



**ANNANDALE UNITED
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**The Grapevine
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"Pastor's Page"

We are in the season of Advent. However, Christmas lights are brightening the dark evenings. Familiar Christmas songs, we haven't heard in 12 months are constantly singing in our silence. Greetings from friends and family start to arrive in the mail box. It's that time again.

Advent is our time of waiting for the birth of our Savior. We have trouble waiting when the world around us lights, sings and greets us before Christ's Birth Day arrives. Patience wanes. We want to open the presents before the angels and the shepherds arrive. We're told to wait and watch, but we want to jump in the fray and experience the blessings before it is time.

The irony of Advent is that we wait for someone who has already arrived. Each year we herald His coming. We wait, expecting His arrival to be as it was 2000 plus years ago. We are confident in our anticipation that the story will be as it has always been.

Might this year be different? Perhaps this year we will hear an angel's whisper differently. Perhaps we will see a different shepherd. Perhaps the three gifts given will mean something more profound. Perhaps This year will be a bit different.

The wonder of the Christmas Story is that it is the same, yet told anew each year with a freshness that is timeless.

Joy to the World!

See you in Church, Pastor Mary



December Mission March is December 10

Annandale UMC's Mission March for December will go towards apportionments. Each church is "apportioned" a yearly amount to support world-wide missions, administration, and many other ministries. AUMC's apportionment for 2017 is \$15,484.

Christmas Caroling



We will be Christmas caroling at the Care Center on Sunday December 10 @ 10:30 a.m. Barb McNellis has agreed to lead our group again this year. Please met in the Fireside Room after our worship service.

New Members



Congratulations to Jim & Shelly Anderson who became members of our church on Sunday, November 12, 2017. We welcome them as a part of our church family.



December Scriptures Lessons

December 3 1st Sunday of Advent:
Candle of Hope

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37
Holy Communion

December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent:
Candle of Peace

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11;
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mission March

December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent:
Candle of Love

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11;
John 1:6-8; 19-27

December 24 4th Sunday of Advent:
Candle of Joy

Scripture Lesson: Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-55

December 24 Christmas Eve

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7; Luke 2:1-20

December 31 1st Sunday After Christmas
A Sunday of Hymns and Carols

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 9:6-7; Psalm 148;
Galatians 4:4-7



We are praying for:

Willard Weller	John Roller	Rose O'Fallon
Muriel Rudolph	Sonja Roller	Tom Ponsford
Barry, Jim & Shelly Anderson's brother-in-law		

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving – Nov. 2017 Attendance – Nov.. 2017

Nov. 5, 2017	\$2,760.30	53
Nov. 12, 2017	\$1,801.85	50
Mission March	\$358.60	Apportionments
Nov. 19, 2017	\$1,420.00	46
Nov. 26, 2017	\$2,265.85	47

General funds needed each week: \$2,674.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,290.33

Apportionments paid in October = \$348.00



We express our deepest sympathy
to the family and friends of
Milt Ransom

Milt passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at his home in Corinna Township. A memorial service was held at our church on Friday, October 27, 2017 with Pastor Mary officiating. Milt was a long-time member of the Annandale United Methodist Church. Milt loved the outdoors: hunting deer, ducks, grouse, and pheasant; fishing for walleyes and pan fish; and spearing northern pike.



Would you like to share some of
your leftover holiday goodies?

On Sunday, December 31, we are inviting everyone to bring a plate or tray of their leftover holiday goodies to share during fellowship time. It is a fun way to try out the treats that others have made and also to get rid of some of your own in case you are like many of us who make way too much. Garry & Linda Elfstrand will be the hosts to serve up all the goodies. Please bring your items on a plate or tray so they are ready to set out without any further preparation. Thanking you in advance for your assistance.



December
Birthdays

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

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