

# the outreach

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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:**

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

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

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## **WORD FROM THE PASTOR**

*On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"*

*Luke 24:1-5*

Happy April and Happy Easter! I love the line "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" The angles are stating a fact that Jesus is risen and thus He wouldn't be in a tomb. If the women are trying to find Jesus they need to look out in the world not a grave. In fact, Mary Magdalene will encounter Jesus in the garden as the other women rush to tell the disciples. I also think the line can be used beyond just the fact Jesus is risen to apply to the way we live out our faith. We are to be resurrection people, people of new life and hope. To know the grace of Jesus it so know the call of forgiveness to live those actions, activities, and times of away from God and embrace the new life walking with Jesus. Sin can be defined as missing the mark and in the grace of Jesus we are able to correct our path to be the person God has called us to be.

The time of Lent and the sacrifices we made were intended to prepare us to move out of the darkness and live with Jesus in the Light. After Easter we will often stop those practices and sacrifices. I encourage you to continue you seeking out spiritual practices and fasting. No, you don't have to give up sweets forever, but what are things that you could regularly fast? How could you add a moment of prayer in your day? Is there a cause that you could volunteer to help with? The angles told the women that if they want to find Jesus they need to look among the living. I invite us as resurrection people to look for Jesus in a faith that is alive engaging with God and the world.

Blessings,

Pastor Ryan

# ➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## LENTEN SERVICES AND EVENTS



### Egg-cellent Easter Adventure

April 2nd @ 1-3pm

@ Andover Central Park gazebo

Please bring the family and join us for some games, crafts, storytelling, & egg hunt!



MAUNDY  
Thursday

### Maundy Thursday Service

April 6th @ 6:30pm

We will commemorate the Jesus' last meal.



### Good Friday Service

April 7th @ 6:30pm

We will remember Jesus' death.

April 9th

@ 9:00am &  
11am



We will celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

### APRIL 22nd—HANDS 2 SERVE @ 8:00am-1pm

Volunteer with AUMC to help out our Andover community! Groups will be sent out from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic church.

1 afternoon slot is available if needed.



### ANDOVER FOOD BANK

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



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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### FEBRUARY & MARCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DATE	Adult Serv In Person 9:00	Adult Serv In Person 11:00	Adult Serv. On Line 9:00	Adult serv On Line 11:00	Totals
2/5/23	82	83	203	57	425
2/12/23	51	24	138	32	245
2/19/23	56	36	137	31	260
2/26/23	53	48	121	51	273
3/5/23	69	30	123	45	267
3/12/23	54	30	96	51	231
3/19/23	60	27	89	67	243
3/26/23	69	38	100	89	296



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Love at the Center**—Meets I Room 9. Studying for Lent: “Entering the Passion of Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine  
**Pathfinders**—Meets in Parlor. Studying “Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age” by Scott J. Jones & Arthur D. Jones  
**Seekers**—Meets in Room 7. Studying “Why” by Adam Hamilton

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

### SINGLE SENIOR SMALL GROUP

The Single Senior group will be at  
Cheddar's for lunch Sunday, April 2nd @ 11:15  
AUMC gym for A Game Day Friday, April 14th @ 2pm. Games may include cards, dominos, & board games.

If you're single & a senior, we invite you to join us. For more information, text Jan Mead at 316-670-9097.

### QUILT MISSION

We are accepting individuals quilts for hand quilting. Call the church number, 316-733-1644, and leave a message that you want a quilt hand quilted.  
Quilters meet Wednesdays at 9am. Come join us and enjoy the fun and fellowship.



