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**The Grapevine
February - 2018**

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“Pastor’s Page”

We turn a page or swipe goodbye (depending on our calendar’s format) the cold of January and start thinking spring in February (even though it doesn’t come until May). With the shortest month, comes Lent.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. We will have a short prayer service, with the imposition of ashes at 3 pm. At 6:30 pm, we will gather for worship with music, reflection, imposition of ashes and preparation for our Lenten Journey.

I would encourage you to purchase the book, *Pauses for Lent*, by Trevor Hudson. The book’s daily devotional format brings us through Lent to the joy of Easter. Knowing that others from AUMC are reading the book as well, can be inspiring. If you would like to join a small group, maybe three or four people, who are reading the book, for weekly discussion of the content, please indicate your interest when you order your copy. Much of a spiritual journey is between God and you. However, joining with a group can keep us accountable, inspired by others’ experiences, and strengthen our connection to each other and to God.

During Lent, the sermon series will be *The Trial of Jesus*. Various participants of the trial will visit worship, tell their perspective and political quandaries, as they responded in their role during Jesus’ arrest, conviction and crucifixion.

Easter, April 1st, we will CELEBRATE!!!

See you in Church,

Pastor Mary



We are praying for:

Willard Weller

John Roller

Rose O'Fallon

Muriel Rudolph

Tom Ponsford

Jim Jackson

Barry, Jim & Shelly Anderson's brother-in-law

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving – Jan. 2018 Attendance – Jan. 2018

January 7, 2018	\$2,414.00	40
January 14, 2018	\$1,265.95	30
Mission March	\$91.51	Apportionments
January 21, 2018	\$1,530.00	39
January 28, 2018	\$2,243.00	32

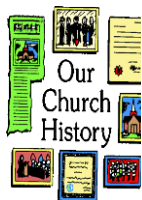
General funds needed each week: \$2,674.00

January income: \$5,301.46

January expenses: \$6,407.95

Monthly apportionments = \$1,319.08

Apportionments paid in January = \$286.51



Jill Bishop put together our church history and presented it to Senior Dining and us in 2017. She has now written up that presentation and it is online on the History Club in Annandale's website which is: annandaleonline.com/History/HistoryClub/index.htm.



February Scriptures Lessons

February 4, 2018 5th Sunday After Epiphany
Read: Isaiah 40: 21-31, Psalm 147
Celebrate Holy Communion

February 11, 2018 Transfiguration of the Lord
Read: Psalm 50:1-6, Mark 9:2-9
Mission March

February 14, 2018 Ash Wednesday Service
Read: Joel 2:1-2; 12-17; Psalm 51: 1-17;
Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

February 18, 2018 First Sunday in Lent
Sermon Series: *The Trial of Jesus; Visits from the
participants*
Read: Mark 14: 16, 32-42
A visit from Judas:
Jesus' betrayer defends his actions

February 28, 2018 Second Sunday in Lent
Sermon Series: *The Trial of Jesus; Visits from the
participants*
Read: John 18:12-14, 19-24; Matthew 26:57-
68 A visit from Annas, The Chief Priest
discusses Jesus' arrest



Report of the Vision Team

The Vision Team made up of Pastor Mary Keen, Ruth Bahe, Laurie Dick, Aleta Isaacson, Norm Planer, Sally Smith, and Larry Wynia has met seven times since December 7th to try to envision an activity, or project, that could incorporate all the members of AUMC into joining together to do Kingdom Work. We are searching to find a way that will bring people together to help other people, acting out our mission whether it grows our church, or just grows each one of us.

We investigated about a dozen groups and organizations in the area working with people with many needs. The next (and current) step is to match our congregation's skills with needs in the community. We know that doing Kingdom Work will ignite each of us to be excited about growing ourselves and spreading God's love.

Our Goal: In the next few weeks we are confident we will find a good niche where we can live out our faith and experience God's presence in our lives.

The Vision Team



Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the prayerful and good thoughts for my surgery and recovery. It lifts me up.

-Aleta Isaacson



Annual Church Conference is Sunday
February 4th at 10:30 am.

At this important meeting we will:

- *elect leadership for 2018
- *approve 2018 Budget
- *hear reports from various committees
- *discuss the Membership rolls

Rev. Mark Nordell will lead us in the process. All are welcome to attend.

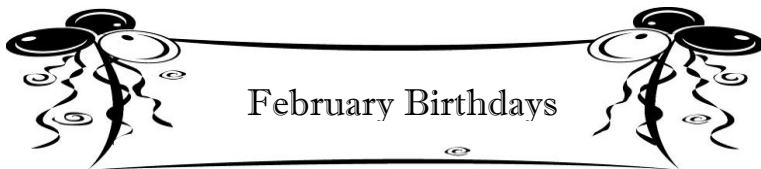
Lenten devotional book, *Pauses for Lent*, by Trevor Hudson.

Many appreciated the book, *Pauses for Advent*, by Trevor Hudson, that were available for the Advent season. He has a similar book for Lent. If you would like to order a copy, please sign up at the snack and coffee table during coffee hour. The cost is \$5.00. Though all the copies of the Advent book found homes, ordering a head of time will save AUMC a bit of money.



March is Minnesota Food Share Month

Just a heads up to March 11th when Jean and Ed Skomoroh, Directors of the Annandale Area Food Shelf, will be with us to speak of their ministry. Our Mission March that Sunday will be designated to the food shelf.



February 9	Sally Smith
February 10	Roberta Monk
February 10	Gerry Bahe
February 12	Mason Sommers
February 15	Linda Williams
February 17	Jeff Hill
February 19	Deb Woelfel
February 23	Helen Allen
February 25	Tom Maki

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