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**APRIL
2025**

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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

f FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:

Andover United Methodist Church:

www.facebook.com/AUMCKS

Andover UMC CrossFit Youth

Ministries: www.facebook.com/aumcyouthmin

Andover UMC Children's Ministry

www.facebook.com/AUMCKidMin



WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Happy April Andover!

As we celebrate the April showers that come with Spring, we also get to celebrate Easter this month. More than just a remembrance, Easter is about celebrating and experiencing the risen Lord in our life. I invite you to consider how you will experience Easter this year? One way to prepare for it is to say a short prayer each day. Here is a simple one:

“God, I ask that I may experience the new life in Jesus this Easter.”

I believe everyone can experience the new life of Jesus, regardless of how long they have been a Christian. Maybe it is a time to rekindle excitement. Maybe a time to ask and receive forgiveness. Maybe it is a time to be encouraged in the faith you already have. All of us can experience the power of Easter.

Another way to prepare is to read one of the gospels. I invite you to pick a Gospel (I am going to be reading Luke) and read a chapter a day. Each gospel has a different number of chapters, and it is not required that you finish the gospel before Easter morning. The point is to spend time reading about the one we call Lord and Savior.

The last way I will invite you to prepare is to attend one of the Holy Week Services. Easter Morning is the exclamation point on a week of activity by Jesus. Starting with Palm Sunday, there are multiple services that walk us on the journey to the risen Lord.

4/17 Maunday Thursday 6:30pm, Chapel- Join us for an interactive service of songs, food, scripture, discussion and communion as we remember the last supper Jesus had with his disciples.

4/18 Good Friday 6:30pm, Sanctuary- This solemn service remembers the death of Jesus.

I invite you to prepare yourself so that this Easter you may experience the new life found in Jesus.

Blessings, Pastor Ryan.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Baptism Service

Pastor Ryan and Sarah are proud to announce the baptism of Ivy Mae

Sunday, March 30th at 2:00pm

All are welcome to be baptized or to reaffirm their baptism. Rev. Chalti will preside over the service. Contact Pastor Ryan if you wish to be baptized.

Hands 2 Serve is April 5th

Volunteer sign up sheets and Assistance Request forms are on the Welcome Center. Contact Roy Hayden if you have any questions.

AUMC Rummage Sale

Friday, April 4	4:30 – 6:00	Set up clothing racks and tables; put together signs for tables
Saturday, April 5	9 am to 3 pm	Intake. Volunteers needed to greet folks and help them bring in items for donation.
Sunday, April 6	1 pm to 3 pm	Intake. Volunteers needed to greet folks and help them bring in items for donation. Set up tables in chapel area, begin organizing donations, set up youth room for shopping area.
Monday, April 7	8 am to 4 pm	Organize and price donations. Helpers needed for as much time as fits your schedule.
Tuesday, April 8	8 am to 4 pm	Same as Monday
Wednesday, April 9	8 am until organization is complete	
Thursday, April 10	8 am to 4 pm	Shopping Day. Helpers needed for as much time as fits your schedule
Friday, April 11	8 am to 4 pm	Shopping Day.
Saturday, April 12	8 am to 11 am	After closing for shopping, MANY people are needed to clean up and organize left-over items for distribution. We will need trucks (and drivers) to deliver items to Klothes Kloset and Goodwill.

Egg-cellent Easter Adventure April 13th, 1-3p @ Andover Central Park
See Foyer for Volunteer & Donation sign up sheets. Questions-contact Erin Murray

UNIFIED BOARD

The Unified Board would like to give thanks to everyone who stepped in to help in running the services, the Bible studies, and keeping everything going while Pastor Ryan was on leave.

On April 27th, during the Sunday School hour, we will be holding a sharing our vision session followed by a listening session. We will be sharing our vision of where we hope AUMC will go in the future. The listening time that follows will be for questions and discussions about the vision.

We encourage everyone to come and be a part of the vision sharing and listening sessions..

CERTIFICATE OF
APPRECIATION

THIS SYMBOL OF GRATITUDE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO

Andover

United Methodist Church

Thank you for fully committing to our 2024 Mission Share covenant.

David Wilson

BISHOP DAVID WILSON
GREAT PLAINS UMC



Christy Bogner

CHRISTY BOGNER
CFO, TREASURER



**GREAT PLAINS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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Dear Andover United Methodist Church:

I am writing to thank you for your tremendous commitment to the connectional ministries of The United Methodist Church and especially to the Great Plains Annual Conference, as shown by your 100% payment to your mission shares in 2024.

