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**NOVEMBER  
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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:

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The Outreach Newsletter:

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

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## WORD FROM THE PASTOR

*The human mind plans the way, but  
the LORD directs the steps. Proverbs 16:9*

There are a couple of scriptures that speak about us as people of faith making plans. Occasionally it is oversimplified to the saying, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." The saying is an attempt of showing the limitations of our ability to plan and predict the future. We as a world saw this three years ago in Covid disrupted plans for a whole year. The saying is true and at the same time we shouldn't abandon making plans. Proverbs 16:1-9 is actually all about us making plans. The caveat Proverbs lifts is that we commit to the Lord and seek his guidance in making our plans. To the author, making plans without prayer, meditation, consulting scripture, and consulting others in the faith community is foolishness and arrogance. The direction the author is giving us is to prayerful seek guidance before making plans.

This prayerful guidance doesn't need to be done alone. I find that it is best done in a group. First you invite one or more people to pray over a decision that needs to be made. Then when you gather with those praying over the decision, you pray together as a group that God will guide your discussion and lead you to the next step. What results is a mix of confirmation of ideas, new possible ideas, and energy to see it through. Yes, I just praised meetings.

Meetings are not inherently bad; they are just bad when they seem meaningless. It is awful to feel like you wasted time by sitting in a meeting. There is a different response if the meeting has meaningful purpose that leads to better communication and action. Those meetings bring forth excitement and hope.

I have planned two meetings this month. I am scheduling them because I am excited and hopeful for 2024 for Andover UMC. Great and amazing ministry will be done and I want to hear what you excite you about our ministry in 2024. Below are the meetings:

- The Connection with Community visioning meeting will happen **Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** where we will be planning service and mission activity for 2024. The goal of this meeting will be to grow our faith community's excitement for service to plan larger group or community projects such as food packing events.
- The Connection with Each Other visioning meeting will be **Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** where we will be planning both hospitality practices, fellowship/study opportunities, and potential outreach to our neighbors. The goal of this meeting will be to plan intentional ways we are continuing to connect with each other and intentional ways we can connect with our neighbors.

All are invited to attend either or both the meetings. I invite you, if you can attend or not, to pray for our church. May God guide our plans so we may be the faith community we have called to be.

Blessings, Pastor Ryan

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



## AUMC will provide the items to make a Thanksgiving Dinner for 30 families

Total food items needed to box each of the 30 families

Thanksgiving Dinner supplies:

- 29- 10 1/2oz cans cream of mushroom soup
- 29- 14oz cans cranberry sauce
- 58- @ 29oz yams (sweet potatoes)
- 29- 10oz bags miniature marshmallows
- 29- 6oz can French fried onions
- 29- 0.8oz pkg turkey gravy
- 29- 6oz turkey dressing
- 29- 13.75 oz box instant mashed potatoes

To cook their own Thanksgiving Dinner each of the 30 families will get:

- 1—14oz can cranberry sauce
- 1- 10.5 oz can cr. Of mushroom soup
- 2-cans (@ 29oz)yams (sweet potatoes)
- 2- 14.5oz cans green beans
- 1- 10oz bag miniature marshmallows
- 1- 6oz French Fried onions
- 1- 0.8oz pkg turkey gravy
- 1- 6oz box turkey dressing
- 1- 13.75 oz box instant mashed potatoes

They will also get turkey, pie, and rolls provided by the church.

\*Just the size of the items listed.

Church is providing the Turkey, pie, and rolls.

Have items back by Nov. 12th.

## Radical Hospitality Training

During the last 3 weeks of October, the Unified Board sponsored a training for anyone from AUMC who wanted to learn more about Radical Hospitality. This idea came as a result of a program that the Unified Board has been following for the past 2 years headed up by Barb Hartness. We had around 35 people come to learn more. The first week the focus was on **“Come and See.”** We learned about how to be more welcoming when guests enter our building and had homework that caused partners to go around the church to see the space with the “eyes of a guest.” Any shortcomings the partners found will be worked on over the next few months so that our building is as inviting as possible. All attendees were also asked to think about the question, “What do you get out of belonging to AUMC?”

The next week the focus was on **“Go and Do”** and we discussed how God is at work in people’s lives even before they realize it, making them more receptive to an invitation to our church than we might expect. The goal is to be where people are, so having Bible studies in the community (like at Dunkin Donuts) or doing activities where we invite the community (like December VBS or the concert in the park last summer) are ways we are where the people are. Another way we can be invitational is by simply being friendly to our neighbors.

The final week’s focus was **“Come and See What We Go and Do Next.”** During that session we talked about each week’s homework and decided what our next steps should be. For the goal setting, we decided what we will work on based on Radical Hospitality AND the three pillars of our mission statement; connecting to God, connecting to each other, and connecting to our community. **The group was also encouraged to attend the Connecting Teams meetings (one or both) which are happening on Nov. 5 at 5:00 pm and Nov. 12 at 5:00 pm.** Knowing what we now know about Radical Hospitality, we should have an exciting end of 2023 and a great 2024.

