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**FEBRUARY  
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**ANDOVER UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

P.O. Box 519  
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## SUNDAY SERVICES

**TRADITIONAL 9:00AM  
IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM  
(FACEBOOK AUMCKS)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM**

**PRAISE SERVICE 11AM  
IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM**

## 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)

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## WORD FROM THE PASTOR

**Happy February Andover!**

As I prepare for the perfect square month (28 days, 4 weeks, no remainders) I think of the work we have put into serving our community in one month. Over 300+ hours of service, connection, and care is something to rejoice in. It makes me think of a passage from Philippians:

*I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.*

I use this passage often in newsletters because Paul communicates so well how I feel about the faith communities I have the privilege to serve. I thank God every time I remember the 16500 meals we prepared last summer. I thank God when I remember how our church answered the call for refugees. I thank God when I remember the kits, yard work, and service we have shared with the Sunlight house. I thank God when I remember the number of hours we are giving into our community so that it is known that there is a people that care and a God that loves.

What I have always loved about Paul's intro to Philippians is the unwavering and encouraging confidence that their good work will bring to completion. I hope this is true for us as well. I don't just mean the 6000 hours of service. The number of hours are a valiant goal to strive for like the number of meals we prepared but the good work I am thinking of is a spiritual work. May we know the love of God in Christ Jesus, that we are called regardless of what we have done or what has been done to us and are welcomed into both the God's grace and Jesus mission through the Holy Spirit. I hope this spiritual work will continue on to completion until each of us realize that we are Jesus' mission. That our words are God's and our actions are Jesus' as the Holy Spirit guides us to live out our faith. I pray that this holy and sacramental work continue in each of us. I am excited to continue striving for 6000 hours but my hope and confidence is that even one minute serving or connection with our neighbor continues the good spiritual work in us and in our neighbor.

Happy February!

Blessings, Pastor Ryan

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Mark the date and make a plan to attend/participate!

The Community Chili Cook-Off will be held on **Saturday, February 26, 2022** at the **Andover Community Center** (13<sup>th</sup> St. Park Location) from **5-7:30pm**.

**Who has a great chili recipe and will enter it for a chance of winning a prize if selected by the tasters?**

**Who has a good soup recipe and will donate a crock pot full to feed the tasters, allowing them to stay a while and join in community conversation?**

**We need and want you!** Mark your calendars now and join in what promises to be a great evening of fun and fellowship.

If you have any questions, contact one of our team members:

Roy Hayden, Rae Thiel, Mary Carson, and Barb Hartness.

Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Sunlight House and the Andover Community Food Bank.

To enter the cook-off go to: <https://forms.gle/jHaqAGwCpz6RQTKu9>

To donate soup to eat after the tasting is finished, or money to the winners' prizes go to: <https://forms.gle/HzeCohx5TpvvmL6b6>



The Annual Andover United Methodist Rummage sale will be held, **April 7, 8, & 9, 2022.**

Begin gathering your treasurers to bring to the sale.

Rummage Sale Intake will be on the following dates:

**Saturday, March 28 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Saturday, April 2, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Other drop off times may be requested by calling 655-8490.

If you have small or large items that you would like to donate and need to be picked up, please call Tammy Eilert 655-8490. We will make arrangements for that to happen.



## Crossfit Valentine's Day Dinner & Auction

**February 12th @ 6pm**

Selling tickets until February 9th for \$20 per person or \$60 per table.

**Event starts at 6pm**

### ANDOVER UNITED METHODIST

#### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### DECEMBER 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
12/5/21	101	21	97	36	255
12/12/21	51	24	72	31	178
12/19/21	59	24	202	67	352
12/24/21	7pm - 66	11pm - 40	7pm - 109	11pm - 44	259
12/26/21	44	-	51	-	95

# ➤➤➤ MINISTRY UPDATES

## Worship in February: 4 Loves



CS Lewis, author of the Chronicles of Narnia, began his career as a non-believing philosopher. Through searching out the Biblical story as a literature professor CS Lewis found his love for stories connect him to a love for God. One of the books that he wrote after his conversion was *4 Loves* where CS Lewis seeks to connect our experience of love with God who is love. In February we will use segments of his book to guide us in a deeper look at how God has designed us to know and experience love.

2/6 Appreciative Love

*Luke 6:1-16 & Psalm 8*

2/13 Friendship and Eros

*Luke 6:17-26 & Song of Solomon 2:1-7*

2/20 Charity Love

*Luke 6:27-38 & 1 Corinthians 13*

2/27 A Love Song

*Luke 9:28-36 & Psalm 96*

Visitors joining us for worship in February:

Scout Sunday will be February 6<sup>th</sup>. The local troop and pack will be present in worship with us.