APRIL 16TH— COFFEE WITH THE  
PASTOR @ 10am

For anyone that wants to ask questions about AUMC, membership, Volunteer opportunities, or anything else. You can join him there or reach out at [ryan@andoverumc.com](mailto:ryan@andoverumc.com)

### Adult Small Group

#### Tuesday Coffee

9am at Dunkin Doughnuts  
From Tablet to Table



Weekly  
Wesley  
Bible Study  
6:30pm  
in Parlor,  
Wednesday

WESLEY  
BIBLE  
STUDIES

ROMANS

# ➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## ➤➤➤ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### YOUTH & CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

- ♥ Assistant Kids SS Teacher
  - ♥ SS Teacher—Will alternate teaching with Melissa
  - ♥ **Helper for Wed. Kids Connect**
- Contact **Erin Murray** for children  
**Melissa Connell** for youth

### OFFICE HELP

- ♥ Answer phones Wed. afternoon & Thurs.
- Contact **Pastor Ryan** or **the Office** if you can help
- ♥ Get the Outreach Newsletter ready to mail. At 9am the 4th Wed. of the month.
- Contact **the office** if you can help.

### CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER

- ♥ Care Connections Team
  - ♥ Prayer Team
  - ♥ Help with a Small Group
- Contact **Pastor Ryan**

### WORSHIP SERVICE HELP

- ♥ **Scripture Readers**
  - ♥ **Ushers**
  - ♥ **Acolytes**
  - ♥ **Computer operators**
  - ♥ **Camera operators**
- All are needed for each service  
Contact **Pastor Ryan** or **Sign up on our Sign up genius:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaa62ea7fec07-worship>

### MISSIONS

- ♥ Lead or set up for sack lunches
  - ♥ Make sack lunches
  - ♥ Help at the Food Bank
  - ♥ Lead connection with Sunlight House
- Contact **Pastor Ryan**
- ♥ Prepare food for Wed. night Community meals during school year —**Sign up sheet on volunteer bulletin board**

### HOSPITALITY HELP FOR the COFFEE & COOKIES SOCIAL

- ♥ Bake or buy cookies for between services on Sunday
  - ♥ Set up cookies & coffee prior to 9:00 service
  - ♥ Clean up after 11:00 service
- To get on the list—  
Contact **Dave Valerio**,  
[valeriod@usd385.org](mailto:valeriod@usd385.org)

### FOODBANK HELP

- ♥ Wed. afternoon  
Shifts are 3-6; 3-4:30; or 4:30-6
- Contact **the Office** or call **316-390-6815** (Foodbank cell phone #) if you can help.  
They need volunteer's on Wed. right away.

## CELEBRATIONS

### April Birthdays



### April Anniversaries



02 Nolan Wright	19 Ruth Helena
03 Robert West	19 Jim Laubach
07 Audra Heinze	19 Jan Hale-Mansfield
09 Mark Padding	23 Tony Durano
12 Justin Petersen	27 Tim Maupin
18 Sharon Laubach	28 Nyomi Armbrister
18 Lynnette Jacobsen	30 Simon Armbrister
19 Mark Hartness	

15 Victor & Jennifer Guerri

### Custodial Help Needed

We need help to keep the church clean. You and your family can sign up for a week. For more information and to volunteer for this need, contact Dave Valerio at [valeriod@usd385.org](mailto:valeriod@usd385.org).

AUMC is looking for a custodian to work part-time, 15hrs/wk (flexible). If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact the church office @ 316-7336-1644.



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## APRIL 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  
 10:00am Third Sundays – Coffee with Pastor  
 11:00am Praise Service – with contemporary music & children's involvement - In-Person & Online

TUESDAY – 9am Coffee @ Dunkin Doughnuts

### WEDNESDAY-

- 6:00pm Community Meal  
 6:30pm Weekly Wesley Bible Study  
 6:30 – 7:30pm KidsConnect  
 6:30-8:00pm Crossfit Youth Ministry  
 6:45-7:45pm Choir Practice

