



Andover UMC

The Messenger

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

PART III: IMAGINING A NEW REALITY

THE PATH OF THE DISCIPLE
WORSHIP SERIES



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Join us Sundays @ 9:30am (Modern with Kid's Church & Online)

Website: www.andoverfirstumc.org (watch past services anytime)

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Pastors: Pastor Jason Hockran 440-862-0470 / Pastor Linda Bradley



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Happy 4th of July! Independence Day! So thankful for our freedom and the opportunity we have in our country to live freely and to share and show our faith! Praise God for the continued blessings of freedom in our land. May God continue to bless us all!

Please continue to join us on our summer worship series the Path of the Disciple. Over the next few weeks we will be finding new ways to learn as we grow on the journey of discipleship in Jesus Christ.

Path of the Disciple

Having accepted the call to become a disciple and to help others become disciples, we now begin to understand what we don't know. Or rather we embrace what we have to learn. Sometimes we get the impression that the end of faith is that initial yes to Jesus. As important as that confession is, it is only the beginning of the path to becoming a disciple. Paul, in the twelfth chapter of his wonderful letter to the Romans, invites us to embrace transformation so that we can know the will of God for our lives and for the world. He tells us that this takes place, at least in part, through the "renewing of your minds." (Romans 12:2 NRSV)

So, let us consider together what it means to be a disciple. Let's embrace the truth, even when it is difficult and takes effort, even when we learn of the commitment that is involved in following Jesus. Because we also discover the joy in serving and loving and working for justice. It may be hard, and we may mess up at times, or lose focus, but we're learning and we're growing. Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ isn't an instantaneous event, but a lifelong process. Wesley called it sanctification, this process of becoming more like Christ, and acknowledged that it is a journey. But we're on the way, or as Wesley claimed, moving on to perfection in love. There's a lot to learn as we grow.

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<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/the-path-of-the-disciple-worship-series>

We welcome Pastor Linda Bradley and her husband James to the Andover UMC faith community and greater Pymatuning region. I am excited to have Pastor Linda join the ministry team here at Andover. She comes to us with a passion and calling to Pastoral Care ministry and Crisis Response ministry. We will partner together to serve the needs of our church and community and by the power of the Holy Spirit through our callings and giftedness we look forward to continuing on the disciple journey with you.

In Service to Christ,

Pastor Jason



WELCOME!

So a little about me and James. I grew up outside of Akron in Springfield Twp. James grew up in the mountains of Watsonville ,CA. We own a home in Greentown, Ohio where our daughter lives. While we are on the subject of kids, James and I have two children. Olivia is married to Joe and has two boys Brian, 8 and JJ, 2 and fur baby Cherry, who would lick you to death. Tyler is engaged to Marina, and works for JB Hunt in Pittsburgh. Their fur baby is Fabio. I love to babysit the grand-kids and grand-dogs and they all go home at the end of the day.

With me, what you see is what you get. I don't try to put on airs for anyone. I love the Lord and love my country. We are huge Nascar and Cleveland Browns fans and love our Guardians (although they will always be the Indians to me) and Rubber Ducks. I like to bowl and read Amish Fiction and mysteries. James loves the outdoors and is an avid camper. He and Tyler go to Nascar every year in the Poconos. My vacation of choice is a little more laid back and my friend Linda Slutz (who serves Epworth in Massillon) and I went on our second cruise this past January. Also I enjoy going back to PA when I get a chance to spend some time with my cousins as my mother was from Punxsutawney and my dad's family from the Dubois area.

I love pigs. The whole point of our November cruise was going to be an excursion in the Bahamas to swim with the pigs, but it was cancelled. Major disappointment.

May you all be blessed in the arms of our Savior.

Pastor Linda

Below:
Cookies & Punch
were served following worship
on July 2nd to welcome
Co-Pastor Linda
and her husband, James
to Andover UMC.





PRAYER REQUESTS

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

You can also email: receptionist@andoverfirststumc.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.

