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**DECEMBER
2022**

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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

AUMC Online Church Directory:

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

The Outreach Newsletter:

andoverumc.com/outreach.html

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Andover United Methodist Church:

www.facebook.com/AUMCKS

Andover UMC CrossFit Youth

Ministries: www.facebook.com/aumcyouthmin

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www.facebook.com/AUMCKidMin



WORD FROM THE PASTOR

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

*'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "*

Merry Christmas Andover! This Advent season I invite you to look up and find inspiration in the wonders seen and unseen in the night sky. The Magi were looking into the sky for inspiration and saw a light. This one light led them on a journey where they met new people, encountered difficult choices, and eventually found Jesus. Stars were the inspiration and guide for the Magi, what is the inspiration and guide for you? Is there a light that can lead you on a journey through difficult choices this advent?

Mary and Joseph also went a journey. It was a required journey and it was not a convenient time for them to go. It was dangerous at times and for moments looked like they would not be able to complete the journey and find a place of rest, yet through the grace and charity of someone else they were given the opportunity to find a place of rest from their journey. Who is offering you help, grace or charity this advent that can help you on your journey? How can you help someone else?

Christmas may come once a year but our need for guidance, inspiration, and help comes all year. Jesus' birth is an amazing event that we should remember. Emmanuel is with us. We should also remember that the same hope, grace, guidance and inspiration we feel at Christmas Jesus offers to us every day.

I hope you have a great Christmas and I hope that what ever journey you are on that you will know that you are not alone. Jesus is with you offering rest, grace, guidance and inspiration.

Blessings,
Pastor Ryan

➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION



HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

Longest Night Service: Dec. 21st @ 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Services: Dec. 24th @ 5 & 11pm

Christmas Day Service: Dec. 25th @ 10am

New Years Day Service: Jan. 1st @ 10am

Sunday Dec. 4th @ 9am & 11am

**Children's Christmas program:
"A Christmas Musical"**



JOIN THE POSADA

Dec. 4th @ 6pm

Come to Tony & Cathy Durano's house, 651 N. Parallel Dr. in Andover on Dec. 4th.

We'll "travel" the neighborhood looking for a room just like Mary and Joseph. Once we find shelter, we'll have a light supper and holiday goodies. RSVP is not required, but would be appreciated by calling the church office, 316-733-1644

**2022 6000 hours of
service and connection
in the community:**

as of 11/20/22—7927



ANDOVER FOOD BANK

OPEN: TUES. 10am-1pm

WED. 3-6pm

**ANDOVER
UNITED
METHODIST**

**MISSION
STATEMENT**

**"Connecting
people with
the love of
God through
Jesus Christ"**

OCTOBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DATE	Adult Serv In Person 9:00	Adult Serv In Person 11:00	Adult Serv. On Line 9:00	Adult serv On Line 11:00	Totals
10/2/22	57	28	83	59	227
10/09/22	48	33	104	52	237
10/16/22	76	43	89	19	227
10/23/22	55	27	62	26	170
10/30/22	70	28	90	54	242

➤➤➤ MINISTRY UPDATES

Andover Caring and Sharing Projects

1. Andover Caring and Sharing project is the event that the Connecting with the Community Team is taking on for the fourth quarter of the year. **AUMC's part in this project is to collect 100 boxes of stuffing and 100 bags of flour which will be collected in the narthex (Lobby) of the sanctuary by December 11. Still need 65 boxes of stuffing & 65 bags of flour.** Then we will need to sort the food collected to make boxes for the families who will receive the gifts. See Caring & Sharing box below for the time to help sort and deliver.
2. In addition, we are collecting socks and underwear, for Open Door's Klose Klose These gifts can be put in the Narthex Lobby also. Our goal is to give 100 of these items as well. One idea is to buy your gift to fit the members of your family. This will help the Klose Klose get a variety of sizes in each gender.

ANDOVER CARING & SHARING- HELP SORT & DELIVER

We need **volunteers** to help package non-perishable foods on **Tues. 12/13 at 2pm** in the gym. On **Thurs. 12/15**, we need a **few people & 2-3 trucks** to transport the boxes & non-perishable foods to the Fire Station & to pick up perishable foods just after lunch. Please contact Charlie Carson if you would like to help this community supported activity providing Christmas meals for those in need.



KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE
VBS IN DECEMBER
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/GHVAOYOXLWCPAIPW9](https://forms.gle/GHVAOYOXLWCPAIPW9)
DECEMBER 21 & 22 8AM-5:30PM
\$10 per child per day
Elementary School age children only
Bring a sack lunch
Andover UMC

AUMC kids

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Love at the Center—Meets I Room 9. Starting a new study Nov. 27th & ends Dec. 25th. The title is “Almost Christmas: a Wesleyan Advent Experience”.

Pathfinders—Meets in Parlor. Studying “A Disciples Path: A Guide for United Methodists” by James Harnish

Seekers—Meets in Room 7. Studying “Jesus Revealed” by Matt Rawls.

These classes are a great way to deepen faith & connect with each other.



Drop and Shop
SATURDAY DECEMBER 10
10AM-3P
\$5 PER CHILD
DON'T HAVE TIME TO SHOP AND WRAP PRESENTS?
WELL, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE
YOUR CHILDREN WILL HAVE FUN PLAYING WHILE
YOU SHOP AND WRAP
QUESTIONS/MORE INFO
ERINM@ANDOVERUMC.COM

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

UNIFIED BOARD UPDATE

As 2022 comes to a close on the first year of using the Unified Board model as our way of administering the business of our church, the Board wanted to go over our goals and how we did.

Goal #1 was for our members to perform 6,000 hours of community service. We all know that we surpassed that, so, the question is, how did we do on the other 4 goals set by the Unified Board?

Goal #2 was to have 6 planned activities that the community could attend.

Online worship	VBS in July
Chili feed in February	Taste of Africa in August.
Rummage sale in March	GAD breakfast burrito sale in Sept.
Egg-stravaganza for Easter	Shop and Drop in Dec.
Ice cream social in June	Christmas VBS in Dec

Goal #3 was once per quarter have a Bible study that meets at a different time than Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings.

"Four Loves" in Feb. held at Scooters
"A Time to Grow" in March at the Rusted Rooster
"A Disciples Path" in Oct at Dan and Tammy Eilert's house
Tuesday Bible Study currently meeting at Dunkin Donuts at 9:00 am

Goal #4 was to rethink how we welcome people to our church

Produced a handout for first time visitors that included an invitation from Pastor Ryan and a postcard of the events that they could get involved with
Contact was made via cards, calls, or texts depending on the information received from the guest in the week following church attendance
Cookies were delivered to guests after a few visits to our church
Guests were personally invited to join in Sunday School, sandwich making for Open Door, etc.
Started "coffee with the pastor" on the 3rd Sunday of the month during Sunday School

Goal #5 was to work on the area of congregational care

We are working on getting more volunteers on the congregational care team
Publicized to members how to let the church know of needs
Sent two people to a training on congregational care and have plans to implement some of the ideas that were learned
Worked on getting our volunteers trained in "Safe Gatherings"

As you can see, we met our goals but there is still much to do. As the new year begins, we have set new goals that have revealed themselves to us through the church's visioning process held in October, from the trainings we have done, and where the spirit seems to be leading us. We have found that there is room for continued improvement. Lucky for us, our church doesn't have to do this work on its own. God, the Great Leader, is working within this church to bring about God's kingdom in our lives, in our community, and in our world.

The Andover Community Foodbank has organizations dropping off food **Dec. 19th at 8am** that they have collected. We would appreciate any help we can get to receive, check dates, sort & put away the contributions. These contributions are a very appreciated & help keep the mission of the foodbank going. We appreciate any help we can get.

Thank you very much,
Andover Community Foodbank Volunteers



I want to Thank
Everyone who has been
so helpful in preparing meals
taking to appoint meals &
helping with daily activities.
I appreciate all your love & support

Thank you
Donna Garver

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DECEMBER 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
 10:00am Third Sundays – Coffee with Pastor
 11:00am Praise Service – with contemporary music &
 children's involvement - In-Person & Online

TUESDAY – 9am Coffee @ Dunkin Doughnuts

WEDNESDAY- 6:00pm Community Meal
 6:30pm Wednesday Study
 6:30 –7:30pm KidsConnect
 6:30-8:00pm Crossfit Youth Ministry
 6:45-7:45pm Choir Practice

