

# the outreach

**July  
2022**

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**ANDOVER UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

P.O. Box 519  
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  
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  
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Andover United Methodist Church:

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## WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The book of Amos is one of my favorite books of the Bible and I will admit it can be hard to read. Amos is about a nation that has forgotten its call by God to care for the poor, those in need, and their neighbor. It can be a downer at times to read but it is important to remember. It can be easy to forget that our future, success, and even safety is connected to our relationship to those around us. Even in the USA where we pride individual work ethic, all of us will hit a time where we will be in need of help. We often think of help in need as giving money or food but it happens in many more different ways. Sometimes that help is found in helping with a project or help giving care. Sometimes it is help of sharing the good news about your company or business to bring in new customers. Sometimes it is help to just spend a moment saying hello and allowing people to feel seen and known. God, frustrated with the Israelites shows Amos fire and locust that will be unleashed and Amos each time begs God not to destroy them. God relents and instead will send a plumb line. Rather than a ravenous fire or hoard of locust that will devour the land, the people will be judged by what they have built.

*<sup>7</sup> This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,*

*"See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will spare them no longer;*

*<sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."*

Yes, I did say Amos is a tough read. Why I like Amos is that God has expectations of us and a desire that we reach them. The spiritual side of faith is difficult to quantify and we can wonder if how to know if we are growing in our faith. The servant side of faith is more visible and quantifiable. While actions don't equal salvation, our actions do place us closer to the people God calls us to be. When we offer help to someone, we actively live out the spiritual aspects of our faith. Our church has been celebrating our service ours this year. We have made it to the end of June with about 4000 hours. Those hours don't mean we are "more Christian" or "more assured of salvation" because we did them. Rather they represent moments where we are living the way God calls us to live. Our service becomes an outward reflection of God's inward grace in our life. We measure the hours to encourage us to continue our service and reflect God's grace to those around us. I am excited as we continue our journey towards 6000 hours to be a reflection to those around us that they are not alone, there are people who care, and a God that loves them.

God Bless, Pastor Ryan.

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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**JULY 3RD**

**One Service 9am**

At Central Park  
SW Side Shelter

\*\*\*\*\* Come & Worship Outdoors  
\*\*\*\*\* Bring lawn chairs

**4th of JULY BRUNCH**

At Gary & Cathy Harmon's house 9am  
12419 SW 120th; Augusta, KS  
(2 miles south on Indianola and 1/2 mile east on 120th)

\*\*\* Bring a brunch dish to share, lawn chairs, yard games, and walking shoes.



**FOOD TRUCK PARTY**  
ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

**VBS 2022**  
Date: **July 18-22**  
Time: **Dinner 5:30-6pm: VBS 6pm-7:30pm**

Child Registration: Use QR code  
Volunteer: Anyone middle school aged & up. Volunteers needed.  
Other Info: -Donations are needed. Please use QR code to sign up.  
-To volunteer, please use QR code.  
-Volunteer training/info session:  
**Sun. 7/10 at noon**  
**Church Decorations/set up:**  
**Sat. 7/16 at noon**

Volunteer      Donations      Child Registration



**A TASTE OF AFRICA**

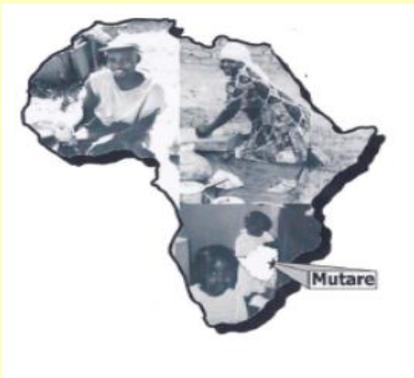
**Sponsored by CCIPZimbabwe**  
to help pay school fees for 20 children who attend the Chitakatira primary school in Zimbabwe

**When: Saturday, August 27 at 6 pm**

**Where: Andover United Methodist Church**  
1429 North Andover Rd, Andover, KS

**Food, Music, Crafts**  
We will have African cuisine and music, a display of crafts and artifacts along with some items for sale, a presentation on the various programs that make up CCIP Zimbabwe.

\*CCIP Zimbabwe is a 501-3 organization of clergy and other professionals in Kansas.  
Our mission is to create and maintain programs that help individuals in Zimbabwe to become self-sufficient in business and agriculture.




