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**OCTOBER  
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**ANDOVER UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

P.O. Box 519 -1429 N Andover Rd  
Andover, KS 67002

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**TRADITIONAL 9:00AM**  
with chancel choir-in sanctuary  
In-Person & Online

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM**

**PRAISE SERVICE 11:00AM**  
with contemporary music &  
children's involvement-in gym

**Services In-Person & Online**  
Online: FACEBOOK AUMCKS

## MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Website:

[www.andoverumc.com](http://www.andoverumc.com)

AUMC Online Church Directory:

<https://andoverumc.ctrn.co/>

The Outreach Newsletter:

[andoverumc.com/outreach.html](http://andoverumc.com/outreach.html)

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:

Andover United Methodist Church:

[www.facebook.com/AUMCKS](http://www.facebook.com/AUMCKS)

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## WORD FROM THE PASTOR

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Last month I preached three sermons about mercy and justice. My goal for each of these sermons was to do two things. The first was to raise the awareness of God's call to help those. We help in ways we call "mercy ministries" where we help the immediate needs of the person. Through food banks, clothes collections, funds for areas affected by disaster, service projects and many other ways we are engaged in mercy ministries. Another type of mercy ministries is when we connect with the people around us. These ministries are essential as they are about letting people know that they are not alone, there is a people that care. Whether the ministry helps with a resource, physical or emotional need, God has called us to respond.

The other way we help people is through Justice ministries. There comes a time when we see that things are not right and we are tired of just helping the people that experience the symptoms of the injustice. We are called to act and pray for the current situations to change and to walk besides those struggling.

The second goal that I had was to bridge the artificial division of evangelism with mercy and justice. Jesus didn't call us to be about personal salvation only nor about mercy and justice only. We were called to transform ourselves and the world. Our salvation should propel us to care for others especially those in need. Likewise, our service should reflect the grace and love of Jesus that we know in our heart. Knowing the good news of Jesus transform us so we can walk with others so they can know Jesus' hope as well.

I invite you to reflect on both your salvation and how it inspires you to share hope with others.

Blessings,

Pastor Ryan

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month! The second Sunday, October 8, 2023 is Pastor Appreciation Day!**

Here are some suggestions of ways one can participate:

1. Send a **hand-written note or greeting card** with a message of gratitude.
2. Have children **draw pictures or create other artwork** for a clergy member or Sunday school leader.
3. **Pray for your pastors** – and let them know you do so (ask them what you might specifically pray for).
4. Lend your pastor a hand by **volunteering** with an organization where he or she ministers, such as a hospital or nursing home.
5. Give a **“thank you basket”** filled with his or her favorite brand of coffee, favorite snack or hard-to-find allergy-friendly food items.
6. **Provide a meal** via a gift card to the pastor’s favorite restaurant or a home-cooked or takeout meal. Make a gift card large enough to include the spouse or other friend and consider offering free babysitting if needed. Deliver meals at a time convenient to the recipient.
7. **Consider giving gift cards** that encourage self-care (massage, movie theater, a favorite local restaurant or upscale espresso spot).
8. Provide **tickets** to a sporting or cultural event or concert they will enjoy.
9. **Give a service** that your pastors are unlikely to get for themselves but would appreciate (house cleaning, landscaping, tailoring, consulting or financial advising).
10. Give a **group gift**, from a group or to a group.
11. Create a **photo calendar** with inspiring Bible passages or photos of church events creating happy memories for the pastor.

## ADULT SMALL GROUPS

### AUMC YOUNG ADULTS

AUMC has groups for everyone including young adults. On Sunday mornings **Seekers** meet during the small group time. **Chat, Chew, and Do** is a women’s group that meets at 3 p.m. on the third Sunday of every month. There is also a growing group of young adults forming. They meet with the intention of spending time in fellowship and helping each other when needed. There will be more information coming out soon.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Love at the Center**—Meets in Room 8. Studying “Everything Must Change” by Brian McLaren  
**Pathfinders**—Meets in Parlor. Studying “Bible Stories for Grownups” by Josh Scott  
**Seekers**—Meets in Room 7. Studying “Difficult Words of Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine.  
\*\*\*These classes are a great way to deepen faith & connect with each other

### DART Small Group Meetings are in Full Swing

If you haven’t attended a small group meeting with your friends from AUMC, you still have a chance to get involved in the social justice discussion put on by DART. The first meeting has already happened where 10 members came together and answered the question of “what keeps you up at night?”

