

WE BUILD ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE WHO GO BEFORE US

A church such as ours has a rich history. The building program we have just finished is not the first. Our church has a legacy of forward-looking persons who led the congregation through various building ventures.

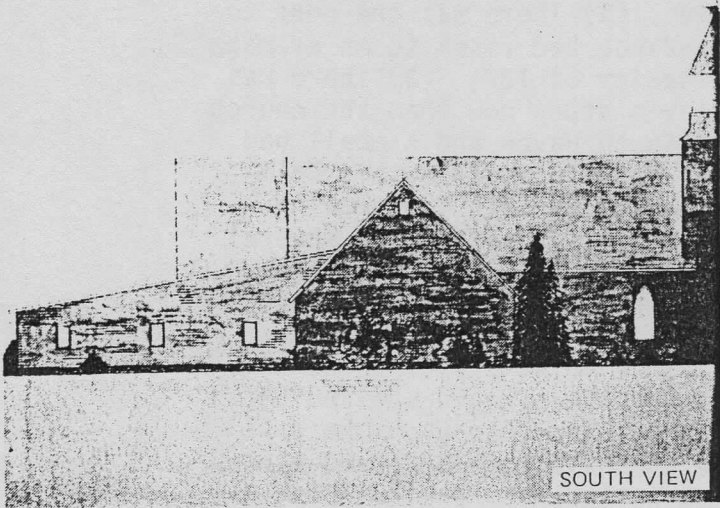
The first meeting of the congregation was in February 1889, and construction of a new church started that very spring. It was completed by June for Annual Conference under the leadership of Reverend W. H. Wilson. It was the first church to be built in the village of Annandale. Our Christian forebearers did not waste much time either.

Again, in 1902, under the leadership of Reverend A. L. Fisher, the church was rebuilt, placing a red brick exterior to the church and constructing a "new addition" onto the front of the church that included a belfry. The roofing on the belfry was all hand-made and designed. A work of fine craftsmanship. Stained-glass windows were eventually put on the street end of the building and over the front door of the church. The belfry and stained-glass windows, along with the church, became landmarks of Annandale. Our present sanctuary is what was once the entire church building. The former narthex, which is now part of our sanctuary and was located in front of the stained-glass window, served as the Ladies Aid room. You will notice that the stained-glass window was given by the Ladies Aid. As some of our members can remember, it served as a Sunday School room with a sandbox in one corner, and as a meeting room for the Epworth League.

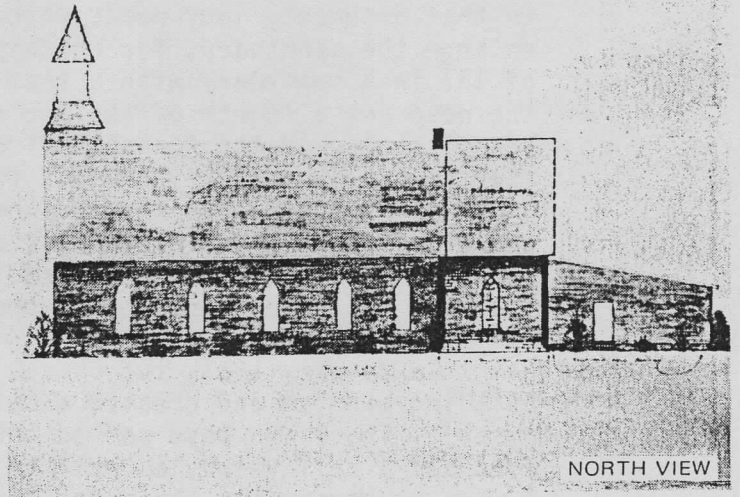
In 1948, ground was broken for construction of a south wing of the church. It was dedicated at the close of Reverend K. O. Brudevold's pastorate. The "new wing" housed a basement with a dining room and kitchen. A basement was dug under the old church building to provide room for the kitchen. The dining room also served as space for several Sunday School rooms. On the ground floor there was built a nursery, office and additional Sunday School rooms. In spite of the fact that dish towels had to be tacked to the unfinished ceiling, the Ladies Aid celebrated by giving a turkey dinner. The present Fireside Room and church offices were once Sunday School rooms. You can see how we have built on the shoulders of those who have gone before us.