## Worship in July: Strawberry Faith



I love strawberries. I love the taste of strawberries. I love the look of the plants; and I love how easy it is to grow them! One of the ways Jesus speaks about faith is using the ideas of seeds or plants. Jesus talks about wheat, mustard seeds, fruit trees, vines, and weeds. As we have been following Jesus' example of how to share the faith with those around us, In July we will follow the example by looking towards plants as inspiration. What if we had strawberry faith? Join us in July as we discuss how a strawberry not only produces fruit but also spreads through a garden as an example of how we can produce good works and spread the good news of Jesus.

July 3- ONE SERVICE AT CENTRAL PARK 9am

*To Produce fruit, we must first be planted-* Luke 10:1-11

July 10- *Running for Jesus!*- Luke 10:27-37

July 17- *Where did that plant come from?*- Luke 10:38-42, Colossians 1:3-12

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## Changes in the United Methodist Church

Our denomination, United Methodist Church, has been in a state of disagreement for sometime over the issue of homosexuality. It is proper for people of faith to have disagreements. Everyone one of us have to wrestle with scripture, with our own understanding of how to live out our faith, and with the understandings of the people around us. When Paul said that we are to be people of the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, this was not a call to have uniform belief. It was a call to have the uniform love Jesus had for people. The disciples argued and fought but Jesus told them to love each other as Jesus loves them. Jesus instructed and demonstrated that they were called to a faith that gave life through service, reconciliation, and connection.

Unfortunately, the disagreement in the UMC as a whole has reached a point where the connection of the UMC needs to change. We will be having house meetings to discuss where the UMC is at the moment. The Unified board of Andover UMC feels like this is a topic to best be discussed in small groups that will allow people to share their opinion. In the meetings there will be a short presentation by Pastor Ryan of what is going on and then a time to discuss. Below are two meetings that we have scheduled and we are looking to schedule others. If you would like to host a meeting you may contact Cathy Durano.

Tony and Cathy will have one at our house on Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 pm. Their address is 651 N Parallel Dr, Andover, KS 67002

Tammy and Dan Eilert will host a meeting on Friday, July 15 at 6:30 pm. Their address is 13319 E. Castlewood St. Wichita, KS 67230.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## UNIFIED BOARD UPDATE

As you may recall, it was decided at last December's charge conference, that our mission would be better fulfilled if more people could actually focus on mission work, thus the new structure of the Unified Board was voted in. We just finished our 6<sup>th</sup> month under the Unified Board structure for our church and we wanted to update you on how we are progressing toward meeting our ministry goals. These are the four goals for our church:

Complete 6,000 hours of service in the community

We are over half-way to the goal

Have 6 community events

Chili feed in Feb. with around 60 people in attendance

Rummage sale in March

Egg-Stravaganza-post cards were sent to the surrounding houses and we had 7 trunks decorated 13 children participating, and one new family attend

Ice Cream Social in June with 135 attending and close to \$500 donated to UMCOR relief for the Ukraine

VBS in July (help spread the word!)

Hold Book/Bible studies out in the community

"Four Loves" study in Feb. at Scooters

"A Time to Grow held Sundays in March at the Rusted Rooster

Summer small group at the Rusted Rooster on Tuesdays at 9:00 am and prayer walks on Thursdays on the Red Bud Trail at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to join these!

Work on our method of welcoming visitors

Made a handout to give to first time visitors (these are kept in the welcome center so if you see a visitor, go get a handout to give to them!)

Committee sends a card to visitors

Brought back cookies and coffee to Sunday mornings

Updating online directory

All of these projects were planned through the Connecting Teams and we see an energy in our church because of them.

Visitors to worship are up, we are meeting people out in the community, and we hope everyone can feel the enthusiasm these events have generated.

On July 10, at 10:00 am in the gym, we will have the next Connecting Team "shuffle." We will continue with the three teams of "Connecting with God," "Connecting with Each Other," and "Connecting with the Community." You can switch teams or stay on the one you are currently on. All are welcome to join a team whether you've been a member of AUMC for years or just started coming. The whole purpose of the connecting teams is to be flexible and for people to feel they can work on areas that they feel passionate about.

If you have questions about the Unified Board or any concerns, please contact a member of the Board. Members are: Pastor Ryan, Cathy Durano who is chair, Brenda DeHass, Annita Evans, Barb Hartness, John Hope, Nita Jackson, Sherame Kniesel, Bob Pippin, Paul Robinson, Rae Thiel, and Dave Valerio.