There are **3 more opportunities to join**.

- **Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 pm** at John Hope’s house, 302 Lexington, Andover
- **Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7:00 pm** at Debbie Smith’s house, 2525 N. 159<sup>th</sup> St. E, Wichita
- **Thursday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 pm** at Cathy Harmon’s house, 12419 SW 120<sup>th</sup> St., Augusta

We received the call to do social justice as part of our service to God in Micah 6:8. It says, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” We invite you to join us in seeking to do justice at AUMC.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Training on new computer system for worship. **Thurs. Oct. 5th 6:30pm**. Want to help with Tech? Come and join the training.

### THE LORD’S DINER

On the third Saturday of each month, 8-10 members meet together at the **South Hillside Lord’s Diner** location to serve an evening meal to those less fortunate. The work involved includes plating the food, serving drinks, busing tables and washing dishes. We arrive at the facility at 2825 S. Hillside at 5:00 pm and are usually done by 7:30 pm. After completing the work for the evening, we usually meet at a local restaurant for our own food and fellowship. There are enough volunteers in the group that we don’t have to work every month. If you would like to join the group, contact Dan Eilert at 316-648-3118 for more information.

### NURSERY & CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

Want a fun and rewarding way to connect with the youngest members of our church? The nursery and the children’s program is in need of volunteers. No experience required and no special skills needed, just show up and have fun!

The **nursery** is in need of a volunteer on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 8:30-10:00 AM.

The **children’s program** on Wednesday night needs help from 6:30-7:30 PM on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of the month. You don’t have to teach, Erin Murray, the children’s director handles that, but we need a second adult so that we are in compliance with our Safe Gatherings policies.

If you can help or you want more information, give Mary Vaughters a call for the nursery or call Erin Murray for the Wednesday night program volunteer job. I guarantee you’ll have fun!

# ➤➤➤ MINISTRY

## October Sermon Series

### Not how to enter the promise- Five Unfruitful Practices



The Israelites spent 400 years in slavery in Egypt. God sent Moses to rescue and lead His people out of slavery and into the land God has for them. Except.... They didn't want to go. And they complained. And they didn't want to do things differently. And they didn't want to help others. The book of Exodus has God parting the Red Sea for the Israelites to escape through and their response is to complain that things are hard now.

We shouldn't be too hard on the Israelites because in some ways we are just like them. In October we are going to be using the example of the Israelite faith community as it emerged from Egypt to help us examine how not to respond to issues of today that threaten us being a fruitful church.

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| 1-Oct  | Scarcity mindset vs Extravagant generosity   | Exodus 16:1-8, 2 Cor 9:11      |
| 8-Oct  | Grumpy Disposition vs Radical Hospitality    | Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 15:7     |
| 15-Oct | Waking up Awesome vs Intentional Development | Exodus 20:1-20, Acts 2:42      |
| 22-Oct | Energy filled vs Passionate Worship          | Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 84:1-2   |
| 29-Oct | Don't leave the couch vs Risk-taking service | Exodus 33:12-23, Matthew 25:40 |

### Stewardship Campaign

In October I invite you to take a moment to reflect on your giving to AUMC. It is through your gifts that we are able to have the many amazing ministries and mission. Each year AUMC makes a budget to fund these ministries. You are invited to fill out a pledge card and either place it in the offering plate or send it in to the church office. This will help AUMC plan for 2024. I give thanks for your giving in the past and hope you continue to support the amazing work we are able to do here at AUMC.-Pastor Ryan Lynch

## ➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### **INVITATION TO A MISSION TRIP TO Zimbabwe 2024:**

CCIP-Zimbabwe invites you to join an exciting Mission trip to Zimbabwe, Africa, June 20 to July 05, 2024. Kennedy Mukwindidza will lead the team that will work with CCIP-Zimbabwe projects around Mutare. Major projects include the Sunflower Project, the Sewing Project and Scholarship Project. The mission of CCIP-Zimbabwe is to show the love of God in practical ways. The team will also visit partnership churches represented on this group. Team members will have a rare opportunity to live with wonderful host families in Mutare during working days. They will be working together, worshipping together, and sharing diverse life-experiences with each other in a family-like environment.