3/30-31/23	8am-4pm	Thu. & Fri	Rummage Sale
4/1/23	8am-11am	Saturday	Rummage Sale
4/2/23	2:30pm	Sunday	Egg-cellent Easter Adventure
4/2/23	11:15am	Sunday	Single Senior group-Cheddar's
4/2/23	12:00pm	Sunday	Confirmation class
4/3/23	6:30pm	Monday	Open Door lunch packaging
4/6/23	6:30pm	Thursday	Maundy Thursday Service
4/7/23	6:30pm	Friday	Good Friday
4/9/23	9 & 11am	Sunday	Easter Sunday
4/10/23		Monday	Office Closed
4/14/23	2-5pm	Friday	Single Senior Game Day-gym
4/15/23	5pm	Saturday	Lord's Diner
4/16/23	3pm	Sunday	Chat, Chew, , and Do
4/17/23	6:30pm	Monday	Cub Scout cake auction
4/22/23	8-noon	Saturday	Hands 2 Serve
4/23/23		Sunday	Native American Ministries
4/24/23	6:30pm	Monday	Unified Board Meeting
4/30/23	6:30-8pm	Sunday	Crossfit & Club 45 Game Night
5/1/23	6:30pm	Monday	Open Door pack lunches

Food Bank Tues. 10am-1pm; Wed. 3-6pm

## PRAYER REQUEST

	Saj & Marilyn Kumar	
Andrea, Karol Hastings' TX grandkids Grandmother	Lily, Missy Heath's friend	Care Givers to have strength & patience
Sharon Bahr, friend of Kay Reissig	Linda, Irene Gagnon's friend	Our Lord change our hearts
Erica (Valerio) Baker & hubby	Steve Livingston, Mary Carson's brother (March)	Mass shootings, victims, families, communities
Kara Ball, Erica's HS. friend	Lynch family	Our nation would turn to the Lord
Judy Benge, Marilyn Kumar's son (Casey)'s wife (Tammy);s mom & Judy's other daughter	Lynn, Nancy Matke's friend	those struggling with health issues-ask for the Lord's intervention Those struggling with depression &
Bobbie, Dennis Hellon's brother	Marcia (Frank Matke's niece) & Dan	
Dan & Krista Bonnensek's parents		
Rita Solis Chavez & family	Irene Martin & her family & friends	
Myma Craig	Issy Miller	
Mike DeHass' mom	Patrick, Ryan's cousin	
Daune, Kay Resig's father	Gabbie & Matt Pippin	
Dulton baby	James Primm, Mike Primm's brother	
Cathy Durano	Regina & children	
Brian Edem (Feb)	Mary Robey	
Tammy Eilert's mom	Paul Robinson	
Elma, Irene Gagnon's mom	Royal's D-I-L	
Al Gagnon (Feb)	Rick Sample, friend of Roy Hayden	
Irene Gagnon's B-I-L	Phyllis Seidl's SIL	
Donna Garver (Feb)	Skip, Tim Souder's brother	
Gwen, Jana Robinson's niece	Blake Senters	
Ruth Helena	Debbie Senters	
Gary Harmon	Souders, Tim & Colleen	
John Hartstripe (Feb)	Steve, Nancy Matke's friend	
Judy Hartstripe (Feb)	Stouce, Bob, Jon Hale's friend	
Marcia Haskins (March)	Kasa Stroub	
Jim Haynes (Feb)	Peggy Valerio	
Valeta Hole (Feb)	Stephanie Walker, Cathy Durano's friend	
Irene, Nancy West's aunt	Dick & Hardy Wasson	
Landon Israelson	Ashley Connally Weaver, friend of Jan Hale-Mansfield (Feb)	
Jackie, Nancy West's daughter	Bob & Nancy West	
Jan Mead's deceased daughters' family	Brenda Wimmers	
Jane, Barb Harness's sister	Wyatt, Erin Murray's nephew	
Jean, Cathy Harmon's friend		
Carrie Jones, Steve Seckman's daughter		

**Join Us!**

**CUB SCOUT  
CAKE AUCTION**

**Monday-April 17th  
@6:30 PM**

**Andover United Methodist  
Church**

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS GOES TO AUMC  
\*CASH, CHECK, & VENMO ACCEPTED\***

# ➤➤➤ CROSSFIT YOUTH NEWS

Happy April!

