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**JANUARY
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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

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WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Know well the condition of your flocks,
and give attention to your herds,
²⁴ for riches do not last forever,
nor a crown for all generations.
²⁵ When the grass is gone, and new growth appears,
and the herbage of the mountains is gathered,
²⁶ the lambs will provide your clothing,
and the goats the price of a field.

One of the things I love about the bible is no matter how many times I have read it I always find new things. This scripture from Proverbs 27 I found while searching the word "new" in the bible using biblegateway.com. I was thinking of the new year and wanted a scripture to help us create momentum. New Years resolution can be a useful way to make changes in our life. With the calendar starting over, it can help us feel like we can do the same. We can begin to make goals and consider deadlines when we hope to accomplish them. Some early dates you might consider in your goal setting are:

Easter is March 31st 2024

50th Day of the year is February 19th

100th Day of the year is April 10th

The Scripture from proverb is not about New Years Resolutions but it is about setting goals or plans for oneself. We might not feel called to start raising sheep yet we do have a call for 2024. The author encourages first to take a good look at your flock- assess your situation. Before you can improve your career, health, relationships, hobbies, and faith you have to know where you are at. This can be difficult, but an honest evaluation is required before we can reach our goals. It is after assessing that we then begin to give attention to the "herd"- that area in our life we want to change. The author shares that the work on the herd is more valuable than riches as all things pass away. Applying the proverb to ourselves, the work and attention we are able to put towards our goals will be more a lifelong boost. It can provide comfort, enjoyment, purpose, and in some cases employment for years to come. I encourage you to set goals for 2024 with hope and joy of what God will do in the next year.

Blessings,

Pastor Ryan

➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Andover United Methodist Church Goals for 2024

The mission of Andover United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through our connection with God, with each other, and with our community.

We will live out this mission in 2024 by:

Being a congregation of Radical Hospitality

Continue current radical hospitality practices of

- Tracking attendance

- Sending cards to first time visitors, Taking cookies on their 3rd visit

- Check in with members who are regulars that are gone three Sundays in a row

Increase awareness of hospitality ministry to the church

- Increase communication of number of visitors in newsletter and “This Just In”

- Yearly sermon series about radical hospitality.

- Quarterly invitation for people to join hospitality team

Equip laity to participate in Radical Hospitality

- Encourage and provide quarterly postcards for laity to send.

- Improve the welcome areas in both services

- Invite and train laity to be greeters in both services

- Invite laity to join on trips to deliver cookies. Provide a signup sheet for who would be willing to be called.

Being a congregation engaged in mercy and Justice ministries

Continue participation in Justice Together (formerly DART) with a goal of sending 20 people to the Nehemiah event on May 9th.

Continue encouraging service hours with a goal of 8,000 service hours and a stretch goal of 10,000 service hours.

Scheduling a church wide service project once a quarter.

Re-establish relationships with outside groups such as Sunshine House and Raise My Head

Increase communication, promotion, and visibility of service and justice efforts to congregation and community.

Being a congregation that intentionally seeks connection with God and with Others

Promote intentional faith development

- Encourage and promote small groups with the goal of 65% of active attendees in small groups

- Hold quarterly short-term studies

- Provide scripture reading lists and prayers for laity to read/pray

- Monthly spotlight a spiritual discipline in worship for the congregation to try

Will work to insure our children’s program’s follow Safe Gatherings polices

Will continue to explore a young adult small group and will include a line item in 2024 budget for their group.

JANUARY 2024 EVENTS			
1/1/24		Monday	New Year’s Day-office closed
1/10/24		Wednesday	Wed. Events Resume
1/15/24		Monday	Martin Luther King Day-office closed
1/20/24	5pm	Saturday	Lord’s Diner
1/22/24	6:30pm	Monday	Unified Board meeting
1/25/24	5:30-7pm	Sunday	Youth Game Night & Club 45
Food Bank	Tues. 10am-1pm & Wed. 3-6pm		

Unified Board News

As we head into the 3rd year of having a Unified Board, the church is grateful to the members who have served on the board for the past two years but are rotating off. Thanks goes to Dave Valerio, Annita Evans, Sherame Kneisel, and Brenda DeHass for giving of their time and talents. Filling the open positions, the nominating committee put forth at Charge Conference these new members for a three-year term, Jeremy Lawrence, John Jacobsen, Melissa Connell and, our new Lay Leader, Scott Hannon. Returning to the board are Cathy Durano, Barb Hartness, John Hope, Nita Jackson, Lynette Juresic, Pastor Ryan Lynch, Frank Mattke, and Kaylee Vaughters. The Unified Board meets monthly and meetings are open to the congregation. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please reach out to one of the current board members. You can find the upcoming date of our meetings in the Outreach or by calling the church office.

