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**The Grapevine  
March - 2018**

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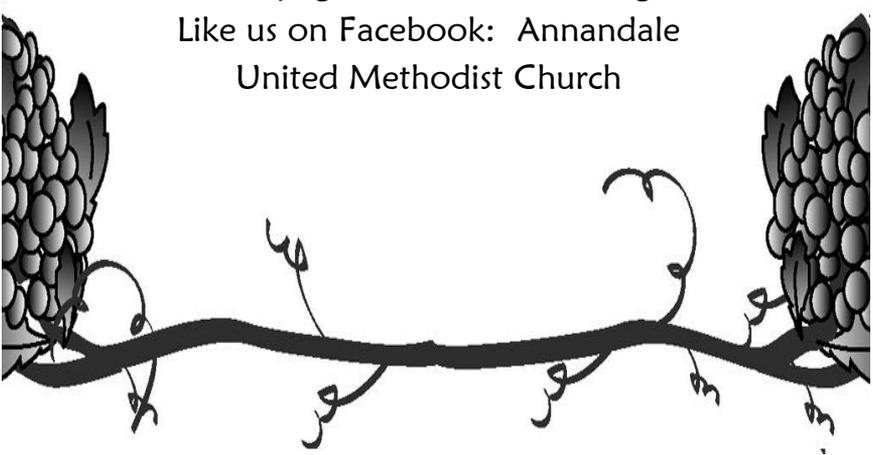
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## March 2018 Grapevine

### “Pastor’s Page”

Some one asked me recently what the word “lent” means. I know what it means now: 40 days before Easter, excluding Sundays. I know it is a time of personal reflection and intentional spiritual renewal. But what does the word “Lent” mean and where did it originate?

Wikipedia and the Dictionary.com gave the answer. *Lent* is derived from the Middle English word *lente*, which means lengthen. In its original use, it referred spring and increase of day light hours.

The official Latin title for this Christian season is *quadragesima*, which means the “40 days” (or more literally the “40th day” before Easter). For the Anglo – Saxon folks, *lent* was easier to remember and say... so the name stuck.

Even with the word’s common meaning of “lengthen” or “spring”, it is a fitting word for this time in our faith journey. Lent is to be a time of contemplation, self-reflection, looking inward and reaching outward. As we observe this practice, our relationship with Jesus the Christ has an opportunity to *lengthen*. We have the potential to *spring* forth with a renewed dedication and understanding of God’s love for us. We might even blossom or plant seeds that will bear great fruit.

*Lent.* A season of new beginnings.

See you in Church, Pastor Mary



## We are praying for:

Willard Weller                      John Roller                      Rose O'Fallon  
Muriel Rudolph                      Debbie Vokaty                      Jim Jackson  
Barry, Jim & Shelly Anderson's brother-in-law  
Stan, Tammy Grossinger's brother-in law  
The family and friends of Jane Wizik

### **Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance**

Giving – Feb. 2018      Attendance – Feb. 2018

February 4, 2018	\$1,952.00	33
February 11, 2018	\$1,810.00	34
Mission March	\$123.00 Apportionments	
February 18, 2018	\$1,890.00	36
February 25, 2018	\$2,180.00	25

General funds needed each week:    \$2,674.00

February income: \$7,850.35

February expenses: \$6,529.20

Monthly apportionments = \$1,319.08

Apportionments paid in February = \$180.00



We will be updating our current church photo directory, and Steve and Laurie Dick have graciously accepted to spearhead this for us. They will be taking pictures at church every Sunday in March.



## March Scriptures Lessons

- March 4<sup>th</sup>      3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Scriptures: Romans 5:1-11; Luke 22: 54-62  
Sermon Series: *The Trial of Jesus: visits from the participants*  
*A visit from Peter*  
Anthems by the Bell Choir; Celebrate Holy Communion
- March 11<sup>th</sup>      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent      (Daylight Saving Time begins)  
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 14:28-29; Leviticus 19:9-10;  
Matthew 25:34-40  
Mission March Offering designated to the Annandale Food Shelf  
Guest Speakers: Ed & Jean Skomoroh
- March 18<sup>th</sup>      5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Scriptures: Romans 8: 22-28; Luke 23:1-12  
Sermon Series: *The Trial of Jesus: visits from the participants*  
*A Visit from Herod*  
“Pick up” Choir Anthem; UMCOR Special Offering
- March 25<sup>th</sup>      Palm/Passion Sunday  
Scriptures: Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11  
Liturgy of the Passion: Mark 14:1-15:39  
*Visits from the crowds*  
Anthems by the Bell Choir
- March 29<sup>th</sup>      Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30pm  
Scriptures: Mark 14:22-42  
Celebrate Holy Communion
- March 30<sup>th</sup>      Good Friday Community Service, 12noon  
At Annandale Evangelical Free Church, Hwy. 55



## Save the Date!

Just a reminder to save the date for the Ernie & Jason Couch Gospel Concert on Saturday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. Their 2017 concert was outstanding, and we are thrilled that they want to come back again this year. Please join us and tell your friends and family too. This is a free will offering concert. Questions can be directed to Linda Elfstrand.