It always feels so wonderful when Spring is finally here and everything is blooming and growing! I'm so grateful to be going through this season of Lent with all of our wonderful students and adults. As we move out of Lent and towards a summer full of mission trips, camps, vacations, sports practices, and all the fun things, Crossfit will be shifting our focus to learning more about each other and how to take ownership of our youth ministry program. We'll be leaning into our ability to utilize small groups during our lessons and the leadership that we have in our high school youth so that we can build a stronger bond with each other before we spend more time together this summer! With such a large group of middle school students and a seasoned group of high schoolers, we're looking forward to seeing how this focus will bring us together.

That being said, we've only got just a few meeting times left for the 2022-23 school year! Here is what the rest of the year will look like:

- **Wednesday Crossfit @ 6:30 - 8pm**
  - April 5th
  - April 12th
  - April 19th
  - April 26th
  - May 3rd
  - May 10th
  - May 17th
  - May 24th
- **Special Dates**
  - Hands 2 Serve: April 22nd @ 8am - noon
  - Game Night: April 30th
  - Lock-In: May 26th-27th @ 5pm - 9am
  - Game Night: May 28th

After May 28th our only weekly meeting times will be Sunday School at 10am every Sunday. We will have events throughout the summer and connect at Camp Horizon and on our Mission Trips! Those dates will be listed in next month's Outreach.

As I said earlier I look forward to the rest of the school year, and I can't wait to see how much we can grow as a group in the next few weeks, just like we have been doing all year. As always, thank you for your support of the youth program!

Peace,

Melissa Connell

Director of Youth Ministries

## ➤➤➤ CHILDREN'S CHATTER

Dear families,

Can you believe it? Easter is only a few days away. It is amazing! Our past is forgiven, our life is worth living, and our future is in heaven.

You can talk to your children about how Jesus died on the cross so we can accept his gift of forgiveness. When we do something wrong, we can tell Him about it, say we're sorry, and then Jesus forgives us so we don't have to worry about it anymore. Jesus takes away our sins!

Blessings,  
Erin

### Family Ideas

Watch the sunrise on Easter morning  
Make rainbow slime or rainbow streamers  
Eat rainbow fruit skewers  
Play in the rain  
Read Poetry books

### What's Happening

Sundays- 10a-10:45a – Sunday School

Wednesdays – 6p-6:30p Community Meals  
6:30p-7:30p Kids Connect

Egg-cellent Easter Adventure –Sunday, April 2, 1p-3p

Club 45- Sunday, March 26, 6:30p-8p

Fun Night at Church- Friday, May 26, 5p-8p

### SUMMER FUN EVENTS

You're Fired – Wednesday, June 7 at 6p-8p

Bring \$10-15 to paint your own ceramic piece

Cooking Night - Wednesday, June 28 at 6p-8p

We will use the kitchen to make our own Breakfast for Dinner

Messy Night – Wednesday, August 2 at 6p-8p

Elementary Camp -Camp Horizon July 5-7 Overnight

VBS Training – Sunday, June 11 at 12p OR Sunday, June 25 at 12p

VBS Set up – Saturday, July 10am

VBS – Twists & Turns – Sunday, July 9 – Thursday, July 13

Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page:

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

## IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



**Maundy Thursday Service**  
**April 6th @ 6:30pm**  
**Good Friday Service April**  
**7th @ 6:30pm**

**Easter Sunday April 9th**  
**9 & 11 am**

**Egg-cellent**  
**Easter Adventure**

**Sunday April 2th**  
**1-3pm**  
**@ Andover Central Park**  
**gazebo**

**Cub Scout Cake**  
**Auction**  
**4/17 @ 6:30pm**  
**@ AUMC**  
**Portion of proceeds to**  
**AUMC**

### OUR STAFF

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