 **THANK YOU**

Dear Andover UMC,

My family and I would like to say thank you. Thank you for the cards and gifts during pastor appreciation month and for Christmas. Your generosity, kind words, and prayers have been a tremendous gift. Sarah and I feel great support from this congregation and the boys love being part of kids and youth programs. Andover feels like home to us.

I am honored to be the pastor of this great congregation. Your heart for mission, the community and for knowing Jesus encourages me in both my ministry and faith. Thank you for an amazing 2023 and I look forward to what God will bring in 2024.

Pastor Ryan Lynch and Family

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PRAYER REQUEST		
A-B	I-L	V-Z
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Allen, Drew, Jan Mead's grandson *Andrea, Karol Hastings' Tx grandkids Grandmother *Sharon Bahr, friend of Kay Reissig *Ryan Barnharst's family *Brent, friend of Melissa Connell *Clint & Erica (Valerio) Baker & Vivian *Kara Ball, Erica's HS friend *Ron Benton John Hope's cousin *Bobbie, Dennis Hellon's brother *Laura Boone's father *Dan & Krista Bonnensek's parents *Brooke, Bob & Nancy's grand-dght. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Landon Israelson *Jack, Kathy Halfman's nephew *Jean Ann, Bob West's cousin *Jean, Cathy Harmon's friend *Carrie Jones, Steve Seckman's Daughter *Josie, Roy Hayden's s-i-l *Marilyn Kumar *Saj Kumar, Marilyn Kumar's husband *Kent, Karol Hasting's nephew *Christy Lawrence *Lily, Missy Heath's friend *Lincoln, Pastor Ryan's nephew *Linda, Irene Gagnon's friend *Logan, his 3 kids, sister & mom *Lynch family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Dave Valerio *Peggy Valerio *Dave & Peggy Valerio's daughter, s-n-l, & grand daughter, Vivian *Steve Walker, Cathy Durano's Friend *Dave Wall *Hardy Wasson *Ashley Connaly Weaver, friend of Jan Hale-Mansfield *Brenda Wimmers *Wyatt, Erin Murray's nephew
C-E	M-R	MISC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Nancy Carroll *Rita Solis Chavez & family *Sharon Bahr, friend of Kay Reissig *Myrna Craig *Daune, Kay Resig's father *Derick DeHass & Anna, his fiancée *Grandma DeHass *Cathy Delimon, Dan Delimont's sister *Doug, Kathy Halfman's b-i-l *Dulton baby *Brian Edem *Dan & Tammy Eilert *Tammy Eilert's mom *Willia Edwards *Debra Ewing, Justin Kneisel's mom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Irene Martin & her family & Friends *Nancy, Irene Gagnon's sister *Nancy Mattke *Betty Mead, John Hope's friend *Jan Mead's deceased daughters' family *John Murray, Erin's F-I-L *Patrick, Ryan's cousin *Gabbie & Matt Pippin *James Primm, Mike Primm's Brother *Airene Reeves, Kaylee Vaughters friend *Regina & children *Mary Robey *Terry Robey *Royal's D-I-L 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Pray for the peace of Israel and those affected by the war *Pray for students & teachers *Pray for all Caregivers *Pray for those who have lost family *Our nation to follow the Lord *Our Lord change our hearts *Those struggling with health issues & depression – ask for the Lord's intervention
F-H	S-T	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Fred, Nancy Mattke's brother *Elma, Irene Gagnon's mom *Al Gagnon *Irene Gagnon *Irene Gagnon's B-I-L *Donna Garver *Vivian Grace, Charlie & Mary's granddaughter *Gwen, Jana Robinson's niece *Jane Hale *Larry Hamm *Gary Harmon *Marcia Haskins *Jim Haynes *Ruth Helena *Valeta Hole *John Hope's s-i-l & s-i-l's mother 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Rick Sample, friend of Roy Hayden *Scott, Bob West's b-i-l *Steve Seckman's sisters Kathy Herchak & Janet Proud *Phyllis Seidl's S-I-L *Skip, Tim Souder's brother *Courtney Senters *Dean Senters *Debbie Senters *Tim & Colleen Souders *Stouce, Bob, Jan Hal's friend *Kasa Stroub *Rich Tyler 	

Sympathies to the Family and Friends in the passing of: Susan Parsons, Carol Hannon's sister

CELEBRATIONS

January Birthdays

03 Monalisa Chakraborty	19 Karol Hastings
05 Melissa Hellon	23 Trina Gilliland
09 Paul Robinson	23 Merle Craig
10 Julia Primm	23 Lauren Durano Smith
11 Marjorie Snyder	25 Myrna Craig
15 Abbie Fulghum	28 Karey Padding