*No Regular Wed. events 12/21/22 & 12/28/22

Date	Time	Day	Event
12/4/22	9am & 11am	Sunday	Children's Christmas Program
12/4/22	6pm	Sunday	Posada @ Durano's
12/10/22	10am-3pm	Saturday	Drop & Shop
12/17/22	5-7:30pm	Saturday	Lord's Diner
12/19/22	8am	Monday	Food Bank sorting food
12/21-22	8am-5:30pm	Wed. & Thur	December VBS
12/21/22	6:30pm	Wednesday	Longest Night Service
12/24/22	5pm	Saturday	Christmas Eve Service
12/24/22	11pm	Saturday	Christmas Eve. Service
12/25/22	10am	Sunday	Christmas Day Service
12/26/22		Monday	Office Closed
12/27-28		Tue & Wed.	Crossfit Winter Retreat
12/27/22	6:30 pm	Tues.	Unified Board mtg.
1/1/22	10:00am	Sunday	New Year's Day service

Food Bank Tues. 10am-1pm; Wed. 3-6pm

SYMPATHIES TO FAMILIES/FRIENDS IN THE PASSING OF:

Steve Owen (October) Steve worked as a custodian at AUMC since 8/31/2010.

CELEBRATIONS



PRAISES

- Steve, Mary Carson's brother is doing good.
- Colleen Souders is improving every week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS – DECEMBER 2022

11/20/22	John Murray, Erin's husband	Nancy Mattke	Jim Haynes
	Steve Livingston, Mary Carson's brother		Dick & Hardy Wasson
11/13/22	Tim & Colleen Souders		
11/1/22	Bobby, Dennis Hellon's brother	Emersyn, Anita Evans grand daughter	
	153 people killed or missing in Korea plane accident		
10/24/22	Erica (Valerio) Baker	Frank Mattke's brother Dan & his wife, & daughter	
	Donna Garver		
	Regina and children	Daune, Kay Resig's father	
	Mary Robey	Rick Sample, friend of Roy Hayden	
10/9/22	Brian Eidem	Rita Solis Chavez & family	
10/2/22	Linda, Irene Gagnon's friend	Request for a person's brother & sister-in-law	
9/2/22	Marilyn Yates, Mark Hartness' sister		
Previous	Irene, Nancy West's aunt	Erin Murray's nephew	
	Lynn, Nancy Mattke's friend	Skip, Tim Souder's brother	Gary Harmon
	Spencer, John Hope's grandson	Bob Stouce, Jan Hale's friend	Steve, Nancy Mattke's friend
	James Primm, Mike Primm's brother	Debbie Senters	John Hartstripe
	Stephanie Walker, Cathy Durano's friend	Ruth Helena	Dulton baby
	Bob & Nancy West	Issy Miller	Royal Owens
	Landon Israelson	Marcia Haskins	Kasa Stroub
	Brenda Wimmers, Peggy Valerio's sister	Lizz & Bill, Bill's sister	Elma, Irene Gagnon's mom
	Irene Martin's family & friends	Those struggling with depression & need our Lord's intervention	
	Jean, Cathy Harmon's friend	Gabbie & Matt Pippin	
	Prayers for care givers to have strength and patience	Our World situation	
	Our nation would turn to the Lord	Dan & Krista Bonnensek's parents	Those struggling with health issues & need our Lord's intervention

December Anniversaries



01 Steve & Diana Shook
04 Larry & Joyce Hamm
04 Ron & Sammy Hole
22 Forrest & Annita Evans
23 Don & Willa Edwards
24 Gary & Cathy Harmon
28 William & Melissa Heath
28 Paul & Jana Robinson

December Birthdays



01 Madison Vaughters	16 Chris Straub
02 Carly Haynes	16 Korbin Hedger
02 Emily Robinson	17 Nita Jackson
04 Michael Miller	19 Bill Westfahl
05 Russ Thiel	19 Dayna DuFriend
07 Catherine Cranmer	20 Justin Kneisel
11 Matt Pippin	20 Mary Robey
11 Trevor Guerrie	24 Dennis Seidl
12 Anthony Hartness	24 Duane Staff
13 Veleta Hole	26 Natasha Reissig

Happy December!