## 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

## NOVEMBER PLUS EVENTS

Date	Time	Day	Event
10/30/23	6:30pm	Monday	Unified Board Mtg.
11/5/23	5pm	Sunday	Connection with Community Visioning
11/9/23	6pm	Sunday	Community Problems Assembly-First UMC 330 N. Broadway
11/12/23	5pm	Sunday	Connection with Each Other Visioning
11/17/23	6-8:30pm	Friday	Kids Fun Night
11/23/23		Thursday	Thanksgiving-office closed
11/22/23		Wednesday	No Wed. events
11/27/23	6:30pm	Monday	Unified Board Mtg
11/29/23	5:30pm	Sunday	Marietta Pumpkin Patch
12/2/23	10am-2pm	Saturday	Drop & Shop
12/18/23	6:30pm	Monday	Unified Board Mtg
12/21 & 22	8-5:30pm	Fri. & Sat.	Christmas VBS
12/25/23		Monday	Christmas-office closed
1/1/24		Monday	New Year’s – office closed
Food Bank	Tues. 10am-1pm & Wed. 3-6pm		

# ➤➤➤ MINISTRY

## Worship in November

Be like Jesus: Take A Nap!

How to keep the Sabbath



God gave us the command to keep the sabbath. How well do you keep it? What does that even mean to keep the sabbath? In November we will explore ways we are invited to keep the sabbath through Jesus and two authors, Abraham Heschel (*The Sabbath*) and Laura Winner (*Mudhouse Sabbath*). We invite you this November be like Jesus; take a nap and keep the Sabbath.

5-Nov	Permission to Rest	Mark 4:35-40
12-Nov	Permission to Do What is Good	Matthew 12:1-14
19-Nov	Permission to be Bored	Luke 5:12-15

## ➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Social Justice – Recap of DART Meetings

We have had lots going on recently. You might have been one of the 36 who attended an initial DART listening meeting to talk about “What keeps you up at night?” In our meetings we heard a reoccurring theme of the homeless population, mental health needs, drug abuse, lack of affordable housing, lack of medical resources, and everyone needing a living wage. If so, please mark your calendar for the **Community Problems Assembly on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6:00 pm at First United Methodist Church in Wichita**. At the Nov. 9 meeting, our participants, along with all the other small group attendees throughout the area will vote on the two issues we want to tackle this year to make a change in the Wichita area. After the decision on the issues is made, a group of volunteers will spend several months researching solutions to these two issues. Then **April 11 at 7:00 pm, we will have a Solutions Presentation meeting** where we learn about the research and how to solve the problems we are tackling. Finally, **on May 9 (time is yet to be decided), a Nehemiah Assembly will be held**. We will invite elected officials to hear our concerns and solutions and ask for their support in working toward a just solution. A Nehemiah Assembly is based on the story of Nehemiah and the people of Israel meeting with the officials who were taking advantage of the people and asking them to do better and then holding them accountable for doing so. We hope to have 2,000 people at this meeting all in support of the change we want to see and all of you are invited!

Thank you to our hosts, Cathy Harmon, John Hope, Debbie Smith, and Cathy Durano for having the listening meetings in their homes. They were great evenings of sharing concerns and getting to know one another better. Remember Micah 6:8, “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

### WE WELCOME YOU!!



Welcome to Ray, Erica, Malea and Payton Olson who joined AUMC on May 28, 2023.  
Welcome to Jay and Debbie Smith who joined AUMC In June 2023.  
Welcome to Phyllis Jones who joined AUMC on December 18, 2022.  
Welcome to Arie Smith who was baptized on July 16, 2023.  
Welcome to Aaron and Carley Weatherbie who joined AUMC in August 2023.  
Welcome to Trent Jones who joined AUMC by profession of faith in August 2023.  
Welcome to Layne Kneisel who joined AUMC by profession of faith in August 2023.  
Welcome to Weston Lynch who joined AUMC by profession of faith in August 2023.  
Welcome to Creighton Tyler who joined AUMC by profession of faith in August 2023.

# 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>*Ryan Barnharst's family</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>*Jean, Cathy Harmon's friend</p> <p>*Carrie Jones, Steve Seckman's Daughter</p> <p>*Josie, Roy Hayden's s-i-l</p> <p>*Marilyn Kumar</p> <p>*Saj Kumar, Marilyn Kumar's husband</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>*Nancy Carroll</p> <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 Eilert</p> <p>*Tammy Ellert's mom</p> <p>*Willia Edwards</p> <p>*Debra Ewing, Justin Kneisel's mom</p>	<p>*Irene Martin &amp; her family &amp; Friends</p> <p>*Nancy, Irene Gagnon's sister</p> <p>*Nancy Mattke</p> <p>*Betty Mead, John Hope's friend</p> <p>*Jan Mead's deceased daughters' family</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>*Pray for the peace of Israel and those affected by the war</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>
F-H	S-T	
<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>	