On March 31, 1968, the sanctuary remodeling was completed and ready to be consecrated. Russ Froemming was the contractor. The colonial decor with white pews and red cushions, along with a white interior and red carpeting and new beautiful lighting, transformed the sanctuary into a beautiful setting for worship. The organ that Elwyn Nordberg had nearly single-handedly secured for the church was repainted to match the new chancel altar and pulpit. During the period of construction, the congregation held services in what is now the Fireside Room. This work was begun and finished during the ministry of Reverend Robert McClelland.

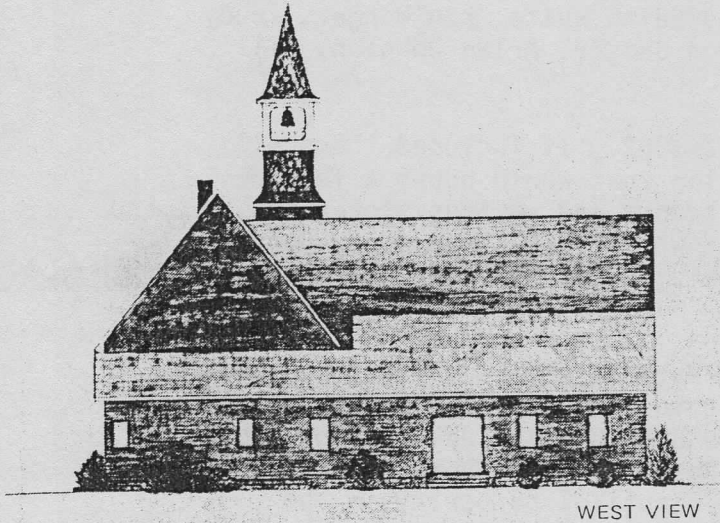
PLAN FOR THE NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL



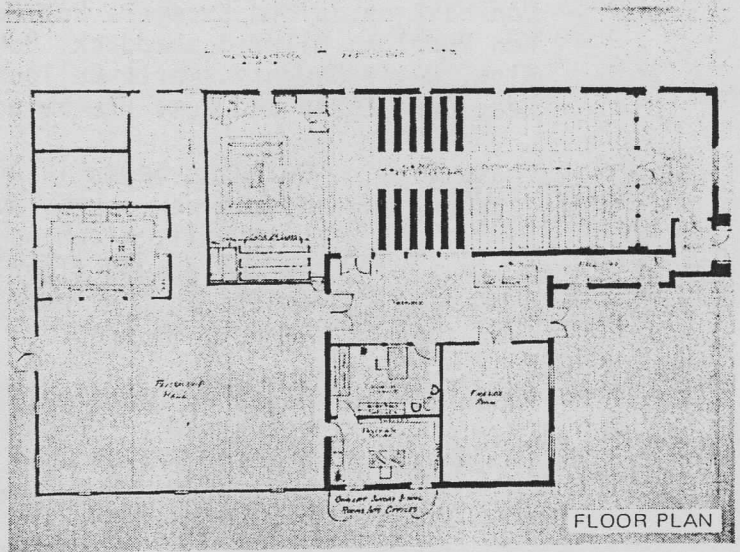
SOUTH VIEW



NORTH VIEW



WEST VIEW



FLOOR PLAN

"Now glory be to God who by His almighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of . . . infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts or hopes."

