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**ANDOVER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

P.O. Box 519
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SUNDAY SERVICES

**TRADITIONAL 9:30AM
IN PERSON &
LIVESTREAM
(FACEBOOK AUMCKS)**

**PRAISE SERVICE 11AM
IN PERSON**

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WORD FROM THE PASTOR

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one.⁴³ Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." *Luke 10:41-42*

Our culture wants us to be Martha. Be productive, be busy. Hard work will lead to success. We see this in the church as well. This month I will be preaching on James and asking us to be "doers of the word". Action and hard work is important. If people don't respond to needs, act to achieve goals, work to better themselves and the world around them none of that happens. Jesus clearly call us to feed and help those in need and also teaching and helping people become disciples. There is much in our faith that inspires us to be Marthas- doers of the word.

I also want to encourage us to hear what Jesus is saying to Martha. She is stressed out trying make it all perfect by herself. While she has good intension, she has allowed the stress to drain her of compassion. The work has become her focus. Jesus invites Martha to see that her focus should be on God. How have you been able to focus on God? It may see like a strange or difficult question to answer so perhaps we should first think how do I focus on people around us. To be present and pay attention to others we need to but away distractions, listen to them, and give them time. If we rush through a conversation, or work without stopping, or are distracted by thoughts or tech more often than not the person we were with will feel like we are not present. Martha is not present with Jesus. The work does need to get done but she has let the work take away from the people around her and God.

I invite you this month as we continue living our faith and being "doers of the word" to remember to take some time with Jesus. Undistracted, not rushed, not on a time limit moment to experience the restoring peace and hope we find in Jesus.

God Bless,

Pastor Ryan

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Unified Board

The administrative board has gone on a journey since February of discerning how Andover UMC can live into our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ through connection with God, with each other and with our community. This discernment led the board to an idea called Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS). The point of SAS is to mobilize the church out of committee meetings back to its purpose of ministry and mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

How this model works is that the four Book of Discipline required boards (Administrative board, Trustees, Finance, SPRC) are condensed to 1 leadership board of 9 members. We are referring to the leadership board as the Unified Board. That is the simplified part.

The accountable part is a cultural and adaptive shift from management to governance from the Unified Board. The members of the board do not represent a ministry, mission, or group. They will represent the entire church. The meetings for the unified board will not be about reporting what has happened, rather they will focus on how we are moving towards our mission of making disciples of Jesus through connection. A metaphor one can use is a bike. It doesn't matter how hard you peddle if you are not steering you straight on the path. The unified board will be like the handle bars on a bike helping keep our faith community focused. The unified board will set big picture goals that the church can work together to accomplish. Another image is that if you don't know what your target is then you have no way of knowing if you hit it. Knowing your target allows you to aim, apply the energy needed, and knowledge if you hit the target. Having clearly defined goals that we can assess progress toward is the accountable part.

The structure part is about maximizing volunteer time in the work, ministry, and mission. The unified board discerns goals for the church and sets into place guiding principles that equip the pastor, staff, and ministry teams to do ministry. The unified board works with the pastor on assessing how the church is moving toward our goals and the pastor works with staff and ministry team leaders to define objectives, recruit volunteers and do the ministry. Plans for ministries will not need to go back to a committee meeting to be voted on or discussed. Accountable permission is given to the church to act. This doesn't mean that we can do any ministry. No matter how big a church is there is a limit in the ministries and outreach a church can offer. We can't be all things to all people. We can only be Andover UMC and having the goals before us helps focus us on being the faith community God has called us to be. The role of the pastor is to continue to proclaim who AUMC is and what are goals for the year are for everyone to know. Ministry teams will work with the pastor, staff, and team leaders to align goals and activities so their team and activities will help move us toward our goal. If someone has a new idea, they will be able to discuss it with the pastor or staff and if it fits within the mission and goals then the church can act on the idea. It will not have to go through committees for approval. The pastor, staff, and ministry teams can act and do the ministry inspired by the Holy Spirit.

This summer the administrative council has led in home meetings to discuss the idea. At those meetings we fielded questions and we are continuing to take questions. There will be an Ice Cream Social on Sept. 12th at 3pm to answer the questions given as well as questions people bring to the meeting. We invite you to come and ask the questions you want answered.

On Sept. 26th we will have a church vote if we want to go to the unified board model. There will be a potluck at noon with a place to drop off a ballot vote. Before the potluck is over we will count and report on the result of the vote.

I (Pastor Ryan) encourage you to ask questions and to attend both the Ice Cream Social and the potluck. The Holy Spirit is moving in Andover and whether it is through the unified board or some other means we are being called to re-engage our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ through connecting with God, with each other, and with our community.

