



Andover UMC

The Messenger

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January
2024

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

BECOMING THE PEOPLE OF GOD



WORSHIP SERIES



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

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

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Co-Pastors Jason Hockran & Linda Bradley



"This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the LORD Almighty is his name" (Jeremiah 31:35 NIV)

Something I never thought I would get to do was to go on a cruise, but in just a few weeks I am going to be on my third one with my dear friend and also a pastor, whose name happens to be Linda as well.

I wasn't sure what to expect that first time stepping onto that ship, but it was truly one of the best experiences in my life (until the last night that is). On our final night at sea the waves got very rough as we were coming back to Florida from the Bahamas as we were in a change of seasons. It was difficult to walk and even the performers during the evening show had to sit and sing because it was too dangerous for them to be up and moving around a lot.

I was not what you would call scared because I knew the captain was well trained and knew what he was doing, but it was still uncomfortable.

You know that is how it is sometimes in life. Matthew 14:24; 28-33 talks about how the disciples were in the boat being battered by the wind and as Peter was walking on that water toward Jesus, he became afraid, but Jesus was there to catch him.

24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

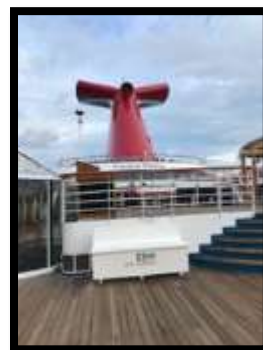
When the wind and the waves start to rock our boat, we can become afraid, but knowing we have a captain at the helm that is more experienced than we can ever be can make a huge difference in dealing with the storms of life.

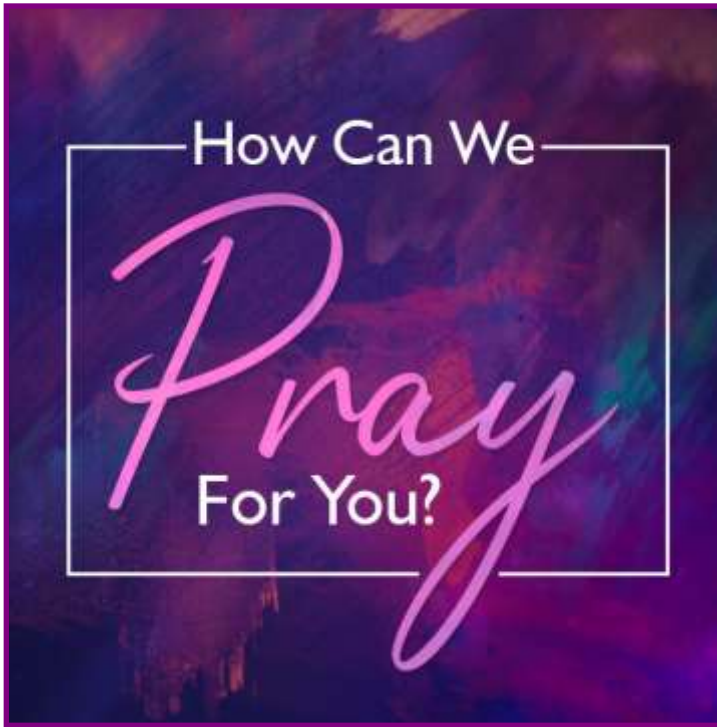
I want to encourage you as we start the new year together and the storms come, (which they will) to reach out for Jesus. Let him catch you and let him control the boat.

*When the storms of life are raging, Stand by me (stand by me);
When the storms of life are raging, Stand by me (stand by me);
When the world is tossing me Like a ship upon the sea
Thou who rulest wind and water, Stand by me (stand by me).*

Words & Music: Charles A. Tindley, 1905

Pastor Linda





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.

January 2024 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:

Will Greenawalt - continued prayers
John Story - health concerns

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
Will Greenawalt - Andover, Rm 517
Sis Ogram - Andover, Rm 412
Norma Piper - The Legacy, Farmdale
Roberta Hill - Ashtabula Co. Home - Kingsville



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



We were able to donate \$500.00
to Homesafe from our
Christmas Eve offering.



Homesafe
Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence Since 1978

P.O. Box 702
Ashtabula, OH 44005

440-992-2727
1-800-95-Abuse
24/7 Support

www.homesafeincoc.org
#HomesafeCares

*Happy
Holidays*



— AND A —
JOYFUL NEW YEAR



PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS
Sunday, January 21st @ 10:30am

Open to all Youth & Adults age 16+
 Please join us if you are interested in
 UMC Baptism, membership
 or learning more about the church.
 If you have questions, feel free to speak with
 Pastor Jason, Pastor Linda or
 contact the church office.



PROJECT FEED 2024
JANUARY 14
 4:00-6:00 p.m.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT
 Contact Pastor Jason to serve.
 Youth & Adults
 6th Grade and Up

The UMC of Berea
 170 Seminary St.
 Berea, OH 44017



Thank you to everyone for
 the gifts, cards &
 words of appreciation
 during this holiday season.
 Blessings,
 Pastor Linda



Andover UMC “Church in Action”
once again worked in partnership
with H2O Missions and installed
another ramp for a local family
adjusting to access issues.
**We’re so thankful for
everyone’s assistance.**

Ways to Give @ Andover UMC



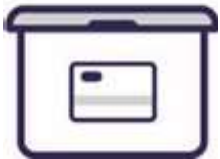
In Person

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.

East Ohio Conference News

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

<https://www.eocumc.com>



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!

JESUS
GIRLS

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
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: INCLUDE

Jesus' Baptism - Matthew 3:13-17
Calling the Disciples - Matthew 4:18-22
Showing Love - Matthew 5:43-48
God's Kingdom - Luke 13:18-21



United Methodist Men & Friends Breakfast

Sat., Jan. 13th
@ 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.

Sent with a prayer to:

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

Free Dinner Friday
January 26th @ 5:30pm



Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!

Outdoor Food Pantry
January 12th, 9am-11am
@ 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
January 26th, 10am-Noon
@ Andover UMC

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in Ashtabula County