The Living Bible: Ephesians 3:20

WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED: WE DID IT TOGETHER

During the fall of 1980, three congregational planning meetings were held to discuss a Self-Study Statement drawn up by Dr. Robinson. In that document, four needs were stated: (1) There was the need to enlarge the sanctuary, for worship attendance had risen to an average of 157 in a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 132; (2) There was the need for a church office and a pastor's study now that the church had discontinued its Parish Office with South Haven and Kimball had started its own; (3) There was the need for a new Fellowship Hall as the former basement was no longer adequate to seat the growing number of people, and clinging stairs made it impossible for several members; (4) There was the need for a new Sunday School as there just was not enough space to house the number of classes the church had at that time.

In January 1981, the Church Conference voted a four-phase building program and created a Building Committee to be chaired by myself. Those who have served through thick and thin over the past four and a half years, as well as those who have come on board since, I want to personally thank you for a job well done! The Building Committee has benefitted from the gifts and talents of Carl Folkerts, Don Haskins, Lloyd Kroeger, Bud Morrow, Elwyn Nordberg, Jim Rogers, Ken Rudolph, Mildred Shadduck, Bob and Edith White, Ken Winger, Trudy Blow, David Doughty, Merle Bullock, Don Badger, Arlen Johnson, Bill Lee, Jake Essen and Russ Froemming.

- Phase I: Building began in August 1982. It included the shell of the new church addition that would house a fellowship hall, kitchen, restrooms and various storerooms on the ground floor; it would also house a new Sunday School on the lower level. Russ Froemming was the general contractor.
- Phase II: Began in January 1983. Much of this work was done by volunteers. Those who gave of their time to help with the electrical work were Bill Lee and Jake Essen, who were assisted by Lloyd Rask, Orville Thorson, Larry Brower and others. The beautiful carpentry in the kitchen was the work of Ken Rudolph. The red oak paneling in the Fellowship Hall was furnished by Glen Heberling, who cut down two of his own trees and completed the work himself. The final work was contracted and the first floor was consecrated in June of the same year.
- Phase III: Work was progressing on the new church offices. Thanks to many gifts and the untiring work of Bob and Edith White, the offices were completed in July 1983. Each Sunday School room was donated by a family or individual who, in several instances, also did much of the work. Kindergarten and First-Second Grade room was donated by Jake Essen; Fifth-Sixth Grade room was donated by Vera Knieff, mother of Shirley Robinson;

Superintendent's Room was donated by Larry Blow; Adult room was donated by David Doughty; the Senior High room was donated by Arlen Johnson, and the Junior High room was donated by Tom Smart. Many others helped, and the Sunday School was consecrated in March 1984. Phase III also saw the creation of a new Choir and Youth Room. Again, the choir room carpentry was the work of Ken Rudolph thanks to the donations of several parishioners.

Phase IV: Our newly remodeled sanctuary was finished for our Palm Sunday service on March 31, 1985, just seventeen years after the first remodeling of the sanctuary was completed.

A FINAL THANK YOU

We have come a long way thanks to many people. How can one thank everyone who has helped over the past four and a half years? Many of you have helped with your gifts. We have raised well over \$200,000 and have completed all our work without a mortgage. Let me tell of two who helped us in the very beginning. One was Melvin Wells. He told me and Reverend Robinson one night back in the fall of 1980, "Push this congregation as far as it can go. They need to be pushed." To help push, he was the first one who pledged a large sum of money toward a building program he did not live to see. The other person, who I offer special thanks, is Carl Folkerts. He sat on the sofa in the Fireside Room at one of our fall congregational meetings when we were first discussing the building program back in the fall of 1980. People were saying that they didn't know if this church could do it or not. Carl then spoke: "Let's not worry about the money. It will be there when we need it. Give this congregation a chance." Carl went on to suggest that we build with no mortgage, which we did.

Many of you helped with your talent. The number of hours volunteered by so many was worth thousands of dollars. To you who supported this project with your prayers, we are grateful, for the Lord has truly blessed this church in its venture of faith. To you who were always there to plan, to raise funds, to work, to be supportive, I thank you and I know God has blessed you. God has truly blessed me as the chairman of this project. I've seen great things happen to us, and I know the Lord has even greater things in store for this church.

