



Andover UMC

# The Messenger

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September  
2022

To create and nurture a passionate faith community through open doorways to Christ.

Blessed  
STRESSED  
AND  
Trusting  
God  
for the Rest

Join us Sundays @ 9:30am (Modern), 11am (Traditional)  
Website: [www.andoverfirstumc.org](http://www.andoverfirstumc.org) (watch past services anytime)  
Follow us on Facebook: [andoverfirstumc](https://www.facebook.com/andoverfirstumc)  
Email: [receptionist@andoverfirstumc.org](mailto:receptionist@andoverfirstumc.org) / Phone: (440) 293-6290  
Pastoral Team: Rev. Paige Boyer & Pastor Jason Hockran



Friends,

I'm sure you've had an interaction like this before:

Friend: Hi! How are you?

You: Oh, I'm fine. How are you?

*[What you're feeling] I'm overwhelmed by life and I'm worried about this thing or that. I've got a to do list a mile long and don't have time to go into it with you.*

Friend: I'm fine.

*[What your friend is (probably) feeling]: I'm overwhelmed by life and I'm worried about this thing or that. I've got a to do list a mile long and don't have time to go into it with you.*

Maybe instead of "Fine," you say something like "Blessed."

During worship on Sept. 4, Pastor Jason shared that he started responding with "blessed" because he was sick of lying when someone asked how he was doing while he was struggling with things at his business.

And, eventually that felt disingenuous too, so he started to say "Blessed and stressed," which recently evolved into our sermon series title: Blessed, stressed, and Trusting God for the rest."

This series isn't about spilling our guts to casual friends when we are feeling "all the things." Instead, it's about opening up to our friends and family when we're struggling. It's about not facing the challenges of our lives alone, and how by sharing how we're really feeling can allow others to walk with us, grow with us, and learn from us.

During this series, we'll be hearing from members of our congregation who've faced - or are facing - struggles. They'll also share how they've balanced those difficulties with blessings and how they've trusted God in the midst of it all.

We hope you'll join us on Sundays at 9:30a to hear from our guest speakers or at 11a to hear from Jason and I about these stories.

May you know God's blessings and presence in the midst of your struggles both in this season and always.

Rev. Paige





## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please submit prayer requests by calling the church office (440) 293-6290 or visit our website: [www.andoverfirstumc.org](http://www.andoverfirstumc.org) (Contact tab)

You can also email: [receptionist@andoverfirstumc.org](mailto:receptionist@andoverfirstumc.org)

Please provide first name, last name and reason for prayer.

If confidential, let us know & it will be given to our prayer team only on Tuesdays.

Please update us every 2 weeks.

**If you would like a "We Prayed for You" card sent, please provide their address.**

## September 2022 Prayer List

When we join the United Methodist Church, we take a vow that we will be, loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by Our Prayers, Our Presence, Our Gifts, Our Service and by Our Witness. Scriptures call us to celebrate with those who celebrate and to grieve with those who grieve. We grow in connection with one another as we know the praises and concerns of the individual churches and respond in a manner of praise and/or prayer.

Please feel free to share your news that we may share especially the prayer concerns to the faith community.

### Prayers and Concerns:

Mary Chandler	cancer
Ruth Clute	health concerns
Eukie Diday	health concerns
Skip Eidam	cancer treatments
Gary Graves	cancer treatments
Henry & Linda Lipps	health concerns
Richard Martin	healing
Shaun McClure	Melanoma
Sherie McClure	healing
Sis Ogram	healing
Darlene Secich	Healing following retina surgery

### Grief of Families and Friends:

Cindy Thompson

### Service Men, Women and families:

Cristian Aguinaga  
 Tyler Bean  
 Zak Hazen  
 Jake Hilliard  
 Lucas Hitchcock  
 John Johnson  
 Andrew Kirby  
 Kevin Kovach  
 Trenton Krueger  
 Austin Limestoll  
 Andre McCoy  
 Gavin Meeker  
 Ron Slater  
 Jennifer White