July 2023 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:

Africa Mission Team	safe travels
Tillie Daniels	health concerns
Ashley Limestoll/Kevin	new jobs
Austin/Naomi Limestoll	safe delivery of new baby
Henry & Linda Lipps	health concerns
Ron McClinsey	upcoming brain surgery on 7/11
Andre McCoy	
Sidney Rentz	health concerns
Aaron Shorter	healing
Sandra Sturdevant	health concerns

Grief of Families and Friends:

Madeline Cole
Adrienne Marrison
Nick Monnolly

Service Men, Women and families:

Cristian Aguinaga
Lucas Hitchcock
Andrew Kirby
Michael "Ronnie" Taylor
Jennifer White

Those in Assisted Living/Nursing Facilities:

Jane Ericson - Andover, Rm 506
Sis Ogram - Andover, Rm 412
Norma Piper - The Legacy, Farmdale
Roberta Hill - Ashtabula Co. Home - Kingsville



Join United Women in Faith & Jesus Girls for Christmas in July! July 25th from 9am-noon @ Andover UMC. Help make ornaments, assemble hygiene kits, lap quilts & more.



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.

Community Center

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



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



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
Kid'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.



Rentals

Andover UMC's Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and Classrooms are available to rent for meetings, birthdays, weddings, showers, reunions, office space & many other events that you might be planning. To inquire, call the church office at: 440-293-6290.



Kid's Church - Sundays during 9:30 worship.

UNIT 2: BIBLE

Noah - Genesis 8:1-22

Jonah - Book of Jonah

Daniel Chooses - Daniel 1:1-21

Shadrach, Meschach & Abednego - Daniel 3:1-30

Daniel and the Lions - Daniel 6:1-28



United Methodist
Men & Friends
Breakfast

Saturday, July 8th
@ 8:30am
All are welcome
to attend!

Andover UMC is no longer collecting items such as used eyeglasses, ink cartridges, etc. due to lack of a place to take them to.

Ways to Give @ Andover UMC



In Person

Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. Please place your donations in an offering envelope and drop them in the offering plate, mail them or drop them off at the church.



QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.

Online

Visit www.andoverfirstumc.org and click the eGiving image on our Welcome page or Give page to set up a one-time or recurring donation, or to make a payment.



Mobile App

Download the Vanco Mobile app from your app store to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Search Andover and then choose UMC. Available on [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices.

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 - \$15,000.00
Sanctuary roof shingle replacement & Bell Tower flat roof & interior ceiling repairs.



Western Reserve Circuit Writer



Western Reserve District Newsletter

July 2023

Western Reserve District Newsletter - July 2023 Circuit Writer:
https://www.eocumc.com/westernreserve/_newsletters/July2023.pdf



East Ohio Conference News

Bishop Tracy S. Malone called to order the 54th session of the East Ohio Annual Conference with 445 clergy and 471 laity gathered in the John S. Knight Center in Akron, Ohio.



“God’s love never stops working and God’s call never disappoints,” Bishop Malone shared during her sermon in the Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion. The service recognized 48 clergy, spouses, and laity who entered the Church Triumphant since last year’s Annual Conference.

Throughout the Episcopal Address on the first day of Annual Conference 2023 Bishop Tracy S. Malone reminded those in attendance at the John S. Knight Center and those viewing online, that **“our mission is yet alive!”** She emphasized that point by highlighting creative new ministries and innovative ways that local church congregations in the East Ohio Conference are engaging in discipleship in their communities. The bishop also shared a video provided by Africa University showing the construction progress of the new dormitory for female students that is made possible by the \$1.5 million raised and collected through the East Ohio Conference Teach • Reach • Bless campaign.



“Now is the time for us to focus forward. This is a time of remarkable opportunity in the life of The United Methodist Church,” declared Malone.

“We can no longer focus our attention and give energy to those who have chosen to withdraw or disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church. We grieve the loss. We pray for them, and we bless them on their journey. We must focus our attention on who is staying in The United Methodist Church and keep our eye ever vigilant on our mission and on our vision,” Malone said.

“Friends now is the time. Let us no longer look back in the rear-view mirror dwelling on our past but let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus on the road that God has paved and is paving ahead of us. Let us trust where the spirit of God is leading us. God is always making things new! And while we don’t know what the future holds, what we do know is that God holds the future. And our lives, and the future of this beloved United Methodist Church, is in God’s hands. So let us pull together and let us seize this kairotic moment to seek and live into the new thing that God is doing among us,” Malone said.