Ken Engler, Chair
Building Committee



Participants in the dedication ceremony at the United Methodist Church were (left to right) District Superintendent Harold Zart, Pastor Rollie Robinson, Bud Morrow, Ken Engler, Dr. Dave Doughty, and George Olson, the Conference Foundation Director.

Cornerstone laid at Methodist Church

By Virginia Lee

"Many of you had the vision, now we can all see the reality," the Rev. Rolland Robinson told the Annandale United Methodist congregation Sunday morning before it laid in place the cornerstone of its new addition.

During the outdoor dedication ceremony which followed morning worship, church historians Nobel and Mildred Shadduck reviewed major events since the church was established in Annandale in 1889. They reminded participants it was the first church to be built here, and the first building was finished in 1890.

A sealed box prepared by the Shadducks, "a time capsule" was inserted into the space behind the cornerstone. Its contents provide future generations with documents and souvenirs of the church's history, particularly of the planning of the

1983 addition.

Northwest District Superintendent Harold Zart from Alexandria, attending with his wife, Dorothy, commended the congregation for its progress and hard work in bringing the first phases of the building program to near completion.

Minnesota Annual Conference Foundation Director George Olson, who with his wife, Mae, is a constituent of the local church, also participated in the ceremony and congratulated the congregation.

Guests were welcomed from a number of neighboring churches.

The cornerstone was placed by Ken Engler, building committee chairperson; Dr. David Doughty, building fund chairperson; Russlie Froemming, contractor, and Pastor Robinson. The stone, prepared by Carl Reid, a member of the church, was given by Dennis and Nyla Noggle in

memory of Mrs. Laura Noggle, mother of members Dennis Noggle and Sherry Reid. Building committee members led the congregation in a litany of dedication.

Following the ceremony, the Rev. Robinson cut a ribbon across the church entry, welcoming all to enter for a potluck dinner.

The new addition consists of a large fellowship hall, kitchen, restrooms (not yet completed) and storage space upstairs. Sunday School rooms and offices are yet to be finished downstairs. Church office space is being remodeled in the previously existing building.

Sunday's event was the culmination of planning that officially began July 19, 1981, when the congregation voted to build the addition as funds became available and without taking a mortgage.

