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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:

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

The Outreach Newsletter:

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

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:

Andover United Methodist Church:

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

Andover UMC CrossFit Youth

Ministries: [www.facebook.com/aumcyouthmin](http://www.facebook.com/aumcyouthmin)

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Happy April Andover!

## WORD FROM THE PASTOR

During Lent, we recited the apostle's creed together in worship. This creed holds some of the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith. God created everything. Jesus is the son of God who redeems everything. The Holy Spirit is sent to equip the church. The creed doesn't line out all of the Christian faith. One of the lessons for confirmation this year was to read through the creed and see what is missing. They listed things like Jesus' miracles, our call to help people, worship and youth group, prayer, acts of kindness. We let the confirmands know that those things that stood out are not irrelevant because they are not in the creed. Rather, those things are essential to them as they strive to live out the creed. God's creation, Jesus' redemption, and the Holy Spirit's equipping is experienced and understood differently by all of us. What we notice that is missing is the way we personally feel called to be a Christian. I invite you to do the same. Reflect on the words written as well as the ways you feel called to live that helps the creed become the foundation of faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## SAVE THE DATE

3/31/24 Crossfit & Club 45 -No Game Night	3/31/24 Easter Sunday
4/22/24 Unified Board	4/28/24 Confirmation Sunday
4/28/24 5:30-7 Game Night	



Easter Sunday -  
March 31



### HANDS2SERVE EVENT SATURDAY, April 20, 2024

Are you looking for some way to serve? Are you hoping its on a weekend? Are you hoping its with a bunch of really cool people?

You don't need experience. You just need helping hands willing to do the Lord's work for the day.

Contact: Matt Rivers at 316-461-5895/ Email: [mattrivers19@hotmail.com](mailto:mattrivers19@hotmail.com)  
Or text Roy Hayden at 640-0501



### JOIN US FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024 INFORMATIONAL SESSION

April 2nd at 6pm—Wichita First UMC  
April 14th at 4pm—College Hill UMC

You are invited to join either presentations about what will be discussed and voted on at General Conference April 23-May 3rd. Following will be time for questions led by conference delegates.



**SANCTUARY**  
Mental Health Ministries

The Sanctuary Course is a study guide for small groups, designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local churches regarding mental health.

The first session of the Sanctuary Course will be held on April 2 at 6:30. If you would like more information on the course, please contact Scott Hannon, 913-522-0098, [warren.hannon@gmail.com](mailto:warren.hannon@gmail.com)



### THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree, on the bulletin board located by the nursery, displays items available for donation. Feel free to pick a leaf and return the corresponding items to the box by the board.



### NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY RALLY

THURSDAY, April 11th  
6 pm @ First UMC

\*See article on P. 3 for more information

### OPEN:

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

### ANDOVER FOOD BANK

Food Bank is looking for people to be a part of the rotation to pick up Saturday bread. If you are able, you can email: [acfbvolunteer1@gmail.com](mailto:acfbvolunteer1@gmail.com)

To sign up to help for weekly shifts:  
<https://tinyurl.com/AndoverFoodBank>

## ➤➤➤ **MINISTRY**

April Worship



### HANDS2SERVE EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

See P. 2 for more information



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MAY 4TH

Sign up at Welcome desk or contact Pastor Ryan

## ➤➤➤ **UNIFIED BOARD**

One of the goals of the Unified Board is to encourage our congregation to get involved in social justice issues. This is not an idea resting in politics, just in our efforts to get at the root cause of some issues. In order to do this we joined other United Methodist Churches (and other denominations) in the new group called “Justice Together.” We had listening sessions to learn what issues were most important to our congregation, shared our results with the wider group and then voted on what 2 issues we wanted the group to tackle. The 2 issues that were chosen were homelessness and mental health. Once those issues were chosen, small groups have been meeting with experts and doing research on how best to solve the problems.

On Thursday, April 11, there will be a “Solutions Rally” where we will hear about what the small groups have discovered about how best to help make the 2 issues better for those involved. All are invited to the rally which is at First UMC in Wichita at 6:00 pm.

The next date to put on your calendar is the Nehemiah Assembly on May 11 at 6:00 pm probably being held at Century II. At that meeting we will present the solution ideas to our elected officials. It is the hope that 2,000 people from area churches will be in attendance. It is our goal to have 30 people from AUMC attend the Nehemiah Rally. Please help us meet that goal by marking it on your calendar.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Bobbie, Nancy West's d-i-l
- Irene Gagnon's sister in Manhattan
- \*\*Requests above will be removed March 31<sup>st</sup>
  
- Barb Harness nephew Darren
- Russ Theil's nephew and family in the loss of his mom.
- Debbie Senters
- Courtney Senters
- \*\*Requests above will be removed April 14<sup>th</sup>
  
- Al Gagnon
- Those affected by the KC shooting
- Irene Gagnon's sister, Nancy and B-I-L Ron
- Nancy West's brother, Ron
- \*\*Requests above will be removed April 28<sup>th</sup>
  
- Barb, a friend of Barb Hartness
- Donna Garver
- \*\*\*Requests above will be removed May 12<sup>th</sup>
  
- Emery Nagy's brother Abbott
- Melissa Bliss
- Dave Valereo, & Peggy & family
- Jocyn, Justin Kneisel's co-worker
- Valeta Hole
- \*\*\*Requests above will be removed May 19<sup>th</sup>

New requests and current request you want left on the list (include updates) need to be emailed to the church office by the fourth Monday.