## CELEBRATIONS

### November Birthdays



02 Mike Primm	14 Jessi Mattke
04 Rondal Plunk	16 Trudy MacDonald
06 Ari Hellon	17 Jay Hedger
09 Ethan Oles	19 Mary Starr
09 Gavin Padding	19 Dean Senters
10 Lynette Juresic	19 Jack Straub
11 Al Gagnon	23 Alex Durano
13 Rachel Gregg	25 Pat Randol
14 Dan Delimont	29 Eileen Hodges



### November Anniversaries



14 Matt & Gabrielle Pippin
26 John & Lynette Jacobsen
27 Russ & Rae Thiel

## ➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

#### MONDAY –

- 11am Disciple Bible Study in Parlor (12 wk study ends 12/6)  
1<sup>st</sup> Mon. 6:30pm Open Door lunch packing

#### TUESDAY –

- 9am Coffee @ Dunkin Doughnuts

#### WEDNESDAY – (NO WED. EVENTS 11/22)

- 9-11am Quilting Group  
4<sup>th</sup> Wed. 9am Outreach Team  
  
6:30 –7:30pm KidsConnect  
6:30-8:00pm Crossfit Youth Ministry  
6:30-7:30pm Choir Practice

#### SATURDAY-

- 3<sup>RD</sup> Sat. 5 pm Lord's Diner

## ➤➤➤ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNTIES

### 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.

### ANDOVER FOOD BANK

OPEN:

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

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

# ➤➤➤ **CROSSFIT YOUTH NEWS**

Hello everyone! Here are some updates for the upcoming months, as the Youth Leaders & I have solidified some dates for the nearing holiday season.

We are currently looking for some volunteers to make a simple meal for our Wednesday Family Dinner. If you would like to sign up, email [sloanw@andoverumc.com](mailto:sloanw@andoverumc.com), or [erinm@andoverumc.com](mailto:erinm@andoverumc.com). Any help is welcome and very much needed/appreciated!

November; Our next youth group Lock-In is growing close! We have it planned for the 17th of Nov. from 600p-800a. The younger kiddos are welcome from 600p-800p to join in on the fun as well! Reminder to mark it down on the calendar.

(If you have any old games or donations for the youth to use during the lock-in, please let me know! We are in the hunt!)

Upcoming; On Nov. 19th we will begin selling tickets to reserve a spot for December's "Drop'n'Shop"! This year, we will be having a Dessert Bar fundraiser, as well as offering gift wrapping, and some wonderful holiday activities for the youth as well!

Currently; The past few weeks the Youth Group has been going back to basics! We've been discussing "What is the Image of God?", "What belongs to God?", and also "How do we show commitment and love to God in a world filled with immense responsibility outside of Faith?". The kids have been extremely eager and participative in games corresponding to these higher-level inquiries, as well as discussions, and prompts. I have not been the Youth Director for too long, but I can already tell this group is extremely bright and has just as much to teach me as I have to teach them.

As always, if you have any questions let me know. I am beyond grateful for everyone's help and participation in the McAlister's fundraiser, and I am looking forward to the beginning of our Holiday Season!

Sloan Weber  
Director of Youth Ministries  
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Dear AUMC families,

November is here! Time for Thanksgiving. Time for family and to give thanks for all we have. I would like to thank everyone for all the help and support given to the Children's Ministry. We have things going on year-round and there are always people willing to give their time, talent and resources to help!

We rely on you to help us make sure we're doing everything we can to reach our community with the love of God. It's because of church like you that we're able to spread the gospel and improve our children's ministry.

I especially want to thank Karol Hastings and Aaron Reissing as your passion for serving the children every Sunday is an inspiration to us all. It's truly a blessing to have such a brilliant example of selfless love and faithfulness in our midst.

We don't always see the results right away, but I hope you all realize that our efforts are making a tremendous impact in the children of our community.

I pray that God continues to use all our strengths and talents in ways that will bless his kingdom.

\*\*\*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

Read books together about gratitude

Have a fall picnic

Have a family pajama day (November 14 is Family PJ day)

Make a gratitude jar and add notes in it every day throughout the month.

### What's happening?

Sunday School – 10am

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

\*\*No meeting November 22\*\*

Kids Fun Night-Friday, November 17, 6p-8:30p

Club 45 – Last Sunday of the month –November 26, 6:30-8

Drop and Shop-December 2, 10a-2p- Enjoy some time to go shopping while your child(ren) have fun! \$5 per child

VBS in December-December 21 & 22- Doors open at 8:30am,

VBS 9a-4p, Doors close at 5:30pm \$10 per child. Bring a sack lunch

Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page:

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

## IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



### KIDS FUN NIGHT

November 17th

6-8:30p



### DROP & SHOP

Dec. 2nd

10a-2p

\$5 per child



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