights with his grandchildren.



Christmas Caroling

We will be Christmas caroling at the Care Center on Sunday December 23 @ 10:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to join us, young and old-er, please met in the Fireside Room after our worship service.

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Worship



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Monday, December 24

Please join us at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, "A Child is Born!" on Monday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. Our Christmas offering will support Feed My Starving Children and the Annandale Food Shelf.



December Birthdays



December 3	Nathan Bahe
December 3	Cody Grossinger
December 3	Barb Owen
December 4	Barb McNellis
December 5	Ruby Struble
December 7	Diana Bajari
December 7	Steve Prinsen
December 8	Betsy Gridley
December 8	Jay Jones
December 10	Judy Martin
December 16	Logan Grossinger
December 17	Bob Strom
December 20	Megan Woods
December 21	Cassidy Kuyper
December 25	Bev Noble
December 26	Willard Weller
December 26	Jenna Woelfel
December 27	Tammy Grossinger

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