ANDOVER FOOD BANK

Need help!
To volunteer go to
<https://Ando-verFood Bank.tinyurl.com/>

OPEN:

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

January Anniversaries

20 Michael & Kathryn Halfman

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
3rd 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 5:30-7pm Crossfit & Club 45 Game Night

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

TUESDAY –
9am Coffee @ Dunkin Doughnuts

WEDNESDAY – (NO WED. EVENTS 12/20, 12/27, 1/3 – Resumes 1/10)
9-11am Quilting Group
4th Wed. 9am Outreach Team
6:30 –7:30pm KidsConnect
6:30-8:00pm Crossfit Youth Ministry
6:30-7:30pm Choir Practice

SATURDAY-
3RD Sat. 5 pm Lord's Diner

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want a place to volunteer and work with a friend from AUMC who can show you the ropes? Here are a couple of good places to consider:

Bike Walk Wichita (BWW):

Located at 325 N. St Francis, across from the WAVE.

This is a 501c non-profit organization that provides bicycle services to anyone in need. They are open 4 days a week Tu & Th [2-8] Fr & Sat [1-4]

We take donated bicycles of all sizes and shapes. Those that are not repairable are stripped of useable parts. Those that are fixable go into different categories.

Voucher bikes: These are bikes volunteers have fixed and made road worthy. They are given away to those with a voucher from other non-profits such as International Refugee Committee and several others. The receipt of a bike makes finding and getting to a job much more likely.

Earn a bike: This program lets those with no money to trade volunteer hours for a bike. They complete 15 hours of volunteer service and are then allowed to choose a repairable bike and fix it up for themselves.

Kids bikes: All smaller childrens bikes are repaired and given away. A parent or guardian must come with a child. Kids choose a bike and ride away smiling. No charge, these are free.

Sale Bikes: Some of the donated bikes are in very nice condition and are refurbished and then sold at very reasonable prices.

BWW also has "open shop". When space is available anyone can bring their own bike down and work on it. Experienced volunteers will help them, but won't do the work. Parts are available to purchase at very reasonable prices.

BWW is also involved with organizing many local bicycle and walking events throughout Wichita. Anyone is welcome to join in.

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**

I'm pleased to report that we've made significant progress in saving up funds for the youth mission trip next summer. The generosity of the community and the dedication of our youth have played a crucial role in this accomplishment.

As we approach the end of December and the beginning of the new year, we recognize the importance of taking a bit of a break during the holiday season. This break will allow everyone to recharge before we dive into exciting activities planned for the upcoming months.

For example, next January we are beginning the Confirmation process with a wonderful group of bright kids. I am more than excited to begin this spiritual journey with them as well as grow a closer connection to God along the way.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to updating you on further developments in the new year.

Sloan Weber
AUMC Youth Director

➤➤➤ CHILDREN'S CHATTER

Dear AUMC family,

Welcome to 2024! Blessings of peace and health to you all. This is the time of the year when we look back at the past year and look forward to what the future holds! As the New Year begins, roll up your sleeves and prepare to plant seeds of loving change in your little corner of the world. God is still speaking, still gently nudging our hearts. Are we paying attention?

VBS in December was much fun! We had 20 children learn that they are precious to God, with about half being community members! Thank you so much to all the youth, (Wes Lynch, Ande Lynch, Danielle DeHass, Andrew Coym) Rae Theil, Barb Hartness, Melissa Connell and Kaylee Vaughters for helping.

Blessings,

Erin

Family ideas

Build a snowman

Snowball Fight

Create new hot chocolate flavors

Make a No Sew fleece blanket together

What's happening?

Sunday School – 10am

KidsConnect – Wednesdays

Dinner 5:30;

Upstairs 6-7:30

No January 3

Resumes January 10

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

3rd Grade Bibles- Sunday, February 13

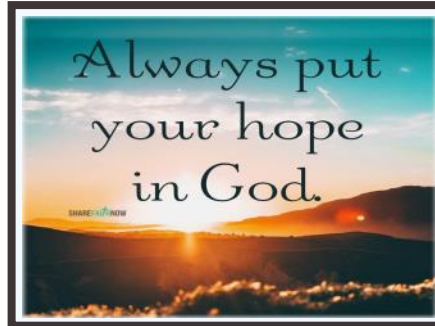
Egg-collect Easter Adventure-Sunday, March 24, More to come



Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/aumckidsmin

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



OUR STAFF

Pastor—Ryan Lynch ryanl@andoverumc.com

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Pianist—Laurel Delimont churchoffice@andoverumc.com

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