We have had so much fun this last semester of Crossfit! It's been a blast hanging out with all of our awesome students and getting to see the growth that has happened over the last few months. We have spent this first semester talking about the importance of our community, virtues and vices, and prayer. We have had some awesome game nights, survived a lock-in, and felt the full support of Andover UMC through our lasagna fundraiser. Here's an outline of what the rest of 2022 will look like for Crossfit Youth Ministries:

- Wednesday Crossfit Meetings:

December 7th & 14th

No Crossfit December 21st & 28th

Wednesday Crossfit will start back up January 11th, 2023

- Service Events:

Drop & Shop - December 10th @ 9am-3pm

Crossfit Students are asked to volunteer to watch the children that are dropped off at this event.

Children do not have to be registered to come, so we don't have an idea of how many we will have, but we can use all the help we can get! The event is from 10am-3pm, and Crossfit students can sign up to help for a shorter period of time or help all day.

Knights of North Castle December VBS - December 21st & 22nd

This is literally a miniature version of summer VBS! Again, we can use all the help we can get especially from our older Crossfit students and adults. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Erin Murray!

- Holiday Services:

Longest Night Service - December 21st @ 7pm

Christmas Eve Services - December 24th @ 5pm & 11pm

Christmas Day Service - December 25th @ 10am (No Sunday School)

New Year's Day Service - January 1st @ 10am (No Sunday School)

- Winter Retreat:

December 27th & 28th @ Camp Horizon!

We will leave from Andover UMC at 9am on Tuesday, December 27th and return in the early afternoon on the 28th. We need to have a final count of everyone that is going by Friday, December 23rd so that we can make sure we have the right amount of vehicles and adults coming with us. The cost for the retreat is \$10 per person.

We will not have a Game Night in December, since the last Sunday of the month is Christmas Day! We hope that you join us for our holiday services this month to celebrate the season together.

Peace,

Melissa Connell

➤➤➤ CHILDREN'S CHATTER

Dear AUMC family,

What a wonderful time of year! Christmas carols, Christmas dinner, Christmas presents, Christmas trees, and Christmas lights!

Why do we have Christmas lights? What is the light good for?

Light helps us see! The Bible calls Jesus the "Light of the World." Christmas lights are the perfect reminder about why Jesus was sent into the world as a baby, to help us see! Merry Christmas!

Blessings,

Erin

FAMILY IDEAS

It's a Boy! As a family, create a birth announcement for Jesus—complete with a baby footprint, if you have access to an infant. Make copies of the announcement, use them as your Christmas cards, or give some away with small gifts.

Shine On Cut out posterboard stars, and have family members write their names on several stars using glow-in-the-dark paint. Tape the stars on the ceiling above your Christmas tree. Turn off the lights, and talk about the star that pointed people to Jesus when he was born. Tell kids they, too, can be "stars" who help other people find Jesus and tell them about his love and forgiveness.

"Pay" It Forward Use this idea with money your children receive for Christmas, and continue it year round: Have kids use 10% of their money to help someone else, whether they donate it or use it to buy a small gift. Together, keep a journal detailing how children use that 10% to bless other people. Jot down new ideas in the journal whenever you think of them.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sundays- 10a-10:45a Sunday School

Sunday, December 4 - A Christmas Musical

Please join us in both services (9a & 11a) as the children present their Christmas program!

Wednesday evening- 6-6:30 Community meals

6:30-7:30 Kids Connect **No activities 12/21 or 12/28**

Saturday, December 10 -10am-3pm-Shop Till You Drop

Drop off your children while you get some Christmas shopping and wrapping done. \$5 per child

Wednesday & Thursday December 21 & 22- 8am-5:30pm

VBS Christmas Day Camp

\$10 per children per day Elementary age only

Bring a sack lunch Fun activities all day centered around VBS

Registration: <https://forms.gle/TaDKTfGX9L9CDjPW9>

Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/aumckidsmin

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS SERVICE TIMES



Longest Night Serv. 12/21 6:30pm
Christmas Eve Serv. 12/24
5 & 11pm
Christmas Day Serv. 12/25 10am
New Years Day Serv. 1/1 10am

Posada

Dec. 4th 6pm

@ Tony & Cathy Durano's
Come look for a room just
like Mary & Joseph



OUR STAFF

Pastor—Ryan Lynch ryanl@andoverumc.com

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