The cost for this trip is \$4,500.00 per person covering air travel, ground travel while in Zimbabwe, food, two nights motel, accident insurance, administration and some project money. This budget does not include visa fees, snacks and visits to tourist attractions. If you are interested in going on this trip, please send your refundable deposit of \$100.00 to Coldwater UMC, P. O. Box, 22 KS, 67209 at any time from now. The first five will receive a scholarship of \$200 credited to their account. Make sure that you specify that the money is for the 2024 Zimbabwe Mission trip, and send Kennedy an e-mail at mwaona3@gmail.com. The balance of \$4,400.00 is needed by March 25, 2024. We would like to purchase our group rate air tickets by April 30, 2024. If you are interested in the Mission OF CCIP-Zimbabwe but not able to go on this mission trip, and would like to make a donation, feel free to send your donation to Coldwater UMC Box 22, Coldwater, KS 67029 at any time.

### Unified Board Report

This month we have been working hard to get a new Youth minister hired and we are pleased to report that Sloan Weber has accepted the job! Welcome Sloan!

We are also in the process of looking for a new financial secretary. We will miss Marcia Haskins who has been doing the job. If you know of anyone looking for a part time job, please see Pastor Ryan.

Upcoming this month is the Sunday School class over Radical Hospitality which is happening the last 3 Sundays of the month. We hope you will come to learn about how we can be a welcoming church!

The technology upgrade is underway in the sanctuary. The video board has been installed for awhile, and now the new camera is up and running. The next step is installing the new sound system. Our hope is to have training for all technology worship workers on Oct. 5-the time yet to be decided. If you are a regular on the tech board, you'll be hearing from someone about coming to a training. If you aren't currently a part of the tech team, but want to be, let the office know.

You will also see this month that it is time for our Stewardship Campaign. Please prayerfully consider what to give the church to support the ongoing missions. Your gift is appreciated and needed.

Finally, the Charge Conference will be held at Valley Center UMC on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM. All members of the church are invited. We will meet at AUMC to carpool at 1:15. Hope to see you there!

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## ON GOING EVENTS

**SUNDAY-**  
 9:00am Traditional Service – with chancel choir - In-Person & Online  
 10:00am Sunday School: Children's (In-Person & Zoom), Youth,  
 Pathfinders, Love at the Center, Seekers, Single

**Seniors**  
 10:00am Third Sundays – Coffee with Pastor  
 11:00am Praise Service – with contemporary music & children's involvement - In-Person & Online  
 3:00pm Third Sundays - Chat, Chew, and Do  
 6:30-8pm Last Sundays -Crossfit & Club 45 Game Night

**MONDAY –**  
 11am Disciple Bible Study in Parlor (12 wk study started 9/18)  
 6:30pm First Mon. Open Door lunch packing

**TUESDAY –**  
 9am Coffee @ Dunkin Doughnuts  
 7pm Wesley Challenge @ Starbucks at 21<sup>st</sup> & Greenwich (3 wk study started 9/19)

**WEDNESDAY –**  
 9-11am Quilting Group  
 9am Fourth Wedn. – Outreach Team

6:30pm Weekly Wesley Bible Study  
 6:30 –7:30pm KidsConnect  
 6:30-8:00pm Crossfit Youth Ministry  
 6:30-7:30pm Choir Practice

**SATURDAY-**  
 5 pm Lord's Diner

## October Plus Events

9/25/23	6:30pm	Monday	Unified Board Mtg.
9/30/23	9:45am	Saturday	GAD parade meet @ Andover HS parking lot @ AUMC float
10/05/23	6:30pm	Thursday	Tech training on new computer sy.
10/10/23	7pm	Tuesday	Justice Min. @ John Hope's
10/12/23	7pm	Thursday	Justice Min. @ Debbie Smith's
10/19/23	6:30pm	Thursday	Justice Min. @ Cathy Harmon's
10/23/23	6:30pm	Monday	Unified Board Mtg.
11/27/23	6:30pm	Monday	Unified Board Mtg
12/18/23	6:30pm	Monday	Unified Board Mtg
Food Bank	Tues. 10am-1pm & Wed. 3-6pm		

## CELEBRATIONS



### October Birthdays

02 Nadine Hayden	15 Kelli Martin
03 Kathryn Halfman	16 Payton Olsen
07 Kinze Kneisel	17 Alex Menke
09 Irene Martin	18 Jay Smith
10 Nancy West	20 Tommi Gannon
10 Joey Jackson	20 Brett Slack
10 Andrew Coym	22 Irene Gannon
11 Brian Eidem	20 Brett Slack
12 Tim Souders	22 Irene Gagnon
13 Arie Smith	24 David Beaver
13 Amanda Mangels	27 Brian Slack
13 Willa Edwards	29 Cathy Harmon
13 Debbie Shields	30 Shanon Young
14. Larry Hamm	30 Kaitlyn Eilert
14 Austin Delimont	31 Pat Duncan