Your contribution helps make our conference one of the most vibrant and vital in our entire denomination. The funds provided via your mission shares helps provide grants to people exploring calls to ordained ministry, educational opportunities for pastors across Kansas and Nebraska, self-care retreats for clergy so that they remain renewed for work in your mission field, and helps provide special retreats throughout the year aimed at helping multi-ethnic churches bolster programming and enhance leadership.

Your financial assistance also helps support the next generation of committed Christians. Campus ministries at 13 universities and colleges across our two states benefit greatly from your support. Our five Great Plains camps offer programming not just for summer months but also for special events and retreats throughout the year. Your money helps fund internships, special events such as justice encounters specifically designed for youth, retreats for students to explore how God might be calling them to impact their communities, and training for regional youth ministries coordinators. You also help fund our Leadership Lab, which is a digital training ground for young people. I had the privilege of traveling with 15 young people who participate in that program and their mentors to Greece to trace the footsteps of Paul — a life-changing moment for many of the young people on the trip.

I would be remiss if I didn't also mention how your mission shares greatly support our justice work within the conference boundaries and beyond. Thousands of people are engaged in justice work at a grassroots level via our Doing Justice Initiative. The funds given and leadership provided by you and others in our conference have jump-started a new era in our two states for living up to the words of Micah 6:8. The stories from our partner communities are inspiring as they address homelessness, mental health, school reforms and many other subjects — all particular to their communities.

Your support is incredible! Thank you for your ongoing commitment to serving the risen Christ as we spread the Gospel throughout our world. I am so appreciative of your efforts, and I feel privileged to be your bishop.

David Wilson

Bishop David Wilson
Great Plains Conference

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

APRIL EVENTS

Sunday:

9a TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

10a SUNDAY SCHOOL

11a PRAISE SERVICE

3/30- 2p Baptism Service

4/6 – 1-3p Rummage Sale Drop Off

4/13 – Palm Sunday

4/20- Easter Sunday

4/27- 5:30p Youth Game Night

Monday:

4/7- 6:30p Open Door

4/28-6:30p Unified Board Meeting

Tuesday:

9a Tuesday Coffee at Dunkin Donuts in Andover

4/1 & 4/15 -6:30p Light & Lamp Women's Bible Study

Wednesday:

9a Women's Pickleball

6:30p Choir Practice

6:30p Crossfit Youth

8p Praise Band Practice

4/23- 9a Outreach Team Mailing

4/23- 6p Community Potluck

4/23- 6:30-8:30p Kids Connect

Thursday:

9a Pickleball- Co-ed

4/10 – 8a-4p Rummage Sale

4/17 – 6:30p Maundy Thursday Service

Friday:

4/11 – 8a-4p Rummage Sale

4/18 – 6:30pm Good Friday Service

Saturday:

4/5 – 9a-3p Rummage Sale Drop off

4/5 – Hands 2 Serve

4/12 – 8-11a Rummage Sale

4/19 – 5p Lord's Diner

PRAYER REQUEST

MARCH 23

Al Gagnon

Damien, (a young man in the community)

Remember those starting new paths, those in uncertainty, and may we offer a prayer and support.

MARCH 16

Marge Snyder

Dan Eckstein, Melissa Heath's s-i-l

For those affected by the crash on 1-70, responders, etc.

For those affected by wars & conflicts & even the violent weather

MARCH 2

Alex Durano

SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES & FRIENDS IN THE PASSING OF:
Bob West's uncle Jack

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Meet at 10a



Meets in room 8. Studying for Lent "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome to join us!



Meets in the Parlor. Current study is "Context" by Josh Scott. Everyone is welcome to join us!

ANDOVER FOOD BANK

OPEN: TUES. 10a-1p

WED. 3-6p



Volunteer needs:

Help for weekly shifts Contact:

[https://tinyurl.com/ AndoverFood Bank](https://tinyurl.com/AndoverFoodBank)

Need people to be a part of the rotation to pick up Saturday bread.

Contact: email: acfvolunteer1@gmail.com

AUMC Staff opening for Financial Secretary:

*12 hr. work week

*Work week is Monday & Tuesday

-If you are interested, send an email to

Ryan Lynch, Pastor @

ryanl@andoverumc.com

-If you know someone who is interested, have them send an email to Ryan Lynch, Pastor.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CELEBRATIONS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

02 Nolan Wright	19 Mark Hartness
03 Robert West	19 Ruth Helena
07 Audra Heinze	19 Jan Hale-Mansfield
08 Cody Childress	23 Tony Durano
09 Mark Padding	23 Savannah Emerson
16 Marilyn Kumar	25 Phyllis Jones
18 Sharon Laubach	27 Tim Maupin
18 Lynnette Jacobsen	

NOTES

Justice Together

At the Justice Together presentation on 3/16, we learned about the 2 areas our group is championing in 2025, homelessness and affordable housing. Since selecting these two areas, groups have been hard at work interviewing officials, people affected by difficulties in these areas, and reading research from other communities about their attempts to solve similar issues. We will hear their findings at the Solutions Rally on April 10 at First UMC at 6:00 pm. All are invited to come hear what the research committees came up with for solutions to the two problems.