To Our Church Family:

A special thank you to everyone for the donations of gift cards, fruit, and donuts. It is so greatly appreciated as we journey through this long pathway of uncharted medical problems. Hoping to see a light at the end of the tunnel soon. Also, thank you for all the prayers and cards sent to help rebuild our strength and attitude to carry on until medically, John has turned the corner to recovery. - Sonja Roller



## Movie Night - Wednesday, March 14

Please join us for our Movie Night on Wednesday, March 14. Doors open at 6:00pm and the movie will start at 6:30pm. Bring a friend or two! Lawn chairs are welcome.

**STRETCH** YOUR DONATION



Your \$10



Your food shelf's \$10

Food shelves can stretch cash farther than donations of food because of their access to discount products and programs. Help us feed more Minnesota families by donating cash to your local food shelf today.

Minnesota  
FoodShare

## March FoodShare Campaign

Annandale United Methodist Church is a registered participant in the March campaign this year. Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 with a campaign advanced by congregations to restock food shelves in the seven-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful, and the need was so evident, the March Campaign became a statewide program just one year later.

The largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide. In 2017, over \$8 million dollars and 4.7 million pounds of food were raised by Minnesota food shelves and Minnesota FoodShare.

Minnesota FoodShare envisions a Minnesota where all residents have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. The March Campaign addresses these issues directly and you are invited to join those efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in our communities.

We have a special opportunity to help our local food shelf on Sunday, March 11, when our Mission March donations will be given to the food shelf. Ed and Jean Skomoroh will be with us on that date to tell the story of our local food shelf and to share the impact of your cash donations.

-Linda Elfstrand, Outreach

## Our Apportionments

### What are our Apportionments used for?

Apportionments are the share each local church pays to support international, national and local missions. Some of the funds remitted by Minnesota congregations stay within the state and help fund various Minnesota Conference programs and mission efforts, and about a quarter of the funds remitted by local churches go to the global United Methodist Church. Apportionments also pay for the internal support system that allows for 100 percent of “second-mile” giving (to Imagine No Malaria and other Advance Specials) to go to the intended mission or ministry.

Go to the following link to find out more about how apportionments are used:<https://www.minnesotaumc.org/files/content/2018+apportionment+s+guide+8.5x11.pdf>

### How much are the 2018 apportionments for our church?

Our Church apportionments for 2018 total \$15,829. This total is made up of two parts. The smaller portion, \$1,970, is calculated based on our average membership over three years (2014-2016) which was 116 members. The major portion, \$13,859 is calculated based on our 2014-2016 average annual expenditures which was \$92,861 (This number differs from the total expenditures reflected in our budget reports because it does not include pass through expenditures such as special offerings to the Minnesota Annual Conference, apportionments or various other expenditures.)

### How do we pay our apportionments?

We contribute 10% of the gross income from each fund raiser to apportionments. We contribute portion of our monthly Mission March to apportionments. We contribute a portion of some special offerings to apportionments. We contribute members' designated offerings to apportionments. But we have consistently come up short the last few years in our obligation to apportionments.

You can help by prayerfully considering an additional designated contribution to apportionments this year. Our current church membership is 106. This means that our 2018 apportionment is \$15,829/106 or \$149.33 per member. Please consider designating that amount, or more, over the year to help our church meet its commitment. If that amount is beyond your reach, any amount will help and be appreciated by all.

Easter Lily Order Form – Annandale UMC

If you are interested in purchasing an Easter plant to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office by SUNDAY, March 18. The cost is as follows: \$8.00/Easter lily, \$16.00/hydrangea plant, and \$8.00/tulip plant. Checks can be made payable to the ANNANDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Please mark on the check “Easter Lily”.

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EASTER LILY PLANTS	_____	_____
HYDRANGEA PLANTS	_____	_____
(please circle)      blue	pink	
TULIP PLANTS	_____	_____
(please circle)      yellow	pink      red      purple	
Total Amount Enclosed		_____

INFORMATION FOR PHOTO DIRECTORY  
ANNANDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**Please complete this form and return it to the church office**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member – Name/Birth Date, Hobbies/Church Activities:

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Family Member – Name/Birth Date, Hobbies/Church Activities:

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Family Member – Name/Birth Date, Hobbies/Church Activities:

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(add additional page if necessary)

Wedding Anniversary, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Brief bio about yourself, your family, how you came to this area and/or a part of this church, affiliation to other church members, (i.e. son/daughter to, parents are, etc.), and anything else you would like to add:

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