New Addition



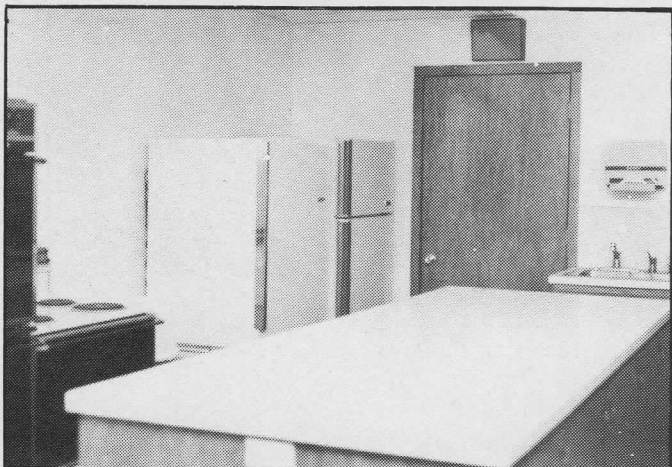
Exterior



Fellowship Hall



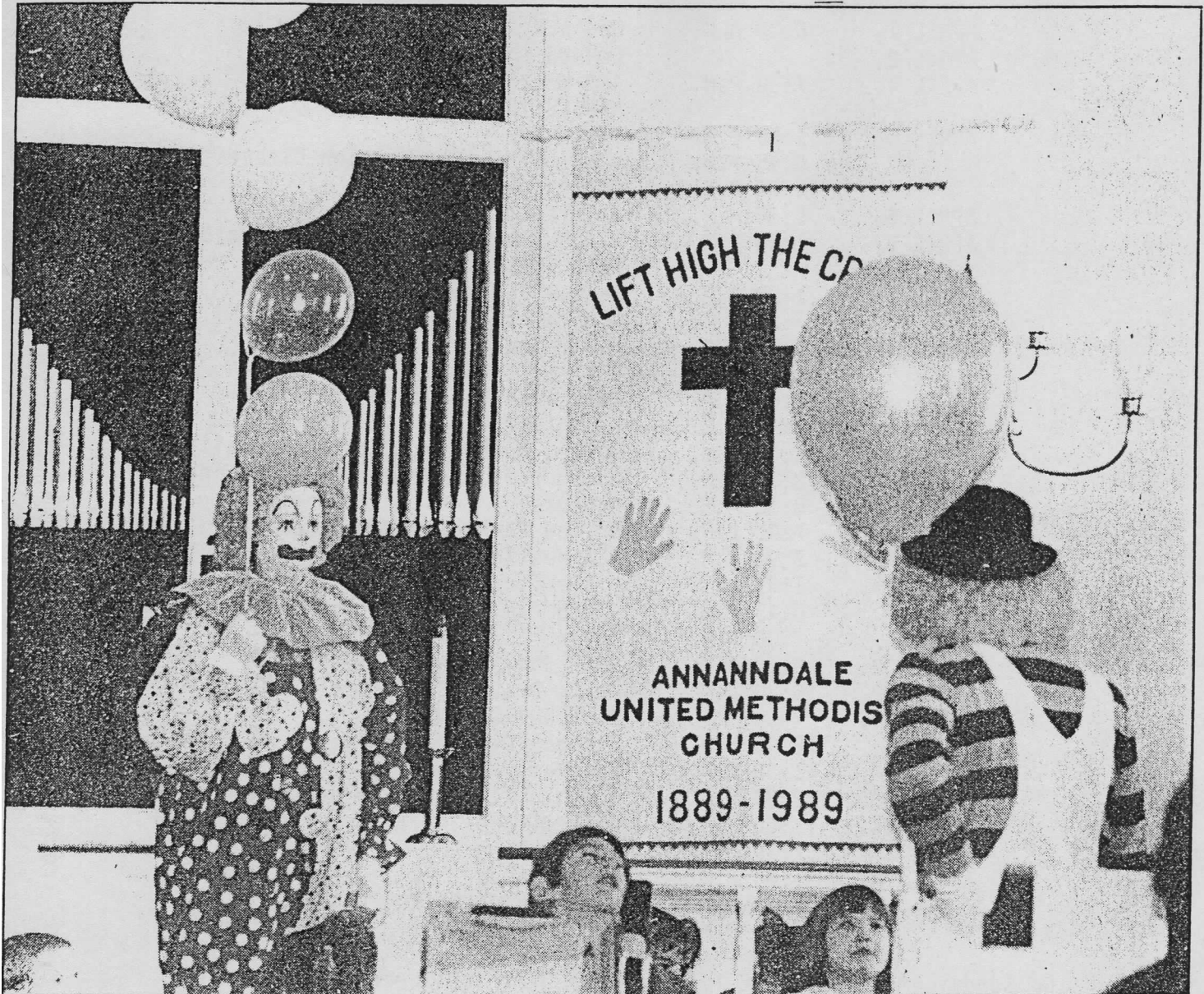
Fellowship Hall



New Kitchen



Nursery Downstairs



Methodists celebrate centennial

The Annandale United Methodist Church last Sunday kicked off its 100th anniversary year with a celebration marked by music, clowns, and a reflection of Annandale's hundred years of Methodism.

In addition, the congregation recognized 16 other members of the church, including the oldest, Myrtle Sawyer, who joined the congregation on March 3, 1907. Other members

include: Marguerite Magnuson (1926), Margaret Daniels (1926), Lucy Bahr (1928), Marion Ponsford (1928), Flora Ransom (1932), Harriet Flygare (1934), Merle Bullock (1937), Dorothy Rode (1937), Elwyn Nordberg (1938), Kenneth Rudolph (1942), Milton Ransom (1947), Nobel and Mildred Shadduck (1948), Carl and Helen Folkerts (1949).

