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**FEBRUARY
2024**

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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

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

"We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20

Lent begins on Feb 14th. I have written many articles leading into Lent about it being a time of preparation for Easter. Each one I have tried to find a creative way to say what Paul says in 2 Corinthians, "Be Reconciled to God!" I normally find metaphors very useful with understanding Jesus' call to repent, experience grace, and live a new life as a disciple of Jesus. Yet, this year Paul's simple plea speaks to me. Be reconciled to God! Reconciliation is hard requiring both soul searching as well as a risk of letting go of former beliefs and experiences to set a new path forward. When one is reconciled it is never like it was before. It is different. It is a relationship that has learned from the difficult times, addressed the issues and sets forth stronger because of it. I invite you to walk the path of self-reflection and examine where in your life you need to experience reconciliation. It is through recognizing where we need the grace of Jesus and the desire to receive it and live as a disciple that we experience the reconciliation of new life of Easter.

Blessings,

Pastor Ryan

➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE

2/4/24 Scout Sunday –One Service 10-11am
2/4/24 Scout luncheon for church following service
2/6/24 Light & Lamps, Women's Bible Study 6:30pm
2/10/24, Sat., Valentine's Day Dinner & Live Auction 6-8pm
2/11/24 SOUPer bowl. Bring cans of soup on 11th for the
Foodbank
2/18/24, Sun., 3rd Grade Bible Presentation 9-10am

3/9/24 Dinners for Eight—sign up deadline
3/21-24 Rummage Sale—21st & 22nd 8am-4pm;
23rd 8-11am
3/24/24 Egg-cellent Easter Adventure 1-3pm
@ Andover Central Park

AUMC 2024 Rummage Sale

It's time to gather your treasures to share, clean your cupboards and closets, go through your sewing collection, what decorations do you not use any more? Do you have furniture you do not need anymore? Small appliances that work are usually a hot item. Please make sure that everything is CLEAN and WORKING. The Annual AUMC Rummage Sale will be held March 21-23. We will take just about everything except the following; Old computer monitors, TVs, TIRES, lamps that DO NOT WORK. If you need someone to pickup your treasures, please call Tammy Eilert 655-8490, or Nadine Hayden 640-0514, We will make arrangements for item pickup. We will have two intake days. March 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and March 17 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you cannot make either of those dates, please call Tammy or Nadine to make arrangements for a different time. Final setup for the sale will begin on March 18.

Dinners for Eight

MARCH 9, 2024

We are offering an evening of fellowship to anyone who is interested.

MARCH 9, 2024 has been set as the date for these dinners to take place. The time will be up to the host. **The deadline for signing up is February 25.**

If you are interested in attending, please sign your name. If you are interested in hosting, please put HOST beside your name. We hope to get as many people involved as possible in this event. Once the deadline, FEBRUARY 25, has passed four to six people who have signed up will be assigned to a HOST. These are not to be fancy meals and those attending may be asked to bring a salad, bread or dessert. When assignments are made the host will let you know what to bring.

This is such a fun way to be in fellowship and get to know others. If you would like to attend, but need a ride, let us know. We will make arrangements for that to happen. If you have special dietary needs, please let us know as well. No one should be left out.

If you have any questions, contact Tammy Eilert at 316-655-8490 or email at tame211@swbell.net.



Open Door Lunch Packing—Monday, March 4th, 6:30 pm

Join us as we pack lunches for Open Door on Monday, March 4th at 6:30.

Then plan to stay for a light dinner while we listen to information about upcoming church outreach projects and a report from our Justice Ministry team. We will learn about the specific problem identified and the solution research being done by Sedgwick County's multi-faith justice organization—Justice Together.

➤➤➤ MINISTRY

February Worship

Feb 4th - Scout Sunday. One Service at 10am



Feb 11th Transfiguration

Feb 14th Ash Wednesday- 6pm pot luck, 6:30 Service in Sanctuary

To begin Lent, you are invited to join a pot luck at 6pm followed by ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm.

Lenten Series- Wood and Nails

A symbol used during Lent and Easter are wood and nails, symbolizing the cross of Jesus. As we prepare for Easter this year we are going to look at how the cross of Jesus allows us to rebuild our life as a redeemed disciple of Christ.

