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**The Grapevine  
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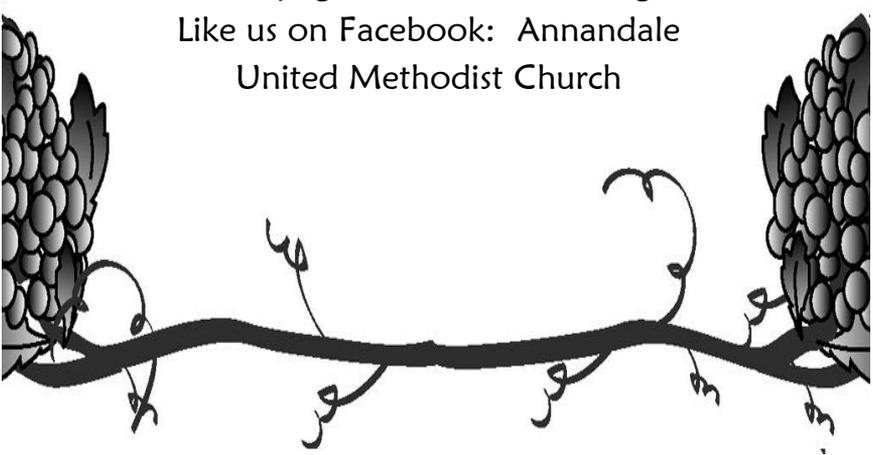
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## September 2019 Grapevine

By now most of you have heard that I needed to have surgery for a detached retina in my right eye. So, of course, this article will share some of the wisdom I have gained from that experience. Maybe they can help all of us focus, as stuff happens in our lives.

1. When unexpected things happen, try not to panic. At a scheduled eye appointment on Aug. 20, the Dr. discovered that my retina (inner lining of the eye) had detached from the back of the eye. Right away they contacted a specialist, got an appointment for the next day, and told me not to eat or drink anything, as I would be having surgery right away. That sounded serious.
2. Patience is a fruit of the spirit. The surgeon and his team were great. At the appointment they discovered the problem, planned the treatment, and shared with me that I wouldn't have surgery until the next day, and that the surgery would be at Phillips Eye Hospital in Minneapolis. They even had to get a waiver from the insurance company, as Phillips was "out of network." It all took some time, and waiting an extra day wasn't what I expected, so I got the chance to practice a little patience.
3. Trust, there are things that are just out of our control. From the moment we arrived at the hospital we were following the instructions given to us by the people who work there. We felt like we were in good hands. Especially on the operating table. When I get anxious I usually do one of two things, eat or talk too much. So, in the Operating Room, you can imagine, that as the team started to plan the procedure, I chimed right in with my two cents worth. At one point the Dr. looked at me and calmly said, "we need you to be still." That calmed me down a bit, and reminded me that he is better at this stuff than I am.
4. In life, there things unknown and there will be pain. Not just physical pain, but also the pain of loss and disappointment. (just to name a couple things.) The surgery turned out to be "beautiful", as the surgeon put it. But we won't know the final results for about a month. In the meantime, in order to hold the retina in place along the back side of the eye, they place a gas bubble in the eye. The gas will gradually dissipate over the next

three weeks. Until then, I won't be able to see out of my right eye.  
So, more chances to practice trust during the coming month.

[1 Corinthians 13:12](#) has been on my mind ever since this all started.

*“For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.”* We don't get to see everything in life the way God sees it. Faith and trust fill in those spots where our vision and understanding are lacking.

In the same way that I am living an ongoing lesson, trusting the doctors and the whole process of healing, in life we get the opportunity to do the same. We plan and we hope and we strive throughout our lives, but none of us knows for sure what tomorrow holds for us. Hang onto the promise of Psalm 139:9 *“If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean – even there your hand would guide me, even there your strong hand would hold me tight.”*

Thank God who is our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer.  
May Faith, Hope and Love abide, and the greatest of these is love.

