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**The Grapevine
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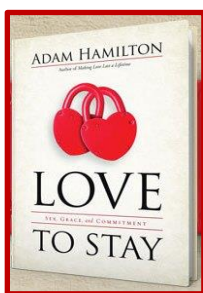


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An elderly couple lay down for bed one night. The woman said to her husband, "When we were younger, you used to lie close to me." The man sighed and moved closer.

The woman said, "I remember when you used to hold my hand." The man sighed again, a little frustrated, but reached out and took her hand.

Then the woman said, "I remember when you used to nibble my ear." This time the man angrily threw back the covers and got up to leave. Shocked, the woman asked, "Where are you going?" The man replied, "To get my teeth!"



"Love to Stay" is the title of the book and sermon series we will be studying in February. The story printed above is how Adam Hamilton starts the book. I can honestly say that this is the most insightful and interesting book I have ever read on the topic of marriage. But, it's about more than just marriage, it's about making all of our relationships healthy ones, and then maintaining that health. You don't have to be married in order to enjoy this book.

The entirety of the book is based on Genesis 2:18, 21-25.

"Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ...

From these verses, we are reminded that the meaning and mission of marriage (yes, marriage involves a mission) can be summed up like this. Both **husband and wife** are to be **helpers, partners, and companions** for one another. The

word for "helper" in Genesis 2 is the Hebrew *ezer*, which is always used in the Bible to express that one who is stronger comes to help one who is weaker. (p.20) The idea in Genesis is not that a weaker person is brought in to help a stronger, but that people with different strengths are brought together, and are able to use their mutual strengths to build a relationship that blesses each other.

If you are interested in hearing more, learning more, sharing some of your own wisdom with each other, or just want to read the book, give us a call at the church office. We will be offering times when we can come together during the week to share and learn together. Call now so we can order your book, or just come to the sessions, and learn from the discussions. The church office is 320-274-5127, or Pastor's cell number is 320-455-7314.

Please join us for the video study at either of the following times in February.

- Montrose: Sundays, 11:30AM after worship.
- Annandale: Mondays, 6:00PM

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

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul D. Baker

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving –Jan. 2019 Attendance –Jan. 2019

Jan. 6, 2019	\$2,315.00	44
Jan. 13, 2019	\$1,927.09 \$65.00 Mission March – Apportionments	39
Jan. 20, 2019	\$1,758.00 \$25.00 Human Relations Sunday	35
Jan. 27, 2019	\$932.50	34

General funds needed each week: \$2,523.38

January income as of 01/24/19: \$6,140.09

January expenses as of 01/24/19: \$7,525.73

2019 apportionments = \$16,526.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,377.16

Apportionments paid in January = \$165.00

Apportionments paid YTD = \$165.00



February Mission March is February 10

Annandale UMC's Mission March for February will go towards apportionments. Each church is "apportioned" a yearly amount to support world-wide missions, administration, and many other ministries.



Our next Family Night is Wednesday, February 13, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. More information coming. Put this date on your calendar! See you then!



February Worship Themes

Won't You be My Valentine? Love to Stay

Love is more than Valentine's Day.
Falling in love is easy, but staying in love takes courage, hard work, and lots of grace.

Sunday, February 3, 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
Scripture: Genesis 2:18, 21-25 "More than a Piece of Paper"

Sunday, February 10, 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-5

A) "What She Wants, What He Wants"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 7:3-5

B) "Significance of Sexual Intimacy"

Sunday, February 17, 6th Sunday after the Epiphany
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, Ephesians 4:29
"Habits that Hurt, Habits that Heal"

Sunday, February 24, 7th Sunday after the Epiphany
Scripture: Colossians 3:12-13 "Clothe, Bear with, Forgive"

Sunday, March 3, Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Scripture: Colossians 3:14-15 "A Love that Lasts"



We are praying for:

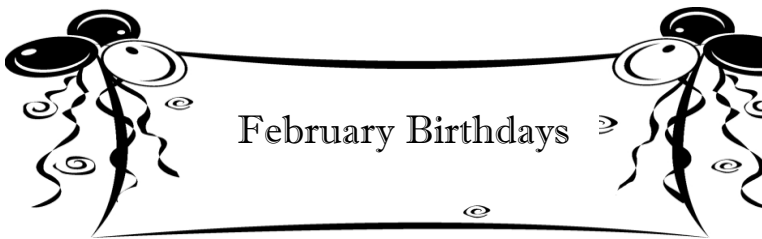
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Willard Weller Rose O'Fallon Laurie Dick
Paula Petty Sonja Roller Bev Noble
Cody Grossinger Helen Allen Kathy Allen
Barry Anderson, Shelly Anderson's brother-in-law
Kodie Sickmann, LeRoy Roller's friend
Jamie, Beth Young's daughter-in-law
Ruby Struble's daughter, Sue



Feed My Starving Children

We will be going to "Feed My Starving Children" on Monday, February 18 from 12noon – 2pm at the Chanhassen location and grab a bite to eat on our way back. We will carpool from the church at 10:30am. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our worship service the next few Sundays or give me a call on my cell phone, 320-455-7314.

- Pastor Paul



February Birthdays

Aleta Isaacson

Sally Smith

Roberta Monk

Gerry Bahe

Mason Petty

Mason Sommers

Linda Williams

Deb Woelfel

John Monk

Helen Allen

Tom Maki

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