### October Anniversaries

06 Brfian & Leslie Eidem
10 Justin & Sherame Kneisel
13 Cody & Scarlett Childress
18 Dan & Tammy Eilert
22 Charlie & Mary Carson

## THANK YOU

Thanks so much for the support & appreciate it!  
 - Courtney Sentars

Thank you for College Scholarship

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## PRAYER REQUEST

A-B	I-L	V-Z
<p>*Allen, Drew, Jan Mead's grandson</p> <p>*Andrea, Karol Hastings' Tx grandkids Grandmother</p> <p>*Sharon Bahr, friend of Kay Reissig</p> <p>*Brent, friend of Melissa Connell</p> <p>*Clint &amp; Erica (Valerio) Baker &amp; Vivian</p> <p>*Kara Ball, Erica's HS friend</p> <p>*Ron Benton John Hope's cousin</p> <p>*Bobbie, Dennis Hellon's brother</p> <p>*Laura Boone's father</p> <p>*Dan &amp; Krista Bonnensek's parents</p> <p>*Brooke, Bob &amp; Nancy's grand-dght.</p>	<p>*Landon Israelson</p> <p>*Jane, Barb Hartness' sister</p> <p>*Jean, Cathy Harmon's friend</p> <p>*Carrie Jones, Steve Seckman's Daughter</p> <p>*Marilyn Kumar</p> <p>*Kent, Karol Hasting's nephew</p> <p>*Christy Lawrence</p> <p>*Lily, Missy Heath's friend</p> <p>*Lincoln, Pastor Ryan's nephew</p> <p>*Linda, Irene Gagnon's friend</p> <p>*Logan, his 3 kids, sister &amp; mom</p> <p>*Lynch family</p>	<p>*Dave Valerio</p> <p>*Peggy Valerio</p> <p>*Steve Walker, Cathy Durano's Friend</p> <p>*Dave Wall</p> <p>*Hardy Wasson</p> <p>*Ashley Connaly Weaver, friend of Jan Hale-Mansfield</p> <p>*Brenda Wimmers</p> <p>*Wyatt, Erin Murray's nephew</p>
C-E	M-R	MISC.
<p>*Rita Solis Chavez &amp; family</p> <p>*Sharon Bahr, friend of Kay Reissig</p> <p>*Myrna Craig</p> <p>*Daune, Kay Resig's father</p> <p>*Dave, Bob West's b-i-l</p> <p>*Derick DeHass &amp; Anna, his fiancée</p> <p>*Grandma DeHass</p> <p>*Cathy Delimon, Dan Delimont's sister</p> <p>*Dulton baby</p> <p>*Brian Edem</p> <p>*Dan &amp; Tammy Ellert</p> <p>*Tammy Ellert's mom</p> <p>*Willa Edwards</p> <p>*Debra Ewing, Justin Kneisel's mom</p>	<p>*Irene Martin &amp; her family &amp; Friends</p> <p>*Nancy Mattke</p> <p>* Betty Mead, John Hope's friend</p> <p>*Jan Mead's deceased daughters' family</p> <p>*Issy Miller</p> <p>*John Murray, Erin's F-I-L</p> <p>*Patrick, Ryan's cousin</p> <p>*Gabbie &amp; Matt Pippin</p> <p>*James Primm, Mike Primm's Brother</p> <p>*Dave Reader, Bob West's B-I-L</p> <p>*Airene Reeves, Kaylee Vaughters friend</p> <p>*Regina &amp; children</p> <p>*Mary Robey</p> <p>*Paul Robinson</p> <p>*Royal's D-I-L</p>	<p>*Greater Andover Days</p> <p>*Pray for students &amp; teachers</p> <p>*Pray for all Caregivers</p> <p>*Pray for those who have lost family</p> <p>*Our nation to follow the Lord</p> <p>*Our Lord change our hearts</p> <p>*Those struggling with health issues &amp; depression – ask for the Lord's intervention</p>
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<p>*Fred, Nancy Mattke's brother</p> <p>*Elma, Irene Gagnon's mom</p> <p>*Al Gagnon</p> <p>*Irene Gagnon</p> <p>*Irene Gagnon's B-I-L</p> <p>*Donna Garver</p> <p>*Vivian Grace, Charlie &amp; Mary's granddaughter</p> <p>*Dr. Graham</p> <p>*Gwen, Jana Robinson's niece</p> <p>*Larry Hamm</p> <p>*Gary Harmon</p> <p>*Marcia Haskins</p> <p>*Jim Haynes</p> <p>*Ruth Helena</p> <p>*Valeta Hole</p>	<p>*Rick Sample, friend of Roy Hayden</p> <p>*Scott, Bob West's b-i-l</p> <p>*Phyllis Seidl's S-I-L</p> <p>*Skip, Tim Souder's brother</p> <p>*Courtney Senters</p> <p>*Dean Senters</p> <p>*Debbie Senters</p> <p>*Tim &amp; Colleen Souders</p> <p>*Stouce, Bob, Jan Hal's friend</p> <p>*Kasa Stroub</p> <p>*Rich Tyler</p>	

