



The Messenger

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Andover UMC

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

November
2022

Christmas!



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



It started on Oct. 21 this year.

Christmas movies that is.

You may or may not know this about me, but I have a deep, deep appreciation for cheesy Christmas movies. I usually record every new Christmas movie released on Hallmark and Lifetime.

If you love them like I do, you know why.

However, if you're thinking to yourself "but they are predictable and all the same..." Yes, you're right. And for me, that's exactly the point. No matter the drama (usually with 40 minutes left in the movie), I know that the ending will be happy.

During a season when life can be very stressful, these silly, wonderful movies remind me that there is joy in the world and in this season.

And, Oct. 21 is still pretty early... I haven't watched any yet, but they are waiting on my DVR for when I'm ready.

The Christmas season feels like it gets longer and longer every year and that's what our series for mid-November is all about. For some of us, starting early is wonderful - **we've been counting down since last Christmas.** For others, **we've still got Thanksgiving** and then we can start on Christmas.

Where do you land? Are you an early Christmas fan or do you want to wait until the Turkey and sides have been packaged up as leftovers before you start on the next big celebration?

We hope you'll join us for "Christmas! Already?" as we prepare for advent.

Oh - **and our series graphics have a bit of a hint for how we'll be spending Advent and Christmas this year.** Advent starts November 27, **so whether you're all prepared or just getting started join us then as well.**

Blessings,

Rev. Paige





PRAYER REQUESTS

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

You can also email: 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.

November 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:

Kathy Bragg	cancer
Ruth Clute	health concerns
Eukie Diday	health concerns
Nichelle Dragon	healing
Skip Eidam	cancer treatments
Gary Graves	cancer treatments
Dale Kalinowski	health concerns
Damon Kizer	health concerns
Henry & Linda Lipps	health concerns
Richard Martin	healing
Shaun McClure	health concerns
Sherie McClure	healing – cancer
Sis Ogram	healing
Darlene Secich	healing
Dodee Somerville	healing

Grief of Families and Friends:

Tammy Somerville

Service Men, Women and families:

Cristian Aguinaga
 Lucas Hitchcock
 Andrew Kirby
 Jennifer White

Did you know?

We just had the Bell Tower roof repaired with an unexpected expense of \$13,850.

BEFORE



AFTER



We need your help to "Raise the Roof!"
Please donate to help pay for Bell Tower and Sanctuary roof repairs.

Estimated goal for total repairs - \$75,000.00
Bell Tower repairs completed last month - \$15,000.00
Sanctuary roof shingle replacement & Bell Tower flat roof & interior ceiling repairs.



While doing your online shopping, you can support Andover UMC through AmazonSmile.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0726093>



Sign up for Amplify - It's FREE!

Go to <https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/register> and use the access code: FRMYTJ to set up your account and get started.

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



Giving Online at
www.andoverfirstumc.org
For one time or recurring gifts, visit
www.andoverfirstumc.org/give
on your phone or tablet.



YMCA Silver Sneakers Classes
@ Andover UMC
Yoga Stretch:
Mon.- 10am & Wed. - 10am
Silver Sneakers Classic:
Tues. & Thurs.- 10am

Download the
NEW Vanco Mobile App
which has replaced the
GivePlus+ App. Your
Log-in & recurring gifts
transfer over. Search for
Andover UMC in the app.



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.



Soup Luncheons are back!
Andover UMC Fellowship Hall
Eat in, take out
or call for delivery.
For complete details,
see page 7.



UNIT 3: VOICE

Bible verse: Psalm 49:3
My mouth speaks wisdom;
my heart's meditation is full of insight.

Elijah and the Ravens - 1 Kings 17:1-7
Elisha and the Widow's Jar - 2 Kings 4:1-7
Isaiah Is Called - Isaiah 6:1-8
A Time Is Coming - Jeremiah 23:5

Coffee, Tea and Jesus

8:30-10am
2nd Saturday of each month
Andover UMC Library
All are welcome - open to anyone!





**Bring a smile to a child
this Christmas**

SUPPORTING FAMILIES & CHILDREN IN NEED
Children's Services Foster Children

Christmas Wish Lists and details are in the lobby or you can call the church office for assistance. Monetary donations are also being **accepted for Children's Services.**



Salvation Army Bell Ringing
@ Andover Sparkle Market

NOV. 23, DEC. 3, 10, 17, 23

VOLUNTEER TO RING & HELP FEED FAMILIES:

<https://bit.ly/SABellRing22>



**Soup's On!
Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
181 South Main Street**

Wednesdays! 2022-2023
(Eat in, take out or have it delivered)

**October 12
October 26
November 9
December 14
January 11
January 25
February 8
February 22
March 8
March 22**

**11 am-1 pm or sold out
\$5.00
Includes crackers**

**SOUPS:
Chicken Noodle, Potato, Stuffed Pepper,
Sausage Tortellini, Wedding**

**Give us a call to place your order
440-293-6290 Extension 104
We Deliver!!**

CHRISTMAS AT ANDOVER UMC

NOV. 27 - Advent Begins!

DEC. 11 - 10 am - Joint worship - Kids' Christmas Program

DEC. 21 - 6:30 pm Blue Christmas Service

DEC. 24 - 7:30 pm Candlelight Christmas

Midnight Christmas Celebration

DEC. 25 - 10 am - Christmas Day Brunch Worship



Children's Christmas Program

A Christmas Story

Practices are being held every Sunday

immediately following the 9:30am

Worship service for 30 minutes.

*Program - Dec. 11th during
a 10am joint service.*

2021 Christmas Gathering



The ladies gathered last year and made 375 Christmas ornaments to send to Red Bird Mission.





Simply Christmas

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 10am-3pm** Craft Fair at United Methodist Church
- 10am-5pm** Santa's Shop at the Sr. Center (behind the Church)
Gifts range from 25¢ to \$15.00
- 11am-2pm** Kids Arts and Crafts at the Library
- 2pm-7pm** 50/50 Tickets available at Craft Fair and in the Park
- 6pm** PARADE and LIGHT UP THE SQUARE
Photos with Santa after the Parade at the
Showplace Event Center

IN THE PARK EVENTS

- Wagon Rides (weather permitting)
- Ice Carving Demonstration
- Warm Fire Barrels with S'more Fixins
- Chili, Soup, Cookies, Hot Chocolate and Coffee will also be available!



*For updates follow the Event on PACOC Facebook page: /PareaCOC
Any questions please contact Christy 440-536-1245 or Barb 440-339-4886



2022 Christmas Poinsettias

With the advent season just around the corner it is time to order the poinsettia flowers for the Christmas altar.

This year the cost of each plant is \$7.00.

Please complete this form and make checks payable to the church.

DEADLINE TO ORDER: Sunday, November 27, 2021

Number of plants ordered: _____ x \$7.00 = _____ (Total Amount)

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

Please send or bring orders along with payment to the church.

Sent with a prayer to:

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

Free Dinner Friday
November 25th @ 5:30pm
(No Free Dinner in December)



Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!

Outdoor Food Pantry
December 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
December 16th, 10am-Noon
@ Andover UMC
Open to all of those in need
in Ashtabula County