➤➤➤ UNIFIED BOARD

The members of the 2024 Unified Board here at Andover UMC are:

Scott Hannon
John Hope
Lynette Juresic
John Jacobson

Barb Hartness
Nita Jackson
Frank Mattke
Jeremy Lawrence

Cathy Durano
Kaylee Vaughters
Melissa Connell

The work of the board is to help keep Andover UMC focused on the vision of who we are called to be. It is the people of the church that live out the vision. As the board steers the AUMC into our calling of making disciples through connection to God, Each Other, and Our Community, you are invited to be part of the ministry. If you have ideas of a mission or ministry you can present it to one of the members of the board. If you are looking for ways to volunteer here are two:

1) Barb Hartness has been leading the radical hospitality team at the church. If you would be willing to send notes to visitors welcoming them to the church reach out to Barb.

2) John Hope and Pastor Ryan are taking the ideas of the Connect with Each Other visioning as well as other ideas to create space for connection. If you would like to be part of the planning or have a fellowship idea contact either of them.

The mission of the Andover United Methodist Church is lived out by all people of the faith community. It is through our collective service, fellowship, worship and prayers that we live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NEW FOR 2024 PRAYER REQUESTS LIST

- We are starting a new Prayer Requests List in 2024.
- To be added to the new list, please email your prayer requests to churchoffice@andoverumc.com.
- To get your requests into the up coming monthly Outreach, they need to be sent to the office by the fourth Monday of each month.
- Prayer requests will be kept on the list for two months.
- New requests need to be emailed to the church office by the fourth Monday. If are sending a request that is on the current list and want it to be added to the new list , please include any updates about your requests.
- The list below is what was submitted in the church services or to the Prayer Team in January 2024. These will be on February and March list.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Melissa Bliss, a friend of Nancy West in the passing of her dad
- Debbie, sister of Irene Gagnon's friend Judy
- Steve Seckman
- Courtney Senters
- Debbie Senters

*Requests will be removed March 25th.

PRAISES

Nancy Mattke able to read a large print book for several hours

Doris Wyatt's great grandson, Cole had a baby girl 1/1/24—Harper Sage Fisher



Even though Erin Murray and her family have been attending AUMC for several years, on Sunday, January 21st, she joined the church. So, welcome to our church family, Erin!



Congratulations to Kaleb & Monalisa Vining who were united in marriage on Dec. 30, 2023 in our sanctuary.

CELEBRATIONS

February Birthdays

06 Jim Haynes
 08 Rae Thiel
 08 McKenie DeHass
 12 Sarah Lawrence
 17 Melissa Heath
 18 Frank Mattke
 18 Peggy Valerio

18 Roy Hayden
 18 Nancy Carroll
 19 Rebekah Martin
 23 Kaylee Vaughters
 25 Layne Kneisel
 28 Kim Bradford

February Anniversaries

02 Bob & Nancy West
 10 Barry & Nancy Carroll

ANDOVER FOOD BANK

OPEN:

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

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

<p>SUNDAY EVENTS <u>Third Sundays</u> 10:00am Coffee with Pastor 3:00pm Chat Chew, and Do <u>Last Sunday</u> 5:30-7pm Crossfit & Club 45 Game Night</p>	<p>MONDAY EVENTS <u>First Monday</u> Open Door Lunch Packing <u>Fourth Monday</u> 6:30pm Unified Board Meeting</p>	<p>TUESDAY EVENTS 9am Bible Study & Coffee @ Dunkin Doughnuts</p>
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<p>WEDNESDAY EVENTS 9-11am Quilting Group 6-6:30pm Family Meal 6:30-7:30pm Kids Connect & Choir Practice 6:30-8:00pm Crossfit Youth Minis- try <u>Fourth Wednesday</u> 9-12pm Outreach Team Mailing</p>	<p>THURSDAY EVENTS 9-12pm Pickleball in gym</p>	<p>SATURDAY EVENTS <u>Third Saturday</u> 5pm Lord's Diner</p>
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Thank you to all the fine people who helped me after my accident and suppliers' with meals and prayers.

Very much appreciated,
 Jan Hall-Mansfield

Habitat for Humanity:

This non-profit builds houses. They are built for families in need of permanent housing. Families must be able to pay for the house but they buy the house on a zero percent loan. Families, called Partner Families, must complete classes on finance, maintenance, etc. And they are required to put in about 400 hours of volunteering on other homes prior to being selected for a future build. Volunteers can be single individuals but usually come from businesses or organizations. The exception is a group called "core volunteers". I'm part of that group. Core volunteers work Tues-Sat during the builds and do most of the main construction including building and marking walls per blueprint, erecting walls, setting the trusses, enclosing walls, roof decking, and installing doors and windows. On days with community volunteers, the cores lead small teams to complete all the listed tasks. Habitat of Wichita has built over 300 homes. The "rock the block" area in NE Wichita of approximately 2 square miles just completed the 100th home in that area.