Gideons will share at the moment of connection on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

## FEBRUARY

Andover Community Food Bank

Open Tues. 10am - 1pm

Open Wed. 3 - 6pm

Open Sat. 2/26 10am-12pm

## FOUR LOVES STUDY

February 8th @ 6:30pm

If you would like to participate

Email Melissa Connell,  
[melissac@andoverumc.com](mailto:melissac@andoverumc.com)

Volunteer with our worship services

Click the signup genius in This Just In or enter the link below and let us know how you would like to be part of the service!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaa62ea7fec07-worship>



## EVENTS

### SUNDAY

9:00am Traditional Service - In-Person & Online  
 10:00am Sunday School: Children's (In-Person & Zoom),  
 Youth, Pathfinders, Love at the Center, Seekers  
 11:00am Praise Service – In-Person & Online

### WEDNESDAY

6:00-6:30pm Community Meal  
 6:30-8:00pm Crossfit Youth Ministries  
 6:30-7:30pm KidsConnect  
 6:45-7:45pm Choir Practice

2/08/22	6:30pm	Tuesday	Four Loves Study
2/12/22	6pm	Saturday	Crossfit Valentine's Day Dinner & Auction
2/26/22	5-7:30pm	Saturday	Chili Cook-off for the community
2/26/22	8am-12pm	Saturday	Cubscout Pinewood Derby

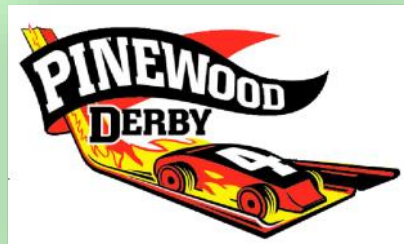
Food Bank Tues. 10am-1pm; Wed. 3-6pm Sat. /22 10am-12pm

### QCC-Qualified Charitable Contribution

A Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCC) is a NON-TAXABLE distribution from an IRA that is owned by an individual who is age 70 1/2 or older. The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is paid directly by the trustee of the IRA to an organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions, ie AUMC.

If you make donations to AUMC and qualify to make QCC, you could save income taxes on your AUMC Qualified Charitable Contributions. It is possible to set QCC donations on any time schedule you prefer (weekly, monthly, etc) to meet your pledge and/or for special giving. Consult your financial advisor or tax advisor for information about how you can make your contributions to AUMC without reporting those distributions as income on your tax return.

Thank you,  
 Finance



**Cubscout Pack 533**

**Pinewood Derby**

**Saturday, Feb. 26th**

**8am—12pm**

**@ Gym**

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Dick Wasson	Bo Lynch	Betty Rich	Irene Martin
Creighton Tyler	Peggy Valerio	Mike DeHass	Jana Robinson
Marge Snyder	Al Gagnon	Kay Ressig	Marcia Haskins
Kasa Straub	Mark Carney	Karol Hastings former manager	
Bill Miller, wife Issy		Peggy Creed & family	
Tim Sauder's mom		Dean Center's parents	
Clifford Mattke, Frank Mattke' brother		Tammy, Nancy West's friend	
Betty Carter's sister, Judy		Irene Gagnon's brother-in-law	
Barb Hartman's aunt, uncle, and niece		Brenda Wimmers, Peggy Valerio's sister	
Russ & Rae Thiel's youngest "grand"		Dave Valerio's 2 cousins	
Trisha Pike, Dave Wall's niece		Thurston, Russ Thiel's brother	
Bob Bayer, Laurel Delimont's friend		Nadine Hayden's cousin	
Ronnie Rieche, Nancy & Bob West's friend			
Stephen McBride, Mark Hartness great nephew			
Kim Fulghum's whole family			
Those with Covid, those grieving loss, and those with depression			

Sympathies to Families/Friends in the Passing of:

Ronnie Rieche, Judy Rieche's husband, and Judy Rieche's mom (Jan)

Buff Buffington, Don & Willa Edwards' son-in-law (Jan.)

## PRAISE

John & Lynette Juresic have 4th grandson, Knop Dutton—Nathan & Malory's son

Stephen McBride, Mark Hartness' great nephew, progressing in rehab.

**For additions, updates, & removal of a name: Send email to [churchoffice@andoverumc.com](mailto:churchoffice@andoverumc.com); Place in prayer box in sanctuary; or Call church office-316-733-1644**



### February Birthdays

03	Zach Hole	18	Roy Hayden
04	Kathryn Formy-Duval	18	Nancy Carroll
06	Jim Haynes	18	Ethan Straub
08	Rae Thiel	19	Rebekah Martin
08	Andrew Wertheimer	21	Michael Jones
08	McKenzie DeHass	22	Gina Miller
10	Erica Valerio Baker	22	Seth McCleerey
12	Kyle Kohman	23	Kaylee Vaughters
12	Sarah Lawrence	25	Layne Kneisel
17	Melissa Heath	26	Janet Knight
18	Frank Mattke	27	Erick Gregersen
18	Peggy Valerio	28	Kim Bradford

### February Anniversaries

02	Bob & Nancy West
10	Barry & Nancy Carroll
13	Vaughn & Rachel Gregg

# ➤➤➤ **CROSSFIT YOUTH NEWS**

Happy February!

