



**ANNANDALE UNITED  
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**The Grapevine**  
**September - 2017**

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### “Pastor’s Page”

*So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.*

Psalm 90:12

The morning dew sits heavy on the green grass. The wasps and hornets seem anxious and pesky. Leaves on the crab apple trees are twisting to a brownish red. September is here.

Labor Day marks the "end" of summer as we ironically let go of summer fun and focus on the labor of our days. The fall schedule commences. Even if our kids have moved beyond school days, we tend to still live in the rhythm of September's fresh start.

The Psalmist reminds us that wisdom can rise as we count our days. The word *count* may mean *notice* or *treasure*. Being aware of what and who is around us keeps us connected to each other and the world. Noticing, also heightens our awareness of God's presence in our life. I believe this was the Psalmist's prayer...

One of the books on my stack to read is *Staying Sharp* by Henry Emmons and Dave Alter. They list nine keys to keep one's mind alert. One of the nine is learning new things. As we count more and more days, even years, we know how challenging learning something new can be. A five year old can pick up a new language in the blink of an eye. Those of us who can't remember being five years old, squeeze our eyes shut tight as we try to remember a word that we know we know! Learning a new language may seem impossible, yet according to Emmons and Alter, this might be a great thing to do! We can learn how to count our days in German or Russian or Spanish or French! Which might gift us more days to count!

No matter our age, there is something new to know, learn, understand, or experience! God's creation, of which we are a part, is wonderfully wise and mysterious. We cannot know all, but we can open our eyes to notice and treasure!

See you in Church, Pastor Mary

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With deepest sympathy

- ❖ Kenneth Rudolph passed away on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at the Buffalo Hospital. A funeral service was held at our church on Saturday, August 19, 2017 with Pastor Mary Keen officiating. Ken was extremely active in the community. He was a member of the Annandale United Methodist Church and served as Sunday School Superintendent. Ken was known for his scroll saw work and the over 200 caps that he knit.
  
- ❖ Kenneth Engler passed away on Sunday, August 20, 2017. A memorial service was held at our church on Saturday, August 26, 2017 with Pastor Mary Keen officiating. Ken was an active member of the Annandale United Methodist Church and served as chairman of the building committee when the fellowship space was added. He will always be remembered for his jovial nature; he always had a joke for everyone.



## We are praying for:

Willard Weller

John Roller

Rose O'Fallon

Muriel Rudolph

Jim Jackson

Aloys Olson

Ruby Struble

Barry, Jim & Shelly Anderson's brother-in-law

The family and friends of Ken Rudolph

The family and friends of Ken Engler



## September Sunday Scriptures and Themes

September 3 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

“Moses and the Burning Bush”

Celebration of Holy Eucharist

September 10 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

“God's Instructions Regarding the Passover”

Rev. Mark Nordell

September 17 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

New sermon series begins; “Jesus' Parables: King  
Settling Accounts”

September 24 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

“Jesus' Parable: The Landowner and the  
Laborers”

## **Annandale UMC Giving and Attendance**

Giving – August 2017      Attendance - August 2017

August 6, 2017	\$1,811.20	40
August 13, 2017	\$3,253.05	36
Mission March	\$83.02	Reach, Renew, Rejoice Campaign
Rummage Sale	\$1,312.82	
August 20, 2017	\$2,272.80	37
August 27, 2017	\$804.51	46

General funds needed each week: \$2,674.00

August income as of 08/29/17 = \$9,537.40

August expenses as of 08/29/17 = \$9,446.85

Monthly apportionments = \$1,290.33

Apportionments paid in August = \$150.03

Address for Ruby Struble:

Friendship Manor

1340 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West, Room 105

Shakopee, MN 55379



## Notes of Thanks

- Thank you for hosting a National Night Out party again this year. We enjoyed the root beer floats and hope the kids from the neighborhood had fun in the fire truck.  
-Annandale Police Department
- Thank you for your donations to our rummage sale this past month. We raised over \$1,300.00. Also thank you to our volunteers who worked at the sale and to Audrey Jones for heading it up.
- Thank you to everyone who came to our Corn Feed & Fixings Community Meal. We had a great turnout and lots of delicious food. And a big thanks to Norm for donating the corn, Pastor Mary for donating the brats, Paula Petty for donating and making the potato salad, and everyone who made bars and cookies and the Elfstrand's for sharing their musical talents with us!  
-Laurie Dick and the Corn Feed Crew

Fall Festival – Sunday, September 17



Celebrate Fall with worship, followed by a potluck meal on Sunday, September 17. There will be games for the kids, big and small! Watch for further details!



## September Birthdays



September 4	Jim Hill
September 6	Mike Sommers
September 7	Brad Williams
September 11	Shirley Baillie
September 15	Joyce Hall
September 18	Erin Bach
September 19	Paige Sommers
September 20	Tyler Dick
September 23	John Bishop
September 27	Dianne Engler



### **RING ONE!!! -- RING ALL!!!!**

The AUMC Bell Choir will begin a new season on Thursday, September 7 with a first practice at 4:30-5:45pm. I hope to see all the usual smiling faces and would love to welcome anyone new who would like to play. (We already have one new member chomping at the bit to do something they have always wanted to do!) Remember all you have to do is be able to count to 3 or to 4 and you are set to go. Anyone who has played, or anyone who is interested in playing, but this timetable does not work for you please give me a call because we are very user friendly and very flexible. I look forward to hearing from any number of you out there that are sitting on the lip (edge of the bell). We can probably overcome any transportation problems or teach you 1-2-3-4.....so you have to come up with another excuse not to join in. Come and join us!!! It is pretty fun!!!! And--Oh what a way to ring out God's praise!!!!!! -Aleta Isaacson

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