



# The Messenger

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August  
2023

Andover UMC

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

## PART IV: SEARCHING FOR THE FACE OF GOD

THE PATH OF THE DISCIPLE  
WORSHIP SERIES



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FOLLOW JESUS

TOGETHER

#BeUMC

www.andoverfirstumc.org

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

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Email: [receptionist@andoverfirstumc.org](mailto:receptionist@andoverfirstumc.org) / Phone: (440) 293-6290

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



***“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14)***

God in all His glory is such a mystery to us. If no one has ever seen the face of God, then how can we possibly “seek” it or “search” it as our next series in worship indicates?

We certainly seek God/Jesus when we are in times of need. Whether it be illness, grief, weariness, etc., we are always in need of our Savior. We seek through prayer. What about other times and ways? Does God’s face look different to different people and in different people? I believe so.

Look into the face of a newborn and see the innocence of that child and the innocence Jesus reflected back at you. What about the addict or the thief or the neighbor that is impossible to deal with? Do we or **shouldn’t we look at them and see that God can live in them just as He can and does live in us? Do we find love and forgiveness in our hearts for these people as Jesus did for the thief on the cross? The only one worthy to cast a stone, never did.**

What about someone else seeking the face of God in us? Do they see it? Or do they see us folded within ourselves and just showing up on Sunday mornings to be the “good Christian”?

*35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, **I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’** Matthew 25:35-40*

The face of God is everywhere and whether we are the ones seeking it or we are showing it to the seeker He will never leave us.

Pastor Linda





## 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.

## August 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:

Karen Chapman	
Tillie Daniels	health concerns
Tom & Linda Hrabal	health concerns – Linda
Ashley Limestoll/Kevin	new jobs
Austin/Naomi Limestoll	health of baby Ozzy
Henry & Linda Lipps	health concerns
Richard Martin	healing
Ron McClinsey	healing
Susan McLaughlin	health concerns
Nancy Smock	health concerns
Sandra Sturdevant	health concerns
Nina Warsing	healing
Sarah Warsing	healing – broken foot

### Grief of Families and Friends:

Baby Harrison Brunner  
Roger Hatch

### Service Men, Women and families:

Lucas Hitchcock  
Andrew Kirby  
Andre McCoy

**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





**Liberia Team July 2023**

Pin-stuffing 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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Back to School Sunday  
@ Andover UMC  
August 20th @ 9:30am  
Students, teachers, faculty  
& staff: Join us for the  
Blessing of the Backpacks.



**PV STUDENTS**  
 Monday, August 21st  
 4:30 to 6:00pm  
 PV Primary Sunshine Rm  
 Preschool - Grade 8



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](http://www.andoverfirstumc.org)  
 For one time or recurring gifts, visit  
[www.andoverfirstumc.org/give](http://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

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 which has replaced the  
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 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 3: CELEBRATE**

The Year of Jubilee - Deuteronomy 15  
 The Passover - Deuteronomy 16:1-8  
 The Festival of Weeks - Deuteronomy 16:1-8  
 The Festival of Booths - Deuteronomy 16:13-17



*United Methodist*  
*Men & Friends*  
*Breakfast*  
 Saturday, August 12  
 @ 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

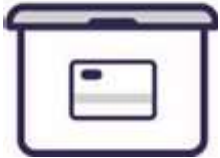


## In Person

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](http://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.



# East Ohio Conference News

For recent news & articles from the East Ohio Conference, visit the website:

<https://www.eocumc.com>



Thank you to Margaret Harvey for her leadership & organization on this July 25th Mission Day. These ladies had a great time making 306 Christmas ornaments for Red Bird Mission and assembling 53 hygiene & 35 menstrual kits for UMCOR.



Sent with a prayer to:

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

Free Dinner Friday  
August 25th @ 5:30pm



Andover UMC  
Fellowship Hall  
Invite a friend!

Outdoor Food Pantry  
August 11th, 9am-Noon  
@ Andover UMC

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

Fighting  
hunger.  
Delivering  
hope.



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Deb Somerville: 440-689-0026



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