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**The Grapevine
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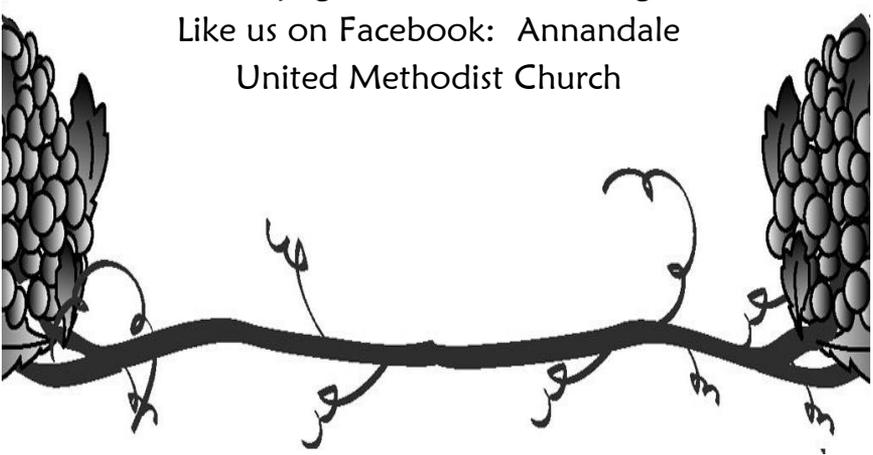
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“It’s Not About Me: Rescue from the life we thought would make us happy.”

Do you ever feel like your life has been bumped off center? Or is it just me? Max Lucado addresses that question in the book, *It’s Not About Me*.

Doesn’t it seem that we have had some beautiful sunrises and sunsets this summer? I suppose the forest fires in Canada and the smoke that made its way into Minnesota have something to do with that! It is a shame of course that those fires did so much damage in Canada, but I have to admit, that I made a special effort to enjoy the sunsets on those nights that the smoke drifted in.

The beauty of those night skies shining through the damage of the forest fire smoke has become a bit of a parable for me lately. We can focus on the damages that come our way in life, or we can look through the times of trouble, and see the beauty of the light shining through. Just like the light shines through the smoky skies of a wildfire.

There are times when I notice the smoky skies more than I notice the beauty of the light. I imagine we all do from time to time. There were even times when Jesus would look at his disciples, and express his frustration at them. In Matthew 26:40 we read - *Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?"* he asked Peter. - Even then, on the night that he was betrayed and arrested, they still continued to frustrate him with their inability to understand that the power of God was at work. The power

of God continues to be at work, even as we deal with the evils, the apathy, and the inconsiderate nature of humanity here on this earth.

Often times we hear people say (me for instance) "the glass is half-full." I do believe that is true more often than it is not true. However, I might start using a different phrase. One that relies on the biblical image of light. "The light always shines through the smoky skies." And the resulting beauty of that light that is dispersed in amazing ways, is what we will remember in the long run.

Allow me to close with one last story that makes the point. Two boys who one beautiful day were exploring their neighbor's farm and came upon an empty barn that smelled of manure – the first boy said, "***we got to get out of here, this smells horrible***", but the second boy said "***Oh boy, this is great – there must be horses around!***"

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

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul D. Baker

Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving –Sept. 2019 Attendance –Sept. 2019

Sept. 1, 2019 \$2,452.50 34
\$40.00 Apportionments

Sept. 8, 2019 \$1,102.96 35
\$78.00 Mission March – Reach, Renew,
Rejoice Campaign

Sept. 15, 2019 \$1,400.00 24

Sept. 22, 2019 \$1,463.00 42

General funds needed each week: \$2,523.38

September income as of 09/24/19: \$6,536.46

September expenses as of 09/24/19: \$6,804.50

2019 apportionments = \$16,526.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,377.16

Apportionments paid in September = \$50.00 YTD = \$2,630.14



October Mission March on Sunday, October 13, 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!



Fall Worship Themes

It's Not About Me

September 29, 2019 16th Sunday after Pentecost
“God Pondering” Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:20-22

October 6, 2019 17th Sunday after Pentecost
“God Promoting” Scripture Reading: 2nd Corinthians 3:18

Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple

October 13, 2019 18th Sunday after Pentecost
“The Call of the Fishermen” Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

October 20, 2019 19th Sunday after Pentecost
“Walking with Jesus in the Storm”
Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-34

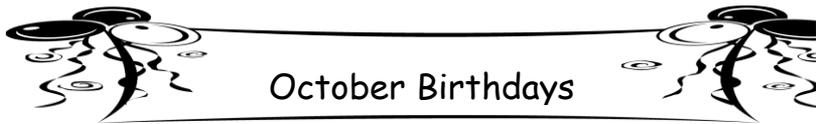
October 27, 2019 20th Sunday after Pentecost
“Bedrock or Stumbling Block?”
Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-19, 21-23

November 3, 2019 **All Saints Sunday**
“I Will Not Deny You” Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:31-35

November 10, 2019 **Veterans Day**
“From Cowardness to Courage”
Scripture Reading: John 21:12, 15-17

November 17, 2019 **Laity Sunday**

November 24, 2019 “The Rest of the Story”



October Birthdays

October 1	Mike McNellis
October 6	Alan Isaacson
October 9	Shelly Anderson
October 9	Joni Walberg
October 22	Carson Petty
October 25	Andrea Hartman
October 26	Mona Steinhaus



We are praying for:

Bev Noble Paula Petty Kathy Allen
Muriel Rudolph Sonja Roller Pastor Paul
The family and friends of John Monk who passed away on
September 17, 2019
Jamie, Beth Young's daughter-in-law
Dale Grant, Linda Williams' uncle



Halloween on Main Street: We will be collecting candy again this year to be handed out on Thursday, October 31 down Main Street. A clipboard will be passed around in church on Sundays shortly asking for your help with candy donations and handing out candy. Thank you in advance!



We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of John F. Monk, age 75, of Annandale who passed away

peacefully at home on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. A memorial service was held at our church on Friday, September 20, 2019 with Pastor Paul officiating. John enjoyed working, hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, camping, Domino's cards, target practice and bullet reloading. He also loved spending time with family and friends. He had a special bond with his granddaughter, Shelby, who he often watched when she was young.



The Kingery Family Concert

The Kingery Family will be performing at our church on Saturday, October 26 @ 7:00 p.m. The Kingery family, from central Minnesota, have enjoyed singing together for the past 16 years. They sing primarily gospel bluegrass music while also incorporating fiddle, patriotic, Americana, and a Capella. Their combination of tight harmonies, uplifting songs, and family unity are sure to encourage all! To learn much more, please check out their website at thekingeryfamily.com. A freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Everyone is welcome! Please tell your friends and family!

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