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**The Grapevine  
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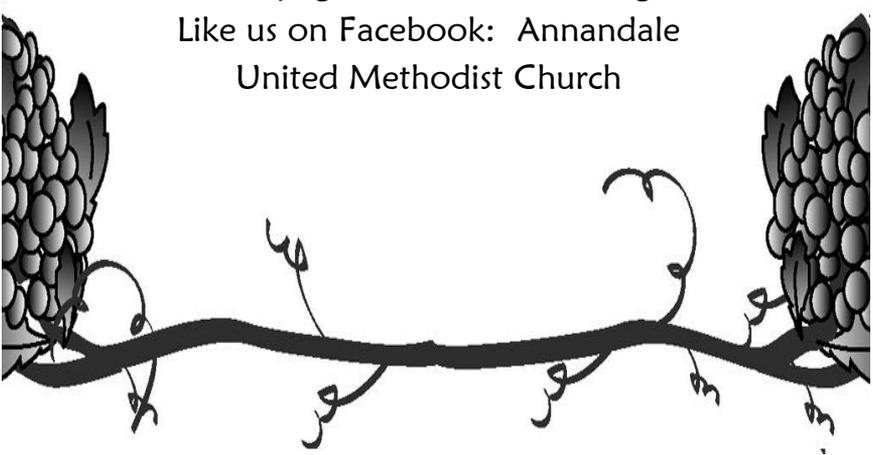
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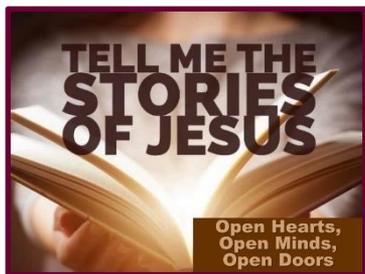
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## May 2019 Grapevine

### Tell me the Stories of Jesus



Tell me the stories of Jesus! What a great song, and what a great calling. We share with others the stories of Jesus' life, and help those same stories come alive again today in the hearts of people who live 2000 years later! The message of the stories is eternal, as is Christ's love for you.

This spring we will be listening once again to the familiar stories that Jesus told his followers. It is a shame that sometimes we take the basic stories for granted. You remember the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, I'm pretty sure you do. However, what about the Wheat and the weeds, the laborers in the Vineyard, the Kingdom of heaven is like yeast, or the Pearl of Great Price? Some of them aren't quite as familiar as others, are they?

In the coming weeks we will touch on what some of Jesus' stories may have meant to the people of 2000 years ago, and what they mean for our lives today. You may be reminded of some things that you have forgotten over the years, and some things about how these parables touched the lives of people in Israel long ago, may actually surprise you. He intended for us to be inspired to use the gifts that God has given us, to make a difference in the world.

In Ephesians 4:12-16 the author speaks of Christ's purpose in giving us the various talents and gifts that we share. *His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ 13 until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from*

*teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. 15 Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, 16 who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.*

We pray that this spring's sermon series on the Parables of Jesus will help us all to mature into the body of Christ that He intends for us to become. Please keep each other in your prayers, and join us as we let the stories of Jesus inspire our lives. May we continue to grow in unity and purpose with Christ as our head.

To prepare yourself for worship each week, I have included in this newsletter a list of the biblical passages that the weekly sermons will be based upon. Please meditate on these, and let the scriptures speak to you.

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

*Pastor Paul*

Pastor Paul D. Baker



### We are praying for:

Willard Weller

Rose O'Fallon

Paula Petty

Muriel Rudolph

Sonja Roller

Bev Noble

Cody Grossinger

Helen Allen

Kathy Allen

Dianne Engler

Barry Nelson, Shelly Anderson's brother-in-law

Kodie Sickmann, LeRoy Roller's friend

Jamie, Beth Young's daughter-in-law

## Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving -April 2019      Attendance -April 2019

April 7, 2019	\$2,482.00	34
April 14, 2019	\$2,918.75 \$254.00 Mission March - Apportionments	47
April 21, 2019	\$1,392.00 \$369.00 Easter offering	33 - 7:00 service 52 - 8:30 service

General funds needed each week: \$2,523.38

April income as of 04/25/19: \$7,766.75

April expenses as of 04/25/19: \$8,520.85

2019 apportionments = \$16,526.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,377.16

Apportionments paid in March = 354.00 YTD = \$1,431.00



Our next Family Night is Wednesday, May 8, 2019. More information coming. Dinner will be served. Put this date on your calendar! See you then!



