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**The Grapevine
November - 2019**

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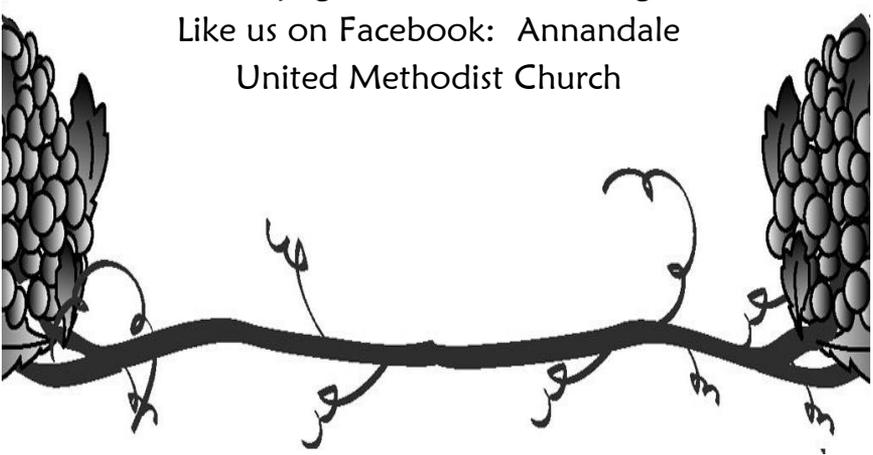
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“Fearfully and Wonderfully: The Marvel of Bearing God’s Image”

You are made in the image of God, and nothing can ever change that image. Oh sure, it gets a little tarnished sometimes. We can do damage to that image, but 2000 years ago Jesus offered you salvation, everlasting life, forgiveness, and love before we ever had a chance to do anything, either right or wrong. He loves you not because of who you are, but because of whose you are. You belong to Christ.

You may have heard that Debbie and I got a new dog a while back. Gracie is a mutt that was in the shelter for 14 months, and she looks and acts a lot like a Schnauzer. They told us when we picked her up that she doesn’t get along with other dogs, and we have learned from experience that they were right. She isn’t quite the lovable lap dog that we had hoped for. But, when we are alone with her in the house, she does snuggle, and smile, and loves to be with us, especially with Debbie. She is definitely a one-woman dog. Gracie isn’t the perfect dog, but we love her.

Thinking of our experiences with Gracie reminds me of a parable that Jesus told. There was once a son who demanded his inheritance before his father had even passed away. Once he had it, he ran off and live the high life. Wasted everything, who knows how, but ended up with nothing. Eventually when he hit his low point, he decided to go back home with his head hanging low. A failure in his own mind. Not at all what he expected of himself, or he supposed, what his family had hoped for him either. Not even close to living up to the potential he was born with.

When he got home, expecting and deserving nothing, what a shock. His dad saw him coming and went running to him to welcome him. Not because of anything he might have accomplished, but because of “whose” he was. He belonged to the family. And he carried the image of all that that family stood for. Acceptance.

Well, the point is this. If you are a dog that doesn't quite meet the hopes of its person, or if you are a son or daughter that could have done better, it doesn't matter. Think about it, we could have all done better, couldn't we? The point is not what we have done, or not done. The point is not if we are number one or number 98. The point is that you bear the image of God! You bear that image in a human container. And it is going to get tarnished.

Remember, that in creation, we were made in God's image, and when God made humanity, God took a moment and said, "It is very good." So when you look in the mirror, remember that you are seeing a partial reflection of God. And remember too, "God don't make no junk."

May Faith, Hope and Love abide, and the greatest of these is love.

