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**The Grapevine
October - 2018**

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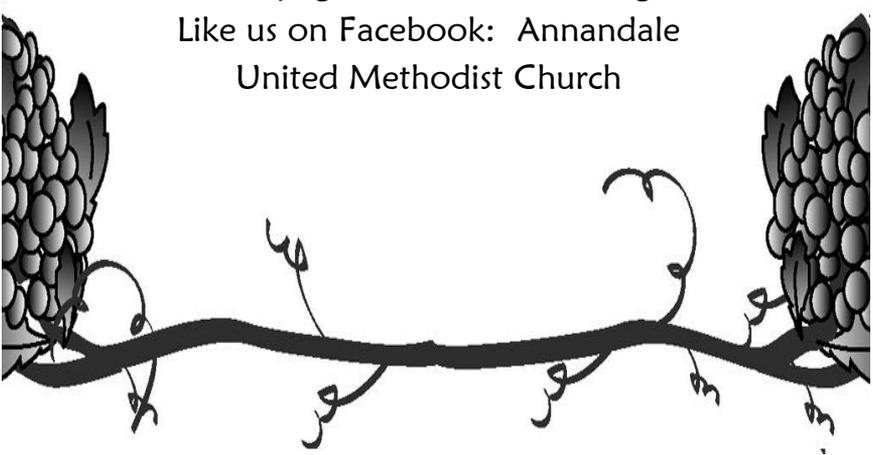
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“Baker’s Yeast”



One of the main messages Jesus shares with us is simple. It is, Repent. OK, so it is only one word long, but is it really that simple? I don't think so. If it was, we would all be doing it. What does the word repent mean anyway?

Repent is a word that means to turn things around, to go in a new direction. To repent means to make a choice, to try to do things differently. And we do that for the best of reasons. Because going in the direction we are going, isn't getting us anywhere. At least it is not getting us to the places we want to be.

I want to be the best “Jesus follower” I can possibly be. I think you want that for yourself as well. And the truth is we have been doing pretty well, haven't we? But, just like anything else in life, we could always do better.

In worship and in class this October, I would like to share five helpful hints about ways we can grow a little more deeply in our faith. And hopefully these five helpful hints will give you a little inspiration to live your life more productively, more meaningfully, more faithfully. That is what Jesus wants for us. That is why he asked us to repent.

As we examine the stories in scripture this coming month, we pray that Christ would guide us to better live out the three gospel imperatives that our church is focusing on this year. (These are good goals for any year.)

Grow in love of God and neighbor (The great Commandment) Matthew 22:37-40

Reach new people (The great Commission) Matthew 28:19-20

Heal a broken world (The Great Proclamation) Luke 4:16-21

May the Spirit of Christ guide us, as we seek to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

I'll see you in worship, if not before.

May God's Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven, and have a blessed day!

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul D. Baker



Pastor's Study Group – “Shift – Helping
Congregations Back into the Game of
Effective Ministry”

Pastor Paul's next study group will be held on Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. starting

Monday, October 1. The foundation for this study is the book ***Shift – Helping Congregations Back into the Game of Effective Ministry***. The book is available for \$6 and can be purchased in the church office.



We are praying for:

Willard Weller	Rose O'Fallon	Norm Oletzke
Paula Petty	Don McDonald	Cody Grossinger
Adeline Anderson	Helen Allen	Jade Petty
Kodie Sickmann, LeRoy Roller's friend		

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving -Sept. 2018 Attendance - Sept. 2018

Sept. 2, 2018	\$3,329.06	52
Sept. 9, 2018	\$863.00	37
	\$115.91 Mission March - Reach, Renew, Rejoice Campaign	
Sept. 16, 2018	\$1,496.00	26
Sept. 23, 2018	\$1,673.10	46

General funds needed each week: \$2,674.00

September income as of 09/20/18: \$5,803.97

September expenses as of 09/20/18: \$6,299.59

Monthly apportionments = \$1,319.08

Apportionments paid in September = \$367.03

Apportionments paid YTD = \$4,193.99



Upcoming Worship Themes

Un-Stuck: growing forward as disciples

Sunday, September 30, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Focus: John 15:12

Hospitality: We have the Great Permission

Sunday, October 7, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Focus: Romans 12:1

Leaving Church with a Smile on our Faces

Sunday, October 14, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Focus: Ephesians 4:14-15, Mt. 4:19

Becoming Like Jesus

Sunday, October 21, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Focus: Mt. 25:44-45

A “get to know you” kind of Mission

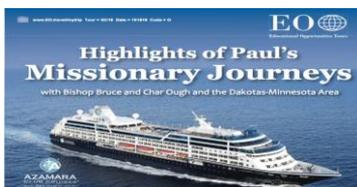
Sunday, October 28, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Focus: Acts 20:35

Generosity is a “Spiritual Thing”



October Mission March on Sunday, October 14, 2018 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 beginning year four of that pledge.



8 Nights aboard the
Azamara Journey
roundtrip Athens, Greece

You are invited to join Bishop Bruce Ough and his wife, Char, on a special pilgrimage focused on the *Highlights of Paul's Missionary Journeys*, October 18-27, 2019. You will travel together on this 10-day spiritual pilgrimage by ship on the Mediterranean and will visit a number of locations important to the Apostle Paul's Ministry in Greece, as well as Ephesus, and Turkey. A brochure is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. This brochure and registration information can also be viewed online by linking through the conferences' website at minnesotaumc.org or at www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/gc19-o#.W2srDdJKjcs.



With Deepest Sympathy

Jim Jackson passed away on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Cottagewood Memory Care in Buffalo. A funeral service was held at our church on Monday, August 27, 2018 with Pastor Paul Baker officiating. Jim served his country with the United States Army in the Vietnam War. On August 16, 1967, he was united in marriage to Barbara Ann Blair in Annandale. Jim worked as a copy machine repair technician for the Central Minnesota Educational Research and Development Council, retiring in 2015. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Minnesota Deer Hunting Association. Jim enjoyed spending time at the hunting land up north, fishing, and was immensely proud of his grandchildren and great grandchildren.



October Birthdays

Mike McNellis
Alan Isaacson
Shelly Anderson
Vi Novotne
Joni Walberg
Carson Petty
Andrea Hartman
Mona Steinhaus

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