If you would like to volunteer for either or both of these opportunities, or if you just want to learn more, contact Roy Hayden.

➤➤➤ CROSSFIT YOUTH NEWS

Hello everyone,

I am delighted to share some wonderful news with all of you. After counting the service hours contributed by our youth, I am thrilled to announce that we have collectively surpassed an incredible milestone of 9000 service hours for our church in 2023! This is a remarkable accomplishment.

Our confirmation process has commenced in full swing. We are seeking individuals who would find joy in being a sponsor for one of our 4 girls currently engaged in the confirmation journey. Every Wednesday, after our family dinner, we invite you to join us and help guide a youth in deepening their faith. If you are interested, please get in contact with me or Pastor Ryan so we can give you more information.

Furthermore, mark your calendars for a special event! We have confirmed the date for our Valentine's Day Dinner and Auction, which will take place on February 10th. The doors will open at 6:00 PM for an evening filled with joy and festivities. Next Sunday and the weekend after, our youth will be setting up a table after service to sell tickets for this event. Tickets are priced at \$20 each, or you can purchase a table of 8 seats for \$120, providing you with some savings.

Your support and participation in these events are always appreciated.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and support.

Sloan Weber



➤➤➤ CHILDREN'S CHATTER

Dear AUMC family,

Valentine is upon us. Valentine is all about love. We learned in Sunday school that it is easy to love those that love us. It is much harder to love our enemies, or people who annoy us and hurt us. However, Jesus told us to love everyone—everyone!

Something unique this year is that Lent begins on Valentine. How neat is that-Lent, the season to reconcile and prepare to celebrate Jesus' resurrection begins on the one day in the year where everyone is spreading love.

Blessings,

Erin

Family ideas

Shadow Fun on Groundhog's Day (February 2)

Handwrite a card on National Send a Card to a Friend Day (February 7)

Donate soup on Soup-er Bowl Sunday (February 11)

Read your favorite fairytales as a family on Tell a Fairytale Day (February 26)

What's happening?

Sunday School – 10am

KidsConnect – Wednesdays

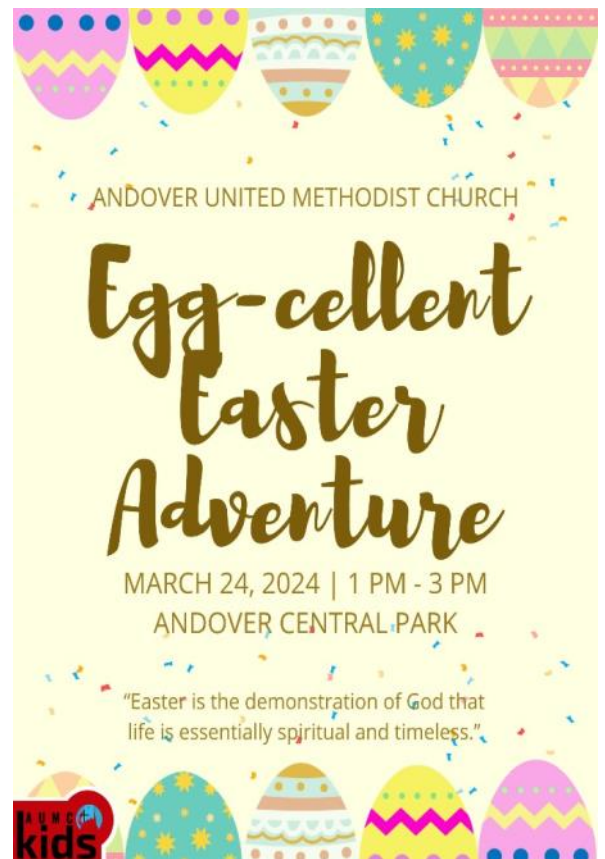
Dinner 6pm

Upstairs 6:30-7:30

Club 45-Sunday, January 28, 5:30-7

3rd Grade Bibles- Sunday, February 13

Egg-cellent Easter Adventure-Sunday, March 24,
1p-3p, Andover Central Park



Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/aumckidsmin

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE

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



**February 10th
6:00-8:00pm**

**Doors open at 6pm
Tickets can be purchased
from AUMC Crossfit Youth**

**DINNER FOR EIGHT
MARCH 9TH**

**Deadline to sign up Feb.
25th**

**Come for an evening of
fellowship**

**Egg-Cellent
Easter Adventure**

March 24th 1-3pm

Andover Central Park

OUR STAFF

Pastor—Ryan Lynch ryanl@andoverumc.com

Youth Ministry—Sloan Weber sloanw@andoverumc.com

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