### WHAT YOU ARE DOING

We want to know what you are doing!

1. Email a very short report on your activity – when, where, who, & how much fun you had
  2. Include date, activity, who attended (including leaders and helpers)
  3. Send email to Mary Robey at [maryr@andoverumc.com](mailto:maryr@andoverumc.com)
  4. Article will go in This Just In and The Outreach. & attendance recorded in our software.
- Thanks, Unified Board

### PRAYER TEAM

The **Prayer Team** met for two hours on Tuesday, August 29. We discuss concerns of members of the church, pray for them, send notes and cards, and make calls. Nancy West and Kathy Halfman were present.

### ANDOVER FOOD BANK

OPEN:  
TUES.  
10am-1pm  
WED. 3-6pm

**Need help!  
To volunteer go to**  
<https://tinyurl.com/Ando->

Hello everyone,

I am Sloan Weber the new youth director.

I am truly joyed to be joining this vibrant and faith-filled community. I have a complex background and experience that has shaped my faith journey. I previously attended St. George Orthodox church and grew up Greek Orthodox Christian. I had the privilege of attending their Sunday school as a youth and serving as I got older. These formative years have inspired me to pursue higher education as I am currently a senior at Wichita State University. I am in school finishing up to be a secondary-aged English education teacher with a minor in art.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all and working to serve our church in the Greater Community while growing faith alongside our youth.

Please feel free to approach me with any ideas, concerns, or suggestions you may have even if it is just to stop by and say hello!

Thank you all for the warm welcome and I am eager to witness all the wonderful things we will accomplish together.

Sloan Weber, Director of Youth Ministries

Dear AUMC families,

For many people, October 31st is a day to dress up in costumes and travel from door to door asking for candy. It can be fun and exciting or a little scary. Some of us love to dress up our kids and take them out while others prefer to stay home.

Children love to have fun and eat candy! But being a child cannot be all fun and games. We have to be grounded and rooted to help us balance our lives. One root is Jesus. Coming to church and Sunday school help to remain grounded, rooted and connected to one another. Encourage your children, grandchildren, and other to come spend time with Jesus and find some firm grounding and guide them to strengthen their roots!

\*\*\*Wednesday nights we will begin serving Family meals. We ask that as a parent, you please take the time to help provide parts of a family meal.

Please ask about opportunities to help with the children and youth

Blessings,  
Erin

**Family ideas**

Go pumpkin picking

Go apple picking

Rake leaves

Make pumpkin everything!

Roast marshmallows and make s'mores

**What's happening?**

Sunday School – 10am

KidsConnect – Wednesdays- Dinner 5:30p; 6p-7:30p

Club 45 – October 29, 6:30p-8p

Pumpkin Patch Fun-TBD

Safe Halloween-October 31 4p-6p- Andover Central Park

Kids Fun Night – November 17-TBD

## IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



**RADICAL HOSPITALITY CLASS**

Sundays

October 15, 22, 29

**Not how to enter the promise -**  
**Five Unfruitful Practices**



### OUR STAFF

**Pastor**—Ryan Lynch [ryanl@andoverumc.com](mailto:ryanl@andoverumc.com)

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**Children's Ministry**—Erin Murray [erinm@andoverumc.com](mailto:erinm@andoverumc.com)

**Music Ministry**—Aaron Weatherbie [jonathanw@andoverumc.com](mailto:jonathanw@andoverumc.com)

**Nursery Cor.**—Mary Vaughters [churchoffice@andoverumc.com](mailto:churchoffice@andoverumc.com)

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