



# The Messenger

andoverfirstumc



September  
2023

Andover UMC

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

# FALL KICKOFF

FAITH  
FAMILY  
FOOD

JOIN  
US!

**SUNDAYS 9:30am**



@AndoverUMC  
FOLLOW JESUS  
TOGETHER  
#BeUMC  
www.andoverfirstumc.org

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

Website: [www.andoverfirstumc.org](http://www.andoverfirstumc.org) (watch past services anytime)

Follow us on Facebook: [andoverfirstumc](https://www.facebook.com/andoverfirstumc)

& YouTube: [youtube.com/@andoverumc](https://www.youtube.com/@andoverumc)

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

Pastors: Pastor Jason Hockran 440-862-0470 / Pastor Linda Bradley 440-293-7025



Hello Siblings in Christ,

Welcome back from all your summer events! It was a great summer. It was so great to be out and at public events and connected to folks in powerful ways!

Recently I had a really powerful, connectional day. I was honored to celebrate a graveside memorial service for the Monnolly family, participate in a community Recovery Awareness event, officiate a wedding for the Graves family and wrap up the day with the class of 1993, 30 year reunion at Stable Winery!

**Talk about a whirlwind day, but it really allowed me to reflect on God's work in our lives,** my life, and how, regardless of current struggles and frustrations, we must focus on and celebrate our relationship with God, through creation and through other people. God exists in community and we exist at our healthiest in community. God calls us to be in community with God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. When we strive daily to live from that place, a place of community, we are able to connect with others and journey together towards our created purpose and identity.

As we journey together this Fall, we are using our Fall Kickoff Series to help reconnect us to God and each other. How else better to do this than with FOOD! Over the next few weeks we will be learning from stories about food in the bible, connecting with each other through our Faith, Family & Food.

Please join us weekly for WORSHIP, in SERVICE, in FELLOWSHIP as we continue to FOLLOW JESUS, TOGETHER!

Blessed to be a Blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason".

Pastor Jason







## 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 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:

Tillie Daniels	continued prayers
Henry & Linda Lipps	continued prayers
Thelma & Bob Drnek	health concerns
<b>"Sissy" Peterson</b>	healing from a recent illness
Sandra Sturdevant	not feeling good
Julie Temple	healing following cataract surgery

### Grief of Families and Friends:

Ronnie Gruskiewicz  
Linda Hrabal

### 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



Sunday, September 10th  
after 9:30 worship!

~ Fall Kickoff ~

Join us for food,  
fun & fellowship!

Please see list/sign up of food  
items needed in the lobby.

Get the  
**FLU**  **SHOT**  
not the flu!

Ashtabula Co. Health Dept.  
will hold a Flu Shot Clinic  
@ Andover UMC  
Tues., Sept. 19th from 11am-3pm  
in the Large Classroom.  
Other vaccines & blood pressure screenings  
will also be available.

### *Swiss Steak Dinner*

@ Cherry Valley Methodist Church  
(corner of Rt. 193 & Rt. 6)  
1st Thursday of the month  
4-6pm or sold out, Dine in or carry out  
Adult Dinners \$10, Children \$5



## Grieving a loss?

Find hope and healing after  
the death of a loved one.

Join us at  
**Grief & Share**<sup>®</sup>

Weekly grief support group

Starting September 14  
Thursdays 6:30pm-8:00pm  
13 weekly sessions

Andover Christian Church  
150 Stillman Avenue  
Andover, OH 44003

Register by phone:  
Lisa Young - 724-977-2648  
Debbie Mosora - 330-503-9466

For more information  
visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)



### Ashtabula County Outreach Department

is in search of a Group Fitness Instructor to be located at Andover UMC. The YMCA will train & work with any other prior commitments. Please contact Bonnie Konczal @ 440-997-5321.



### AMPLIFY MEDIA

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](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

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 1: CREATIVITY**

God Creates the Earth - Genesis 1:1-19  
God Creates Living Things - Genesis 1:20-25  
God Creates People - Genesis 1:26-2:4  
God Creates Helpers - Genesis 2:10-23



### United Methodist Men & Friends Breakfast

Sat., Sept. 9th  
@ 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



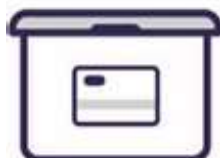
### In Person

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>

Western Reserve District Newsletter - September 2023 Circuit Writer:

[https://www.eocumc.com/westernreserve/\\_newsletters/September2023.pdf](https://www.eocumc.com/westernreserve/_newsletters/September2023.pdf)

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT & STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

### As of (6-31-2023)

Operating Income:	\$110,370.00
Operating Expenses:	\$155,650.00
Operating Balance	\$37,575.00
 2023 Total Budget	 \$345,663.00 (yearly) \$28,805.00 (monthly)

Mortgage Balance:	
12-31-2022	\$647,543.00
6-31-2023	\$634,405.00

### Operating Expenses by Percentage:

Payroll	50
Property	< 5
Programs - Ministries	< 5
Utilities	15
Interest	12
Office	13

### Attendance - 2nd Quarter 2023

Sunday Worship Weekly Average	77
Online Worship	29
<b>Children's Church (weekly)</b>	10
Small Groups (weekly)	20

If you would like more detailed financial information  
please contact the church office or one of the pastors.  
THANK YOU for your faithfulness to the mission and ministry of our church.



Margaret Harvey delivered hygiene & menstrual kits to Red Mission Barn in Newcastle for UMCOR.

If anyone would like to write to  
**Ronnie "Michael" Taylor**  
(Patti Dales' son)  
or send a note of encouragement/  
thank you for serving our country,  
his address in South Korea is:  
Pvt. Ronnie Taylor  
PSC 307  
Box #291  
APO AP 96224  
South Korea

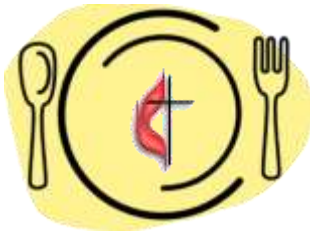


A BIG THANK YOU  
goes out to **Bonnie Lee's**  
and Tina Teter  
for their donations of  
ice cream for our Back to School  
Waffle Sunday event in August.

Sent with a prayer to:

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

Free Dinner Friday  
September 29th @ 5:30pm



Andover UMC  
Fellowship Hall  
Invite a friend!

Outdoor Food Pantry  
September 8th, 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  
September 22nd, 10am-Noon  
@ Andover UMC

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in Ashtabula County