**Bible Word Search:**  
**PAUL & SILAS IN PRISON**  
(Acts 16:16-34)

R B T P D C G T E W P E C A P  
T V A I K N H M N L L A S V W  
F U Q V I Y I A X V T R Z O T  
L M M Y L D F A I H V T W Q W  
B K A S N A T M K N M H G M A  
F R Q I J A I L E R S Q Y C E  
P P G L R P D C Z A E U L Y C  
H H Y L I P B D I N Y A C Z I  
T H S T L S F S E H W K T M O  
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I M J E X F W L N P E I I H E  
H K U Y G Z U A Y O E I C R R  
V M G F D Y D S X E P T L P Y  
C F O D O H N F R T U U H E J  
W T T Y I G D O N M A I F Z B

BELIEVE

CHAINS

EARTHQUAKE

JAILER

MIDNIGHT

PAUL

PRAYING

REJOICE

SILAS

SINGING



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### Jesus Girls

Small Group Study  
@ Andover UMC  
Thursdays @ 10:15am  
All are welcome!



## Community Center

Andover Community Center  
10am-2pm Tues/Wed/Thurs.  
More details,  
call Debbie 440-689-0026



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[www.andoverfirstumc.org](http://www.andoverfirstumc.org)  
For one time or recurring gifts, visit  
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YMCA Silver Sneakers Classes  
@ Andover UMC  
Yoga Stretch:  
Mon.- 10am & Wed. - 10am  
Silver Sneakers Classic:  
Tues. & Thurs.- 10am

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which has replaced the  
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transfer over. Search for  
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Call the church office if you need assistance.

Would you like to serve in our  
Worship & Discipleship Ministry  
through the Nursery or  
**Children's Church?**

Or maybe you'd like to help out with  
one of our Food Ministries?  
(Food Bank or Pantry)  
Inquire today - call the office.  
440-293-6290 or talk to the Pastors.



### EARLY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) BASIC & RECERT TRAINING



Sat., Sept. 17 from 9am-4pm  
Epworth Center, 301 N. Main St.,  
Bethesda, OH 43719  
Please register by Sept. 13 at:

[https://UMCOR\\_ERT\\_Epworth.eventbrite.com](https://UMCOR_ERT_Epworth.eventbrite.com)



### UNIT 1: CALL

Bible verse: 1 Samuel 3:10b

**"Speak. Your servant is listening."**

Hannah - 1 Samuel 1:1-28

God Calls Samuel - 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Samuel Anoints Saul - 1 Samuel 7-8; 10:17-24

Samuel Anoints David - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

For free resources for the kids, check out:  
[cokesburykids.com/free-resource-categories](http://cokesburykids.com/free-resource-categories)

### Coffee, Tea and Jesus

8:30-10am

2nd Saturday of each month  
Andover UMC Library

All are welcome - open to anyone!



Join us for Blessed, Stressed and Trusting God for the Rest!  
Sundays @ 9:30 & 11am