Pictured at right are the clowns who entertained the congregation at the Sunday morning worship service: Ruth Hill (left, facing camera) and Karl Nordberg.

The church was founded in 1889 and will mark its centennial with celebrations throughout the year. Elwyn Nordberg and Mildred Shadduck are co-chairs of the centennial committee, along with Marguerite Magnuson, Lorayne Ponsford, Ada Dawson, Lucy Bahr, Janet McGinnis, Lucille Rachie, and Pastor Mark Johnson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
April 1989

APRIL 1,	6:30 A.M.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
APRIL 2,		COMMUNION SUNDAY
APRIL 4,	7:30 P.M.	ACA Meeting
		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
APRIL 5,	1:00 P.M.	Bible Study
	6:45 P.M.	-8:15 P.M. Confirmation Classes
	7:00 P.M.	Choir
APRIL 6,	9:30 A.M.	Spiritual Growth
APRIL 9,	1:00 P.M.	-3:00 P.M. Bowl-a-thon Fund Raiser/ Food Shelf
APRIL 11,	1:30 P.M.	Senior Fellowship Meeting
	7:30 P.M.	ACA Meeting
APRIL 12,	1:00 P.M.	Bible Study
	6:30 P.M.	Choir
	7:00 P.M.	Work area & Trustees Meetings
	8:15 P.M.	Administrative Board Meeting
APRIL 16,	11:30 A.M.	United Methodist Men "Free Meal"
	2:15 P.M.	-5:30 P.M. Confirmation Workshop
APRIL 18,	8:30 A.M.	Annandale Ministerial Meeting
	7:00 P.M.	United Methodist Women Meeting
	7:30 P.M.	ACA Meeting
APRIL 19,	1:00 P.M.	Bible Study
	6:45 P.M.	-8:15 P.M. Confirmation Classes
	7:00 P.M.	Choir
APRIL 20,	9:30 A.M.	Spiritual Growth
APRIL 22,	6:30 A.M.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
APRIL 23,		CENTENNIAL SUNDAY
	12:00 P.M.	Lasagna Dinner
	1:30 P.M.	Program
	2:30 P.M.	Worship Service Care Center
APRIL 24,	12:00 P.M.	Central America Prayer Vigil
APRIL 25,	7:30 P.M.	ACA Meeting
APRIL 26,	1:00 P.M.	Bible Study
	6:45 P.M.	-8:15 Confirmation Classes
	7:00 P.M.	Choir

On Sunday, April 23, Pat Toschak, our District Superintendent, will give the sermon at 9:00 A.M. Sunday School will follow. A Lasagna Dinner will be served at noon, followed by a special program at 1:30 P.M.

Former pastors have been invited. The program will include special music, a skit and ? Don't miss this day's Celebration.

Also, we ask for the loan of any memorabilia of our church history - old photographs, cookbooks, artifacts, etc. to be displayed in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help.

Elwyn Nordberg, Chairman
Centennial Committee

Note: Other Centennial activities are being planned for the 4th of July and throughout the year by the Committee. Our book is being printed up before the conclusion of the events, so can't be reported at this time.



OPEN TO GOD'S FUTURE

Dear God of the past, God of the present, and God of the future,

We have been able to look to the past and see how you blessed the many men; women and children with the talents and energy to make things happen in your church. Thank you Lord for all those persons.

We look at men, women and children of today and thank you Lord for blessing them with talents that create growth and community for the church today.

But we know you are a God of the future; the future of the eternal life given to us by your past and present gift of Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Lord this is not the end of this book but only the beginning. Each day is the first chapter of the Life of Annandale United Methodist Church. We pray that the men, women and children of today take advantage of the privilege to serve God; to serve the community and to serve in the next chapter of Annandale United Methodist Church. Thank you Lord.

Larry Wasmund
Lay Leader