*Pastor Paul*

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### Notes of Thanks

- A big Thank You to those of you who were able to make it to the picnic for Barb, we had a great time and we all felt the love!  
- Jim & Shelly Anderson
- Annandale Methodist Church: Thank you so much for your continued dedication in organizing drivers for the Meals on Wheels program. It is very much appreciated. The Annandale Community is lucky to have a congregation such as yours.  
- Senior Dining, Sharon & Sandy

## Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance

Giving -Aug. 2019      Attendance -Aug. 2019

August 4, 2019	\$4,372.00 \$300.00 Apportionments	33
August 11, 2019	\$2,247.74 \$86.00 Mission March - Reach, Renew, Rejoice Campaign \$40.00 Apportionments	25
August 18, 2019	\$2,551.00	33
August 25, 2019	\$1,441.93	37

General funds needed each week:    \$2,523.38

August income as of 08/27/19: \$11,108.67

August expenses as of 08/27/19: \$9,702.94

2019 apportionments = \$16,526.00

Monthly apportionments = \$1,377.16

Apportionments paid in August = \$340.00    YTD = \$2,630.14



September Mission March on Sunday, September 8, 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

### Christianity's Family Tree

September 1, 2019 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

“Pentecostalism: The Power of the Spirit”

Scripture Readings: Joel 2:28, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4

September 8, 2019 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

“Methodism: People of the Extreme Center”

Scripture Readings: 2 Kings 10:15, Matthew 22:34-38

### Rethink Church

September 15, 2019 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

“What if Church was a Verb?”

Scripture Readings: Matthew 16:13-18

September 22, 2019 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

“The Church with Open Doors as Community”

Scripture Readings: Matthew 9:9-13, Romans 12:9-17

### It's Not About Me

September 29, 2019 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

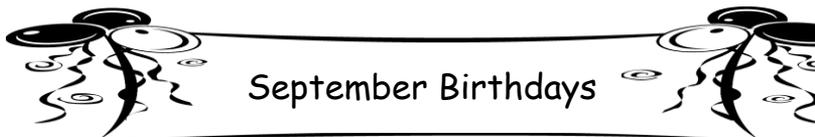
“God Pondering”

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 1:20-22

October 6, 2019 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

“God Promoting”

Scripture Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:18



## September Birthdays

Emily Heitkamp

Mike Sommers

Brad Williams

Bill Smith

Rebecca Mix

Paige Sommers

John Bishop

Dianne Engler



## We are praying for:

Bev Noble

Paula Petty

Kathy Allen

Muriel Rudolph

Sonja Roller

Pastor Paul

John Monk who is on hospice care

Jamie, Beth Young's daughter-in-law

Dale Grant, Linda Williams' uncle



Bev Noble is now at St. Therese Senior Living in New Hope. Her room number is 263P and phone number is 763-398-5793.

The address for St. Therese Senior Living is 8000 Bass Lake Road, New Hope, MN 55428.



We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Rose A. O'Fallon  
Rose O'Fallon, age 84, of Annandale died

Sunday, August 4, 2019 at the Annandale Care Center. A memorial service was held at our church on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 with Pastor Paul officiating. Rose was a member of the Annandale United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading, gardening, playing cards, politics, and traveling.

**NEW Confirmation Class!** 4:30 PM Tuesday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> will be our introductory Confirmation Class. Please contact the church office if you have anyone you would like to invite to this session.

**Family Night!** 6:30 PM Wednesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> will be our first Family Night this fall. Families big or small are all welcome to join us as we kick off this new school year. Let's use our first meeting to share the excitement of the summer, and to look ahead to next month's mission project of putting together Health Kits for UMCOR.



Save the Date!  
The Kingery  
Family

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. To learn more about them, please check out their website at [thekingeryfamily.com](http://thekingeryfamily.com). A freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Everyone is welcome! Please tell your friends and family!

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