## Andover Skilled Nursing September Birthday Gifts

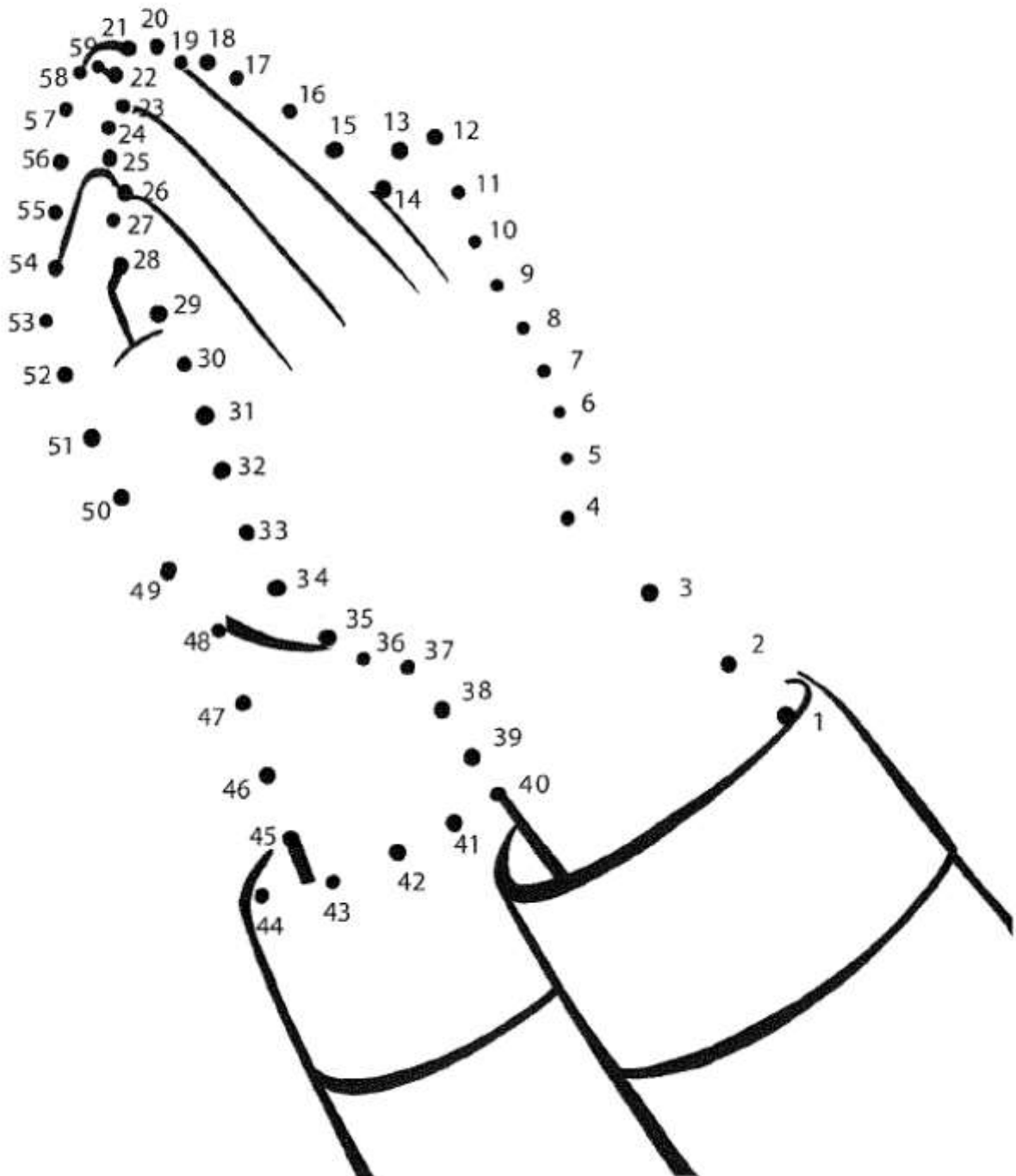
Thank you to all who gifted  
a resident this month and made  
them smile on their birthday!



# Connect the dots & pray

## Pray with Hannah Every Day – Connect the Dots

Hannah never stopped praying for a baby. Connect the dots to reveal a picture. After you discover the picture, write what you want to pray about inside the hands.



Sent with a prayer to:

Andover United Methodist Church  
181 South Main St  
P.O. Box 207  
Andover, OH 44003

Free Dinner Friday  
September 30th @ 5:30pm



Andover UMC  
Fellowship Hall  
Invite a friend!

Outdoor Food Pantry  
September 9th, 10am-Noon  
@ Andover UMC

Open to all of those in need  
in the PV School District

Fighting  
hunger.  
Delivering  
hope.



Andover Community Center  
Open Tues. - Thurs. 10a-2p,  
Deb Somerville: 440-689-0026



Outdoor Cleveland Foodbank  
September 23rd, 10am-Noon  
@ Andover UMC

Open to all of those in need  
in Ashtabula County