We have had such a great start to 2022! It's always nice to kick things off after winter break, but this year starting up Crossfit again for the year brought some much-needed life and renewal. It feels wonderful to be getting ready for the Valentine's fundraiser and mission trips that I truly believe are going to happen this year. I know I'm not alone in thinking that are students are special, and I can't wait to keep making great memories with them this year!

As I mentioned above, our 2022 Valentine's Day Dinner and Auction fundraiser is coming up on February 12th. We are selling tickets until February 9th for \$20 per person or \$60 per table. The event starts at 6pm and we will have some delicious food and awesome items up for auction! The kids are working hard to make this a great event, so I hope you all will join us! If you are a parent or guardian of a student going on a mission trip this, don't forget to get them signed up to help with this fundraiser as it is required in order for them to go on a trip this summer!

Apart from the fundraiser, we're back to a normal schedule and celebrating the start of a new confirmation class. We are still meeting on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm and have added game nights on the last Sunday of every month so that we can get some more quality time together!

Thank you so much for your continued support of our youth. We love being able to connect and learn with each other and this church family.

Peace,

Melissa Connell

Director of Youth Ministries

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## ▶▶▶ CHILDREN'S CHATTER

Dear AUMC families,

“Love” is a theme seen throughout the month of February, but it doesn't mean much unless we put it into action. As Christians, we have the perfect example of love in action: God sending his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise again to give us new life.

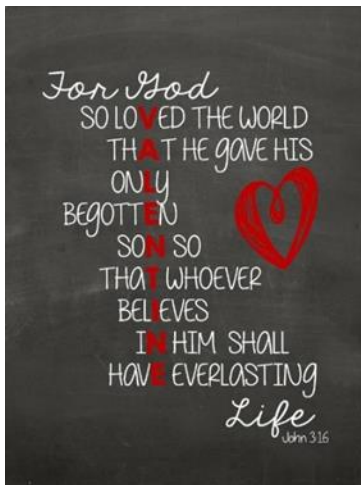


God, who is love (1 John 4:8), calls his followers to love one another as he has loved us (John 15:12). That includes people of different skin colors, cultural backgrounds, physical abilities, and even religious beliefs. Kids notice differences and may be unsure how to treat people.

But no matter a person's appearance or situation, Jesus loves and values him or her, and he calls us to do the same.

As parents, you play an important role in teaching your children how to love others in both word and action. Here are some helpful tips to follow.

- Acknowledge the differences that kids notice in people, and allow them to explore those differences
- Encourage children to look for positive qualities in others. Focus on what makes each person special and unique. Kids who feel secure in themselves are more likely to embrace other people with love.
- Be a role model of love and acceptance. If you want your kids to express love, you need that same approach yourself. As your role model, remember Jesus, who befriended outsiders and outcasts.



### Family ideas

**Heart Attack**-Cut out construction paper hearts (all sizes and colors), write down what you love about a family member on each heart (the little kids dictate to someone who can write), then stick the completed hearts all over the kitchen cabinets.

**Make a treat with Nutella:** February 5th is World Nutella Day, so why not whip up a special dessert featuring the delicious chocolate hazelnut spread.

**Make a pizza:** February 9th is National Pizza Day, the perfect day for making pizza dough from scratch (it is easy as pie)! Get the whole family involved and whip up some homemade pizza to celebrate pizza day.

**Do something kind for someone:** February 17th is National Random Acts of Kindness Day.

### What's happening?

Sunday School- In person and via Zoom (10a)

Kids Connect- Wednesdays 6:30-7:30p

Saturday, February 12-Youth Valentine's Day Dinner-Tickets on sale!

Saturday, February 26- Church wide Chili Cook-off

Wednesday, March 2-Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 16-NO KidsConnect

March-Painting & Pizza-TBD!

Saturday, April 12-Easter Egg Hunt-More information to come!

Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page:

## IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



**February 26th**  
**5-7:30pm**  
@  
**Andover Community**  
**Center**  
**13th St. Park**



**CROSSFIT**  
**VALENTINE'S DAY**  
**DINNER & AUCTION**

**February 12th**  
**Event starts 6pm**



**Cubscout Pack 533**  
**Pinewood Derby**

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