WORSHIP

| DATE | Adult Serv In Person 9:30 | Adult Serv In Person 11:00 | Adult Serv. On Line 9:30 | Adult serv On Line 11:00 | Totals |
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| 7/4/21 | 45 | 12 | 77 | | 134 |
| 7/11/21 | 44 | 35 | 94 | | 173 |
| 7/18/21 | 40 | 30 | 81 | 22 | 173 |
| 7/25/21 | 23 | 43 | 99 | 91 | 256 |

ANDOVER UNITED METHODIST

MISSION STATEMENT

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

➤➤➤ MINISTRY UPDATES

September Worship Series: Doers of the Word- The book of James



The book of James gives us a chance to reflect on the nature of Christian service and how we can continue our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by engaging with our wider community in acts of service. One thing that is clear from current research is that while there are many who question institutions, getting involved in providing real help to better our neighborhoods and to lift up the individuals and families within them is a universal way people connect with their faith. James asks us to maintain an

outward focus, even when we gather in our faith community for worship. We invite you to engage your faith so we can be “Doers of the Word.”

9/5 James 1:17-27

9/12 James 2:1-17

9/19 James 3:13-4:8

9/26 James 5:13-20

Would you like to volunteer with our worship services?

Click the signup genius and let us know how you would like to be part of the service!

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



UNIFIED BOARD CHURH VOTE & POTLUCK

SUNDAY 9/26

12-2 pm

UNIFIED BOARD Q&A & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday 9/12

3-4 pm



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

EVENTS

SUNDAY 9:30 am Traditional Service - In-Person & Online
 10:15 am Sunday School: Children's, Youth, Pathfinders, Love at the Center
 11:00 am Praise Service

WEDNESDAY 6:00-6:30 pm Community Meal
 6:30-8:00 pm Crossfit Youth Ministries
 6:30-7:30 pm KidsConnect

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| 9/6/21 | Mon. | 6:30 pm | Pack Lunches for Open Door |
| 9/8/21 | Wed. | 6-6:30 pm | Community Meal |
| 9/9/21 | Thu | 7pm | Trustees' Committee meeting |
| 9/12/21 | Sun. | 3-4:00 pm | Unified Board Q&A Ice Cream Social |
| 9/14/21 | Tues. | | Deliver lunches for Open Door |
| 9/18/21 | Sat. | 4-6:30 pm | Nerf & Nachos family event |
| 9/26/21 | Sun. | 12-2:00 pm | Unified Board Church Vote & Potluck |

Food Bank Tues. 10am-1pm; Wed. 3-6pm; Last Sat. of each month 10am-12pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 4-6:30 PM



Doesn't nerf and nachos sound like the best event ever?

We are going to have a nacho bar and a nerf war all-in-one.

Bring your nerf gun with your name on it and come prepared to have fun!

We will provide darts and nachos!

VBS

We had and 20 volunteers.



Update:

over 40 kids adult

Thank you to everyone who prayed, gave donations, and especially all those who gave their time to be with the kids.

We raised over \$86 for the **Sunlight Children's Home** and were able to donate lots of pasta, pasta sauce, juice boxes, snacks,

Quilters Mission

Many of you may have seen the "Happy Quilters" plaque on one of the rooms in the hallway close to the office. This is the current room, the location of which has changed many times over the decades, where a group of women and a man have met, quilting away, talking, joking, laughing, sharing our life stories, and taking care of each other. When asked to present today, I asked those in attendance last Wednesday for things they might want you to know. I was told many stories and given a 2008 program that included a presentation that the quilters were around 40 years strong, beginning in the 1960's. That makes us some 53 years strong today.

We do hand quilting, which is becoming a lost art. People get on our list and wait longer than we would like to get their quilt into the frame! We hand quilt for 50 cents a yard today. When I joined, it was .25 cents a yard. When they began the quilting mission, they charged 3 cents a yard! I clearly remember my first day, after spending three hours quilting, I laughed and told the ladies that I had just made 25 cents for mission work!

How our mission works is we take in quilt tops, batting, and the backing from the maker/owner of the quilt. We charge for our quilting by the yard of thread. All of the donations received for many years went to Youthville. The 2008 report stated at that time we had given over \$10,000 to Youthville. Today, we include several different local missions who are pleased to receive the proceeds of our loving labor.

The last couple of years, as you might imagine due to the pandemic, we did not get to quilt as much as usual. We are 6 strong today, including one who comes when she can to knit and chat! We would love to see you at our door and share our skills and our mission with you. If you have any interest in learning to hand quilt, or if you just want to find fellowship with other women, join us on Wednesday mornings from 8:30ish to 12ish. Or, if you have a quilt that you would want to put on our list or know of someone who does, just drop by and we would be glad to talk! We love the work that we do and we have a blast every week!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PRAYER REQUESTS

Other:

Travis & Kayla, co-workers of Karol Hastings
Karen Warren, Mark Hartness sister
John Juresic's cousin
Preston Olson
Betty Rich
Peggy Creed
Margaret Thorpe
Karol Hasting's sister
People living in countries without
adequate medical treatment for Covid
Pray for students, teachers, and school year
Haiti people and recovery workers

Sympathies to Families/Friends in the Passing of:

Betty Wall, Dave Wall's sister-in-law

Illness & Treatment:

Marcia Haskins
Kenny Biggs and his wife
Dick Watson
Mike DeHass
Jana Robinson's cousin, Robert
Mark Carney, Rus & Rae Thiel's friend
Serenity Carpenter an & Sarah's niece
Kevin Edwards, James & Tiffany Stephien's friend
Kevin Bell, Irene Martin's daughter's friend
Bob West
Marla, Nancy Kohman's sister
Katrina, Linda Siebold's niece
Lloyd Creed
Layne Kneisel
Justin Kneisel's co-worker
Colton, Nicole-DeHass' friend
Marlyn, Mark Hartness' sister
All those going through cancer treatments
All care givers
All with Covid



01 Forrest Evans
01 Mary Anne Maupin
02 Darryl Haynes
02 Meghan Guerrie
03 Mary Vaughters
07 John Hope
09 Steve Sanders
12 Sara Banks
12 Courtney Senters
16 Sherri Sanders
18 Michael Halfman
18 Betty Pippin
18 Darren Jones
20 Dick Wasson
20 Ella Lambert
22 Julie Oles
24 Brian Formy-Duval
25 Dianna Shook
25 Drew McCleerey
26 Chip DuFriend
27 Jeremy Lawrence



04 Rick & Bess Hinz
04 Dale & Denise Christian
07 John & Lynette Juresic
15 Dennis & Phyllis Seidl
22 David & Julie Oles
24 Lloyd & Peggy Creed
27 Eric & Cheryl Wertheimer

Andover Community Food September

Open Tues. 10am - 1pm

Open Wed. 3 - 6pm

Open Sat. 9/25/21 10am - 12pm

You rock, AUMC!

97 pair of women's underwear plus 5 pair of women's socks was delivered to the HumanKind women's shelter in Wichita. Caring for your neighbor is sacred work. Thank you.
Love at the Center SS class

➤➤➤ **CROSSFIT YOUTH NEWS**

Happy September!

We're so glad to be back in person and kicking off the school year well (assuming we're still doing that since I'm writing this in August)! It's so nice to be back in our space and keeping a normal schedule so far. We're planning this semester full speed ahead, so below I'll list some things that we have coming up in the near future!

September 5th – Crossfit Pool Party at the Guerrie's house!

- o You will get more info on this in regards to times and address in your emails, so be on the lookout!

September 18th – Nerf and Nachos!

- o This event is family oriented and will go from 4-6:30pm
- o As the name implies, we will be eating nachos and everyone is invited to bring their Nerf weapons of choice for the biggest Nerf battle I've ever been a part of (which isn't saying much, but still)!

October 9th – Marietta Farm's Pumpkin Patch Outing!

- o Times TBD

October 15th – Lock-In!

- o This lock-in will start after the ACHS vs. AHS football game, roughly 8:30pm

October 16th – GAD Parade!

- o Because what's better after staying up super late at a lock-in than getting up to support your church?!
- o The parade starts at 10am, and the youth that are able to stay will be finishing last-minute float décor and helping serve breakfast, coffee, and hot chocolate pre-parade, and they are also invited to walk in the parade with AUMC's float, as are all of you!

As I lay out plans, I feel that it's important to remind us all that plans are subject to change. COVID-19 doesn't care about our plans, and I care more about the safety of our students and volunteers than I do having a packed schedule. I can guarantee that there will always be a Wednesday Crossfit meeting at 6:30pm, I just can't guarantee in what capacity we will meet. If we have to go back to Zoom meetings at any point, I hope to see everyone, but I also completely understand those students that just can't deal with more Zoom meetings. We're in for another year of uncertainty, but I wouldn't want to be going through this with anyone else. Thank you all for your support of me, the church, the youth program, and your students!

Peace,

Melissa Connell

Director of Youth Ministries

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www.facebook.com/aumcyouthmin



Dear AUMC families,

School is back in full swing and so our activities at church. I am so excited that we are able to meet in person! I'm looking for one or two more people that would be interested in helping out. I would like to have at least one more person that would be willing to help with KidsConnect on Wednesday evenings, and I would like to have a few people that would be willing to help with Sunday School once a month so that we can get as many positive adult influences involved in our students' lives as possible! If you're interested in helping out in one of those positions, please let me know and I'll get you connected!

Please keep our students, teachers, staff, everyone's health in your prayers.

Let us know if your family needs anything, including prayers.

Blessings,
Erin

Family ideas

Labor Day-Take time to write a note or give a small gift to someone who works hard for your family or community.

Grandparents Day-Help your child do something special for their grandparents and if possible, spend time with them.

What's happening?

Sunday School- In person and via Zoom (10:15)

KidsConnect-Wednesdays 6:30p-7:30p Meal at 6pm

Nerf & Nachos-Family event-Saturday 9/18 from 4-6:30



Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/aumckidsmin

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



Community Meal

Wed. 6 - 6:30pm

Begins 9/8



UNIFIED BOARD

Q&A & Ice Cream Social
9/12 Sunday 3-4:00 pm

Church Vote & Potluck
9/26 Sunday 12-2:00 pm



Family Event

Nacho Bar & Nerf War

Saturday 9/18
4-6:30pm

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