## CONGRATULATIONS

2022  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Courtney Senters  
Jack Straub  
Kaylee Vaughters



CONGRATULATIONS  
2022  
CONFIRMATION  
CLASS

Savannah Emerson  
Tyler Gannon  
Sarah Lawrence



Julia Primm  
Aaryn Tyle  
Owen Straub

2022 6000 hours of service and connection in the community:  
as of 6/19/22 3618 hours.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## SUMMER EVENTS

**SUNDAY-** (July 3<sup>rd</sup> One Service 9am @ Central Park)  
 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  
 11:00am Praise Service – with contemporary music &  
 children's involvement - In-Person & Online

**TUESDAY-** Summer Small Group 9am @ Rusted Rooster-starts June 21st

**WEDNESDAY-** (No events - Summer Break starts again 9/7/22)  
 Hump Day Happy Hour every Wed. 3-4p starts 6/1 to 8/3 @ Sonic

**THURSDAY-** Prayer Walks 7pm Red Bud Trail starts June 21st

6/26-7/2/22			Middle Sch. Mission Trip
6/26/22	6:30-8p	Sunday	Crossfit Game Night
6/28/22	6:30p	Tuesday	Unified Board Meeting
7/4/22		Monday	Independence Day-Office closed
7/3/22	9am	Sunday	One Service @ Central Park
7/9-16/22			High Sch. Mission Trip
7/10/22	10am	Sunday	Connecting Team "shuffle"
7/16/22	12-5p	Saturday	VBS Decoration/Setup
7/18-22/22	5:30-6p		VBS Dinner
7/18-22/22	6-7:30p		Vacation Bible School
7/18-22/22			Middle Sch. Camp
7/25-29/22			High Sch. Camp
7/26/22	6:30p	Tuesday	Unified Board Meeting
7/31/22	6:30p	Sunday	Crossfit Game Night
8/2/22	6a-7p	Tuesday	Primary Election
8/3/22	6-8p	Wednesday	Children's Messy Night-gym
8/7/22		Sunday	College Scholarship Day/Blessing of the Backpacks/Youth Crossover day
8/14/22		Sunday	Youth Sunday
8/23/22	6:30p	Tuesday	Unified Board Meeting
8/28/22	6:30-8p	Sunday	Crossfit Game Night

Food Bank Tues. 10am-1pm; Wed. 3-6pm  
 Sat. 6/25/22; 7/30/22; 8/27/22 10am-12pm

## Andover Community Food Bank

Open:

Tues. 10am - 1pm

Wed. 3 - 6pm

Sat. 7/30 10am-12pm

## CELEBRATIONS



### July Anniversaries



- 02 Chip & Dayna DuFriend
- 04 Dick & Hardy Wasson
- 07 Tony & Cathy Durano
- 12 Patrick & Jan Mansfield
- 13 Doug & Marjorie Snyder
- 14 Jay & Jill Hedger
- 16 Michael & Linda Jones
- 31 David & Darcy Beaver

### July Birthdays



- 02 Jill Hedger
- 03 Dan Eilert
- 03 Nathan Juresic
- 05 Beverley Hunter
- 07 Steve Owen
- 08 Annita Evans
- 09 Josie Beaver
- 10 Peggy Creed
- 11 Jana Robinson
- 12 Seth Craig
- 13 Jennifer Primm
- 14 Nancy Mattke
- 14 Dianna Smith
- 15 Jace Guerrie
- 15 Katelyn Hedger
- 15 Ava Rose Jacobsen
- 16 Don Edwards
- 16 Steve Ramirez
- 16 Matt Johnson
- 17 Nicole DeHass
- 18 Donna Garver
- 18 Katie Haynes
- 21 William Heath
- 21 Rachel Formy Duval
- 22 Charlie Carson
- 23 Barb Hartness
- 23 Nicole Pippin
- 24 Elton Armbrister
- 25 Dawn Nygaard
- 27 Loren Watson
- 29 Tammy Eilert
- 29 Rick Hinz
- 29 Mari Padding
- 29 Maelyn Padding
- 29 Gage Padding
- 30 Paulette Templeton
- 30 Don Herman

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Prayer Request – July 2022

Frank, Barb Hartness' brother	Elma, Irene Gagon's mom		
Gary Harmon	Liz & Bill – Billy's sister		
Marilyn Kumar	Debbie Senters		
Casey Kuman	Colleen Souders		
Royal Owens	Valeta Hole		
Dan & Krista Bonnensek's parents	Kathy Halfman		
Hardy Wasson	Dick Wasson		
Bob & Nancy West	Kasa Straub		
Ukraine & our World situation	Brenda Wimmers, Peggy Valerio's sister		
Prayers for those who lost their homes and personal items in the tornado			
Patty Pike, Dave Wall's niece	Mike DeHass	London Israelson	
Al Gagnon	Jana Robinson	Betty Rich	Irene Martin
Irene Gagnon's brother-in-law	Tim Souder's mom		
Dave Valerio's 2 cousins	Bill Miller, Issy's husband		
Struggling with health issues and depressions and need our Lord's intervention			

# ➤➤➤ CROSSFIT YOUTH NEWS

Happy July!