To view the entire conference article and videos, visit the link below:

<https://eocumcnews.com/2023/06/10/annual-conference-2023-faith-hope-love/>

Bible Word Search:

OCCUPATIONS IN THE BIBLE

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

ASTROLOGER	BLACKSMITH	CARPENTER	CHARIOTEER
CUPBEARER	EMPEROR	ENGRAVER	FARMER
GATEKEEPER	HARPIST	INNKEEPER	JAILER
MAIDSERVANT	MERCHANT	MIDWIFE	PHARAOH
PHILOSOPHER	POET	TEACHER	WARRIOR

References: Isaiah 47:13; 1 Samuel 13:19; Mark 6:3; 1 Chronicles 19:18;
Genesis 40:1; Acts 25:25; Exodus 28:11; 2 Timothy 2:6; 2 Samuel 18:26;
Revelation 14:2; Luke 10:35; Acts 16:23; Deuteronomy 15:17; Matthew 13:45;
Genesis 35:17; Genesis 12:15; Acts 17:18; Acts 17:28; 1 Chronicles 25:8;
Judges 11:1

Outdoor Summer Concert Series

@ Andover UMC,

181 South Main Street

Back parking lot - **“Rain or Shine”**

(In case of inclement weather it will be held inside)

Bring a chair or enjoy it from your car.

All are welcome!



SUN., JULY
16TH
6PM
DAN SCHALL



Golden Street Singers
were here on
June 25th
to bless us with
a great worship
experience!



Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce

Presents

PEOPLE IN THE PARK 2023

7:00 pm

“On The Square” in Andover, Ohio

Sat., May 27	PV JAZZ.....	Jazz
Sat., June 3.....	Stephan Ault Acoustic	Rock/Blues
Sat., June 10.....	Jonathon Browning	Classic Hits Old & New
Sat., June 17	Phido	Jazz
Sat., June 24.....	Remember Then.....	50's & 60's
Sat., July 1	The Sounds of Elvis	Jim Felix
Sat., July 8.....	Brett Allen Morgan.....	Country
Sat., July 15	Take Too.....	50's to Today
Sat., July 22.....	Oldies by Nicely Done.....	50's, 60's, 70's
Sat., July 29.....	Humble Music	Gospel
FRI., Aug. 4.....	The Everly Sisters.....	Swing/Big Band
Sat., Aug. 12.....	Firmly Grounded	Christian
Sat., Aug. 19	Dan Schall Ministries	Christian
Sat., Aug. 26	Simply Us.....	70's & 80's
Sat., Sept. 2	Andover Christian Church Worship Team ...	Worship/Hymn Sing

There will be a “Pass The Hat” Donation with
all proceeds going to the performers.

In the event of rain the concert will be moved
one block east to the First Congregational Church
170 East Main Street • Andover, Ohio



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Open House:

Nina Warsing
Sat., July 15th,
1-4pm
@ Andover UMC



REGISTER TO

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Christmas in July Bell Ringing @ Andover Sparkle Market!

Andover Salvation Army Unit is looking for volunteers to ring the bell!
Time slots are in 1/2 hour increments.

July 7-8, 14-15, 21-22

When you ring the bell or give to Salvation Army, it helps support the local unit to assist those in our community when they need it the most. Things we help with most often are:

*Gas vouchers for trips to the doctor or work,
Electric & Gas shut off notices, Rent and of course the Back to School Bash.*

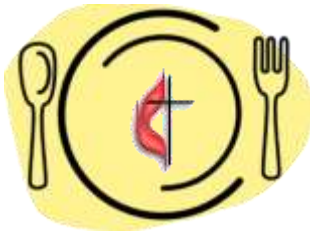
Please sign up online or call the church office:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4dadac2fa5ffc16-christmas2/135551710#/>

Sent with a prayer to:

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

Free Dinner Friday
July 28th @ 5:30pm



Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!

Outdoor Food Pantry
July 14th, 9am-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
July 28th, 10am-Noon
@ Andover UMC

Open to all of those in need
in Ashtabula County

