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**The Grapevine
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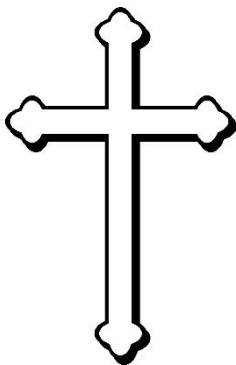
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I'm reading a book called "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made."

It contains the thoughts of two people, Dr. Paul Brand and Phillip Yancey. Dr. Paul Brand is the physician whose work on treating leprosy patients has been the foundation for treating that disease ever since then.



Dr. Brand was observing leprosy patients in India day after day, and came to recognize that these patients did not feel pain. At first he thought that must be a result of the leprosy, but, over time, he came to believe

that the absence of pain was more or less the cause of the disease!

For example, he observed that people would bump their toe, and not notice it. And people would get a cut, and not notice it. It wouldn't get treated, and it would become infected. The sores would get worse and worse, because a person didn't notice there was a problem. And there you go, leprosy.

I'm not a physician so I don't have the details, but he found that the leprosy would develop from there. So, Dr. Brand reminds us that *pain, and feeling pain is a good thing*. It alerts us that something is wrong, and we need to take care of it. Once we know there is a problem, we can take care of it. Even so, I don't like pain.

In a similar fashion, Jesus came to this earth to help us notice our injuries, both spiritual and physical injuries. Have you ever wondered why Jesus didn't just use his abilities to provide mass healings, instead of healing people one on one? It seems like that would be more efficient. I think that Jesus knew that there is something important about one on one

contact with each other. That is the way he healed people's injuries. That is the way we can provide Jesus' healing touch as well.

TOUCH. Jesus made sure to touch the people around him.

There is a healing power in human touch, when provided in a positive way. We too can touch people's lives in ways that make a difference. That is our calling, to be the hands of Jesus in a world that has lost touch with Him. Know that you are loved by Christ and he offers us all hope to live a life of love with those around us. Please share his healing touch as much as you are able. And pray for that healing touch to make a difference for all God's people.

I love it that Jesus used touch to provide us with healing. That personal touch means so much to people, even during this cold and flu season. So, share that healing touch, and be sure to wash your hands afterwards.

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!

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 -Jan. 2020 Attendance -Jan. 2020

Jan. 5, 2020	\$2,575.75 \$1,000.00 Share Your Christmas donation	40
Jan. 12, 2020	\$2,155.60 \$79.75 Mission March - Love INC	37
Jan. 19, 2020	\$1,576.42 \$80.00 Apportionments \$70.00 Human Relations Sunday	21
Jan. 26, 2020	\$1,132.00	50

General funds needed each week: \$2,523.38

January income as of 01/23/2020: \$6,372.52

January expenses as of 01/23/2020: \$9,737.28

2020 apportionments = \$18,089.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,507.41

Apportionments paid in January = \$200.00



Our next Family Night is Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. More information coming. Put this date on your calendar! See you then!



Worship Themes

Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today

We have been observing what the Bible actually says, and not just what we think it says. This has been eye opening for many of us. Join us as we continue this series by looking at how important it is to recognize that how we interpret scripture informs how we make decisions about the issues we face today.

February 2, 2020 4th Sunday After the Epiphany
“Violence, Suffering, and Other Issues”
Scripture: Jeremiah 12:1

February 9, 2020 5th Sunday After the Epiphany
“Wrestling with Sexuality and Relationships”
Scripture: Genesis 1:27 Galatians 3:28

Pre-Lenten Sermons

February 16, 2020 6th Sunday After the Epiphany
“You Have Heard it Said, But”
Scripture: Matthew 5:21-37

February 23, 2020 Transfiguration Sunday
“Transfigured on the Mountain”
Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

February 26, 2020 **Ash Wednesday**
6:15 PM – Annandale
7:30 PM -- Montrose

John: Gospel of Light and Life

March 1, 2020 First Sunday in Lent
"The Word Made Flesh" Scripture: John 1:1-3a

March 8, 2020 2nd Sunday in Lent
"The Miraculous Signs of Jesus" Scripture:
John 2:1-5; 9:1-3

March 15, 2020 3rd Sunday in Lent
"The I AM Sayings"
Scripture: Exodus 3:13-14; John 8:56-58

March 22, 2020 **UMCOR** Sunday
"The Farewell Discourse" Scripture: John 15:8-10

March 29, 2020 5th Sunday in Lent
"The Arrest, Trial and Crucifixion of the King"
Scripture: John 19:14b-20



We are praying for:

Bev Noble Paula Petty Kathi Allen
Muriel Rudolph Sonja Roller
Jamie, Beth Young's daughter-in-law
Dale Grant, Linda Williams' uncle
Kate Schulz, Adeline Anderson's granddaughter-in-law
Joni Walberg's dad who is on hospice care
Norma Christianson, good friend of Jim & Shelly Anderson



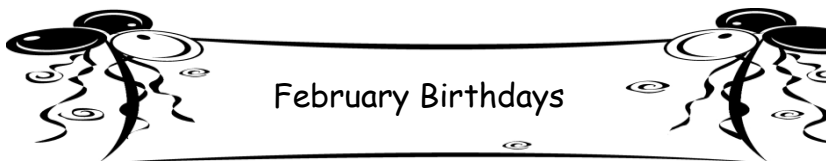
Volunteers Needed for General Conference

2020: Minnesota is hosting the 2020 worldwide United Methodist General Conference, May 5-15, 2020. If you would like to volunteer to serve in some way, there are many different opportunities available for you.

For example, you can be a host at one of the local motels or hotels, serve as a van driver or co-pilot, or volunteer at the Convention Center itself.

Website: <https://app.initlive.com/web-admin/app/#/login>

(The website didn't work for me using the "Edge" browser. I signed up using Google Chrome. – Pastor Paul)



February Birthdays

February 6	Aleta Isaacson
February 9	Sally Smith
February 10	Roberta Monk
February 10	Gerry Bahe
February 11	Mason Petty
February 12	Mason Sommers
February 15	Linda Williams
February 19	Deb Woelfel
February 23	Helen Allen
February 25	Tom Maki

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