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**The Grapevine  
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## October 2017 Grapevine

### “Pastor’s Page”

A college friend recently posted a Facebook video of herself bungee jumping over the Columbia River Gorge. She smiles into the camera, says tentatively “Here I go.”, lifts her hands over her head and falls backward from the tower. I gasp and feel my stomach clench as I watch her cascade downward towards the river...which has rocks protruding and rushing waves! I say to her, though she can’t hear me of course, “Linda, you are nuts!” The video ends with her safely dangling upside down over the river, too far from the camera to catch if she is laughing, crying, screaming or gasping for air. Her written words in the post: What a blast! I did it twice!

Geez! We’re too old for this! I responded to her post: you must be **SCAVE!** (scared and brave at the same time). The word *scave* is from Emma Donoghue’s book, *Room*. The little boy in her book makes up words that describe two things or feelings that happen at the same time. *Scave* being one of his words.

It’s a great word! Have you ever been scave? We need to be brave, to have courage, to be strong and confident but simultaneously our stomach cringes with fear or worry or doubt. We persevere in our strength, perhaps ignoring or hiding our anxiety. Scave. Scared and Brave at the same time.

As God’s people we are often called to step out in faith. In faith we do, trusting in God’s call and God’s promise to guide and be with us. Yet sometimes we are not sure we’re going the right direction or taking the right action. We are scave. But just as my college friend trusted the bungee cord to keep her safe, we can trust that God’s wrapped around us,

keeping us protected. We can lift our arms upwards and leap into the unknown, aware of our “scaveness”, afraid, but confident in God’s promises.

See you in Church, Pastor Mary

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We are praying for:

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| Willard Weller                                | John Roller | Rose O’Fallon |
| Muriel Rudolph                                | Jim Jackson | Aloys Olson   |
| Ruby Struble                                  |             |               |
| Barry, Jim & Shelly Anderson’s brother-in-law |             |               |



October Mission March is October 8

Annandale UMC’s Mission March for October will go towards the pledge to the Minnesota Annual Conference Reach/Renew/Rejoice campaign.



## October Sunday Scriptures and Themes

October 1 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 25:1-10;  
Matthew 21:23-32

Parable of the Father with two sons  
Celebration of Holy Communion

October 8 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 19; Matthew 21:33-46

Parable of the Landowner and his son  
Fall Stewardship Campaign begins

October 15 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23; Matthew 22:1-14

Parable of the Wedding Banquet

October 22 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 96; Matthew 22:15-22

Jesus is challenged by the religious authorities

October 29 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 1; Matthew 22:34-46

Two Greatest Commandments

Stewardship Commitment Sunday, followed by  
Celebration

## **Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance**

	<u>Giving – Sept. 2017</u>	<u>Attendance – Sept. 2017</u>
Sept. 3, 2017	\$2,388.00	40
Sept. 10, 2017	\$2,025.00	44
Mission March	\$262.92 Reach, Renew, Rejoice Campaign	
Sept. 17, 2017	\$2,320.80	52
Sept. 24, 2017	\$1,321.75	45

General funds needed each week: \$2,674.00

September income as of 09/28/17 = \$8,328.72

September expenses as of 09/28/17 = \$6,355.62

Monthly apportionments = \$1,290.33

Apportionments paid in September = \$451.47

### Apportionments

Every United Methodist Church is a part of a world-wide connection. Each church is “apportioned” a yearly amount to support world-wide missions, administration and too many ministries to mention here. For most churches this is a large expense and often difficult to understand. AUMC’s apportionment for 2017 is \$15,484. Year-to-date we have paid \$3,055.29. Historically AUMC has paid 100% of their obligation. Administration Council and Finance are discussing options for fulfilling our commitment.



## *Notes of Thanks*

- Thank you to my church family for your prayers and support during Ken's illness and death. A special thank you to the women who worked at the funeral setting up and serving the meal.  
- Dianne Engler and Family
- To all my friends I am back at my assisted living, thank you for all your cards and letters. I am so happy to be back at Centennial Villa here in Annandale. Thanks for everything.  
- Ruby Struble.



## *Local and Global Impact*

### Reach-Renew-Rejoice Update

AUMC has committed \$500 a year for five years to the Conference Campaign Reach-Renew-Rejoice. Gifts collected from churches throughout the Conference are designated for New Church starts and church revitalization. Since July 2017 we have contributed \$436.44 towards our commitment. THANK YOU! For more information as to how you are making a difference in the Minnesota Annual Conference, a Quarterly Newsletter from Reach-Renew-Rejoice is available on the Library bookshelf.



## October Birthdays

October 1	Mike McNellis
October 9	Vi Novotne
October 22	Leah Allman
October 25	Andrea Hartman
October 26	Mona Steinhaus



### Hurricane Relief

Generosity has touched your hearts! \$546.00 has been sent to United Methodist Committee Relief (UMCOR) from the outpouring of concern and care for those impacted by the Hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Many of you have contributed cleaning supplies as well. Buckets are being packed and will be delivered early October. All is helpful! If you still want to contribute financially or with cleaning supplies, we will continue through early October.

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