I'm excited to say that we have one mission trip down and we're ready for everything that summer is bringing to us next! Here's what we've got going on in July:

## Hump Day Happy Hour:

Every Wednesday from 3-4pm all incoming 6th grade-outgoing seniors in high school are welcome to come enjoy time together.

## Outdoor Worship:

Join us at the cabin in Andover Central Park for 1 outdoor worship service at 9am on July 3rd! There will be no Sunday School that day.

## 4th of July Brunch:

Start off Independence Day with AUMC! We're meeting at Gary and Cathy Harmon's house from 9am-?? for brunch and fellowship. Bring a brunch dish to share, yard games, walking shoes, and lawn chairs.  
12419 SW 120th st. Augusta, KS

## High School Mission Trip:

Please be in prayer for our 9 high school students and 4 adults heading to Charleston, South Carolina July 9th-16th.

## Vacation Bible School:

Whether you're registering somebody, wanting to volunteer, or able to donate, we have lots of ways for you to get involved with VBS this year! VBS is July 18th-22nd. Follow the QR codes below!

Register:



Donate:



Volunteer:

## High School Camp:

All incoming freshmen-outgoing seniors are eligible to sign up for High School Camp at Camp Horizon July 25th-29th. It's always a great time, and I enjoy being able to spend a week out at camp with all of our students that can make it!

We're lucky to be able to provide scholarships to our AUMC students to help pay for the week at camp. If you would like a scholarship application please let me know. We do this application to get students to start thinking about what it means to be given money to help you do something that's important to you. I know a lot of our students have already worked to raise money to go on the mission trip, but this is another way that we can help students show appreciation for AUMC. Please let me know if you have any questions about scholarships, payment, etc.

## Game Night:

All incoming 6th-outgoing seniors in high school are welcome to come play games and hang out from 6:30-8pm on Sunday, July 31st.

Have a great month, the next time you read this section we'll be talking about school starting again!  
Peace, Melissa Connell; Director of Youth Ministries;  
Phone:(316) 650-5933, Email: melissac@andoverumc.com

# ▶▶▶ CHILDREN'S CHATTER

Dear AUMC families,

July is here and it seems like it is going to be a hot one. But don't worry. We have VBS July 18-22 and everyone can come to cool off at church and we invite the kiddos to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11 "Give us this day our daily bread." and have fun while learning.

To ensure a successful VBS, we need:

2 preschool group leaders (Small Fry Leader)

1 elementary group leader

Bible Study teacher

Photographers

Donations

Prayer: -Thanking God for blessing and opportunities at VBS; -For all kiddos and their families to learn more about God's love; -For all the fabulous Volunteers who will help the children grow in their faith walks

Blessings, Erin



## Family ideas

**July 4-Have fun celebrating America's independence as a family**

**July 5- National Graham Cracker Day-Graham Crackers were invented in in the 19th century**

**July 7-National Chocolate Day-The smell of chocolate increases theta brain waves, which triggers relaxation. Did you know that white chocolate isn't really chocolate? Eating dark chocolate every day reduces the risk of heart disease by one-third**

**July 14-Shark Awareness Day-Watch Discovery Channel Shark Week**

### What's happening?

Sunday School- In person and via Zoom (10a)

NO Kids Connect- Summer Break-Resumes in September

VBS-July 18-22 Evening-Food Truck Party!

August 3-6p-8p-Messy Night

August 7-Blessing of the Backpacks/ Crossover Ceremony



Child registration



Donations



Volunteer



Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page:

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

## IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



**JULY 3RD**

**One Service 9am**

**At Central Park SW Side Shelter**

Come & Worship Outdoors  
Bring lawn chairs



**VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL  
July 18-22**

**Dinner: 5:30pm  
VBS: 6-7:30pm**



**4th of JULY BRUNCH**

At Gary & Cathy Harmon's  
house 9am  
12419 SW 120th; Augusta, KS  
Bring:  
Brunch dish to share, lawn chairs,  
yard games, & walking shoes

### OUR STAFF

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**Nursery Cor.**—Mary Vaughters [churchoffice@andoverumc.com](mailto:churchoffice@andoverumc.com)

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