Pastor Paul

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A big thank you to everyone who volunteered for Meals on Wheels this past month:

Betsy Gridley, Judd & Barb Owen, Gerry & Ruth Bahe, John Bishop, Alan & Aleta Isaacson, Norm Planer, Garry & Linda Elfstrand, Dave & Joyce Heberling, Joni & Nola Walberg, Beth Young, Audrey Jones, Robin Welter, and Linda Williams. Your willingness to volunteer is much appreciated. - Sally Smith, Coordinator

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving –Oct. 2019 Attendance –Oct. 2019

Oct. 6, 2019	\$2,829.00 \$125.00 World Communion Offering	34
Oct. 13, 2019	\$909.31 \$104.00 Mission March – Reach, Renew, Rejoice Campaign	34
Oct. 20, 2019	\$2,432.00 \$60.00 Apportionments	36
Oct. 27, 2019	\$4,610.36 \$1,000.00 Apportionments	33

General funds needed each week: \$2,523.38

October income as of 10/20/19: \$6,659.31

October expenses as of 10/28/19: \$7,639.69

2019 apportionments = \$16,526.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,377.16



November Mission March on Sunday, November 10, 2019 will go towards the pledge to the Minnesota Annual Conference Reach/Renew/Rejoice campaign. Our pledge is for a total of \$2500, \$500 each year for the next five years. We are on our last year of that pledge!



Worship Themes

Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple

- November 3, 2019 **All Saints Sunday**
“I Will Not Deny You” Scripture: Matthew 26:31-35
- November 10, 2019 **Veterans Day**
“From Cowardness to Courage” Scripture: John 21:12, 15-17
- November 17, 2019 **Laity Sunday**
- November 24, 2019 “The Rest of the Story”
Scripture: Acts 1:8, 2:1-4

ADVENT = *Faithful*

- December 1, 2019 1st Sunday of Advent
“A Carpenter Named Joseph” Scripture: Matthew 13:54-56
- December 8, 2019 2nd Sunday of Advent
“Whose Child is This?” Scripture: Matthew 1:18-19
- December 15, 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent
“Raising a Child Not Your Own” Scripture: Matthew 1:18-21

Montrose - Short Kid's Program

- Friday, December 20, 2019 @ 7:00pm
Blue Christmas / Travelers Worship In Montrose
- December 22, 2019 4th Sunday of Advent
“On to Bethlehem” Scripture: Luke 2:1-5
- December 24, 2019 **Christmas Eve Candlelight**
“The Rest of the Story!” Scripture: Luke 2:21-24
Annandale – 4:30 PM Montrose - 7:00 PM
- December 29, 2019 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
“We Must Flee to Egypt” Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23

January *Making Sense of the Bible*



November Birthdays

November 5	Jill Bishop
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November 6	Janell Dezell
November 11	Ruth Bahe
November 16	Nancy Smith
November 20	Larry Wynia
November 21	Dennis Mix
November 24	Paula Petty
November 26	Diane Shoberg



We are praying for:

Bev Noble	Paula Petty	Kathy Allen
Muriel Rudolph	Sonja Roller	Pastor Paul
Laurie Dick	Alan Isaacson	Joe Hill

Jamie, Beth Young's daughter-in-law
Dale Grant, Linda Williams' uncle
Kate Schulz, Adeline Anderson's granddaughter-in-law

Annandale UMC 2019 Church Conference

After worship on Sunday, November 24, Pastor Paul will lead us through our Annual Church Conference. This is the meeting where we will approve our 2020 budget and share a review of our 2019 ministries and our hopes and dreams for 2020.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and to share their experiences, however only church members are able to vote on the items that require a vote.



Craft & Bake Sale

Annandale United Methodist Church will host a Fall Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to

1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to baked goods, crafts and white elephant items, there will be a sloppy joe lunch served.

We need your baked goods, canned goods, garden produce, and craft donations as well as white elephant items in good condition. Donations can be brought to the church anytime that the office is open as well as all day on Friday, November 8. Leave your donations in the Fireside Room and please be sure to price your items. Volunteers will be setting up for the sale on Friday afternoon. If you are willing to help with this project, please let Linda Elfstrand or Sonja Roller know.



Thanksgiving Dinner November 28, 2019

Please join us for our community Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings on Thursday, November 28 @ 12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome! For a ride or meals delivered to your home, please call the church office. Clipboards will be sent around this month requesting volunteers and food and cash donations. Please help out as you are able.

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