### Graduation Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, June 2, 2019 we will honor high school graduate, Logan Grossinger during our worship service. A cake reception will follow that morning.



## Spring Worship Themes

### [Tell Me the Stories of Jesus:](#)

Sunday, April 28 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Luke 15:4-10 “Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son”

Sunday, May 5 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 “The Good Samaritan”

Sunday, May 12 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter **MOM's Day**

Scripture: Matthew 13:33 “The Kingdom is like Yeast”

Sunday, May 19 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Matthew 13:45-46 “The Pearl of Great Price”

Sunday, May 26 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter **Memorial Day**

Scripture: Mark 4:30-32 “The Mustard Seed”

Sunday, June 2 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

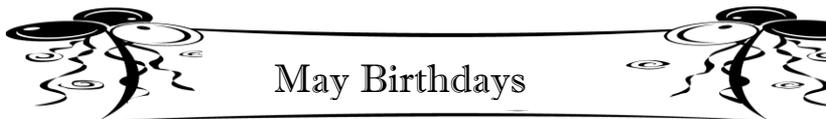
Scripture: Luke 18:9-14 “The Pharisee and the Tax Collector”



## Gospel Music Concert at AUMC

For a great evening of inspiring music don't forget the Ernie Couch and Revival Concert at the Annandale United Methodist Church on Saturday,

May 4, 2019 at 7:00pm with seating beginning at 6:30pm. A free will offering will be collected for the musicians during the concert. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for an entertaining evening.



## May Birthdays

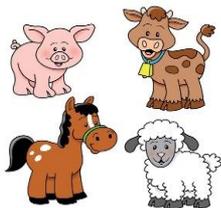
May 5	Dave Heberling
May 6	Linda Elfstrand
May 10	Bonnie Ponsford
May 10	Muriel Rudolph
May 14	Jen Sommers
May 17	Steve Dick
May 28	Dan Roller



Reminder Youth! -- We will be going to the PUZZLES ESCAPE ROOM on Sunday May 5th at 1:45 pm. The church will be paying \$10 toward

the \$20 cost for all youth and chaperones. Please either meet at the church @ 1:00pm or meet at Puzzles in Buffalo @ 1:30pm. The actual event will last approximately one hour so plans are to return to church by 3:15pm. Any youth younger than 18 years old must have a parent sign a waiver form which can be downloaded at the following link >><https://nebula.wsimg.com/7347111a33146dee947391b2c177d19a?AccessKeyId=F99858BF2CF120A1CEEA&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Please email the church at [aumc@lakedalelink.net](mailto:aumc@lakedalelink.net) by Tuesday April 30 to confirm your attendance at the event. Any questions, talk to Pastor Paul or Laurie Dick.



## Baby Animal Fair 2019

It isn't just for kids! As a fundraiser for Heifer International and local food shelves, Wright County Wellspring brings the 10<sup>th</sup> and final Live Baby Animal Fair

to the Buffalo Civic Center, 1306 County Road 134, on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from noon to 4 pm. Admission is a food or money gift for the food shelf.

The Baby Animal Fair helps provide a global education for the entire family, teaches about world hunger and shows how we can make a difference with financial support of Heifer International. Since 1944, Heifer International (HI) has helped families in need with a way to become self-reliant for food and income. HI works in 30 countries including the United States, to create sustainable small scale farm enterprises that improve nutrition and supplement income.

The afternoon is filled with entertainment and demonstrations in the stage area where there will be folk dancers, a karate demonstration and music. As he has in the past, Garry Elfstrand will perform on the stage from 3:00 to 3:20. Visit the website for more information at [www.babyanimalfair.com](http://www.babyanimalfair.com).



Please join us at our Sunday, May 19, 2019 worship service as we welcome John Nilsen, who will share his faith journey through his music and life stories with us. A freewill offering will be taken after our service that

morning. John is a pianist, guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter and one of the Pacific Northwest's most successful performance and recording artists. Please visit his website at [www.johnnilsen.com](http://www.johnnilsen.com).

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