<p><b>SUNDAY EVENTS</b>  <u>Every Sunday</u>            9:00am Traditional Service            10:00am Sunday School            11:00am Praise Service</p> <p><u>Third Sundays</u>            10:00am Coffee with Pastor            3:00pm Chat Chew, and Do</p> <p><u>Last Sunday</u>            5:30-7pm Crossfit &amp; Club 45            Game Night (no meeting 3/31)</p>	<p><b>MONDAY EVENTS</b>  <u>First Monday</u>            Open Door Lunch Packing</p> <p><u>Fourth Monday</u>            6:30pm Unified Board Meeting</p> <p><b>TUESDAY EVENTS</b>            9am Bible Study &amp; Coffee @ Dunkin Doughnuts</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY EVENTS</b>  <u>Every Wednesday</u>            9-11am Quilting Group            9-12pm Pickleball in gym            6-6:30pm Family Dinner            6:30-7:30pm Kids Connect &amp; Choir Practice            6:30-8:00pm Crossfit Youth Ministry</p> <p><u>Fourth Wednesday</u>            9-12pm Outreach Team Mailing</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY EVENTS</b>            9-12pm Pickleball in gym</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY EVENTS</b>  <u>Third Saturday</u>            5pm Lord's Diner</p>	

## PRAISES

Boy Scouts brought in 2,500 lbs of food & \$1500 on their food drive for the Food Bank.

Donna Garver's test came back 'all good'!!

# CELEBRATIONS

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

15 Victor & Jennifer Guerri



## ➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you everyone who participated in any way to help make the Annual Rummage Sale a success. Whether it was donating treasures, helping setup, purchasing treasures, and cleanup on Saturday. We raised over \$5,000. We have designated Andover Community Food bank/Summer Lunch Program and Sunlight House, as Our local mission recipients. Thank you everyone.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Love at the Center**—Meets in Room 8. Will start a new study for the four Sundays in April on the Middle East. All are invited to join us as we learn about the history of this region and see how it impacts current issues.

**Pathfinders**—Meets in Parlor. Studying “Bible Stories for Grownups” by Josh Scott

**Seekers**—Meets in Room 7. Studying “Words of Life” by Adam Hamilton

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

#### AUMC Staff opening for Financial Secretary

12 hour work week

Work Week: Mon. & Tues.

If you are interested, send an email to Ryan Lynch, Pastor @ [ryanl@andoverumc.com](mailto:ryanl@andoverumc.com)

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

#### AUMC Staff opening for Custodian

15 hour work week

Work Week: Flexiable days

If you are interested, send an email to Ryan Lynch, Pastor @ [ryanl@andoverumc.com](mailto:ryanl@andoverumc.com)

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

## ➤➤➤ **CROSSFIT YOUTH NEWS**

March was an exciting month for CrossFit as we delved into the significance of Lent, exploring themes such as Holy Week, Palm Sunday, and Easter.

As we move into April, our youth are gearing up for more fun-filled activities, including a game night on the 28th from 530-7.

Confirmation Sunday is taking place on April 28th as well to celebrate this year's confirmands.

Volunteers are currently needed to assist with bringing and preparing family dinners, as well as adult volunteers for Sunday School.

If available to volunteer, please let Sloan Weber know.

Thank you to everyone who supports our youth community!

Sloan Weber, Youth Ministry

# ▶▶▶ CHILDREN'S CHATTER

Dear AUMC family,

Easter is over and Christmas is months away, so now what? Now is the time we live out our faith. Show people how He Lives. Let us pray that this very hope brings us strength and guidance as we live out his grace and truth so that the world may see Jesus Christ in us. God continues to give us new life; help your children celebrate that we have a new life because He Lives!

Thank you so much for helping make Egg-cellent Easter Adventure amazing! We had over 20 children attend. Thanks to all who donated candy and a special shout out for all those who volunteered and made it special: Rae Theil, Pastor Ryan, Tammy Eilert, Sara Lynch, Cathy Durano, Melissa Connell, Justin Kniesel, Kinze Kniesel, Christie Gannon, Andrew Coym, Ande Lynch, Wes Lynch, Tommi Gannon, Ember Nagy, David Mutinda-Brown, Trent Jones, Dylan Pickett, Aaryn Tyler, and Creighton Tyler

Erin Murray, Children's Ministry

## Family ideas

- Have a spring scavenger hunt
- Outdoor sidewalk chalk art
- Make rainbows for Find a Rainbow Day (4/3)
- Focus on Earth Day (4/22)
- Look at stars for International Astronomy Day (4/28)

## What's happening?

**Sunday School** – 10am

**KidsConnect** – Wednesdays

Dinner 6pm  
Upstairs 6:30-7:30

**Club 45** -April 28 – 5:30p-7pm



AUMC KIDS

**KIDS SUMMER FUN**

- MESSY NIGHT**  
JUNE 9  
5:30P-7P
- FAMILY FUN**  
PICKLEBALL & PICNIC  
AUGUST 11  
5:30P-7P
- VBS**  
**CAMP FIRELIGHT**  
JULY 7-JULY 11  
DINNER 5:30P  
VBS 6P-7:30P
- REVERSE LOCK IN**  
JULY 21  
12P-6P



**VBS - JULY 7TH-11TH**  
DINNER - 5:30 PM  
VBS - 6-7:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

**Camp Firelight**  
A SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD  
Psalm 56:3

Registration

QR code for registration

Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page:

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

## IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



**CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY**

**April 28th**



**SENIOR  
SUNDAY**

**May 5th**



**CAMP FIRELIGHT  
VBS**

**July 7-11**

**Dinner—5:30pm  
VBS-6-7pm**

### OUR STAFF

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**Financial Sec.**—

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