The Nehemiah Assembly, where we present the solutions to the elected officials, will be May 8, at 6:00 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm, at The WSU Metroplex at 29th and Oliver. We are asked to each invite 9 people in the hopes that 3 will be able to attend the Assembly. Our goal is to get 2000 people there, with our part being 50 people attending from AUMC.

Finally, we are all asked to give an individual donation to Justice Together. You can do this by going online at <https://dojusticetogether.org/invest> Or by sending a check to Justice Together, 1200 S. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67211.

Remember, we are called by God to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.

NOTES

Doris Wyatt is moving to North Carolina

JOIN US FOR A PARTY & COME &

GO RECEPTION

FOOD | FRIENDSHIP | LOVE

Please RSVP by text or voicemail to
316-619-8618

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025 2:00-6:00pm

The Villas @ Hampton Lakes Clubhouse;
10720 W Clubview Rd; Wichita, KS 67101

The Outreach Program



Andover United Methodist Church,
Thank you for packaging
7000 Outreach meals
with us for those
in need!
We appreciate you and
your help!
Thank you!
Lloyd & Kathy +
The Outreach
Team

Crossfit youth News

Hello AUMC Family!

Welcome to April. Last month we started the season of Lent on March 5th. The crossfit youth have been learning about the importance of Lent and what it means. We will continue to focus our learning on this subject as Easter approaches. This month the youth will enjoy helping the annual Hands 2 Serve mission on the 5th as well.

Thank you all for your support!

Upcoming events:

4/5 - Hands 2 Serve

4/13- Egg-cellent Easter Adventure 1-3pm

4/20 - Easter Sunday





Happy Easter

Children Ministry Newsletter - April 2025



Upcoming Events

Sunday School - Sundays - 10am

Egg-cellent Easter Adventure -

Sunday, April 13, 1pm-3pm

KidsConnect - Wednesday, April 23,

6:30pm

VBS - Sunday, July 13 -

Thursday, July 17



Sunday School

SEEDS OF FAITH

FAITH FOCUS: Jesus helps us grow our faith

BIBLE VERSE:

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ

-2 Peter 3:18

Grow Through Prayer

Grow Through Praise

Grow Through Love

Grow Through Grace

Family Ideas

-Lay out a blanket and look at clouds. We all move SO fast and are so very busy. Teach your children what it means to S L O W down and imagine. (This will be good for you too!) Talk about what you see in the clouds.

-Spring Clean

-Go on a prayer walk around your neighborhood. Walk down your street and pray for each family inside whether you know them or not.

-Wake up early enough to watch the sunrise. Thank God for the blessing of a new day!



Have you ever had anything tough or bad happen to you? Maybe you've had to move to a new school, or you've had an argument with a friend, or you talked back to a parent and they didn't allow you to go to a special party. There were two ladies in the Bible who were very upset because of something that happened in their lives. Mary and Mary Magdalene had cried lots and lots of tears over the death of someone very special to them - Jesus. They had watched people being very cruel to Jesus. They had witnessed others making fun of Him, spitting on Him, beating Him, and pressing a crown of thorns into His head. Mary and Mary Magdalene felt much pain from the death of their Savior. During their time of sorrow, the ladies must have had many thoughts of what they had learned from Jesus' life and teachings. Jesus had shown them how to pray. During the days following Jesus' death, Mary and Mary probably spent many hours praying. On the third day after the crucifixion, the ladies had prepared spices to anoint Jesus' body. Imagine how shocked they were when they arrived at the tomb and it was empty. They were terrified! But in their fear, God had a plan. Jesus had risen from the dead!! He was alive!



IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



Palm Sunday April 13
Maundy Thursday Service
6:30p April 17
Good Friday Service
6:30p April 18
Easter Sunday April 20

**Egg-cellent Easter
Adventure**
April 13, 1-3p
Andover Central Park

Rummage Sale
April 10 & 11 8a-4p
April 12 8-11a
Shopping Days
April 5 9a-3p; April 6 1-3p
Intake Days

OUR STAFF

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