



Andover UMC

The Messenger

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October
2024

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

Generation to Generation Project

Andover UMC - 2024

Help us help others for generations to come!



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

Website: 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 / Phone: (440) 293-6290

Co-Pastors Jason Hockran & Linda Bradley



Greetings siblings in Jesus Christ,

Faithfulness!

1 Corinthians 1:9 - God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

God is faithful! God's faithfulness is so powerful for each of us on our journey through life. We are so blessed.

This is a primary tenant of our relationship with God. It is not something to be taken lightly nor is it something that is lived out in easy ways all the time. Think about the things you are faithful to or make as primary areas of daily or weekly focus in your life: God, family, spouse, significant other, children, career, sports teams, community... so many more options. What is it about those things in daily practice that keep you and help you to maintain faithfulness? These answers are the Things that we need to take into account in our relationship with God. How do we respond to the blessings of God and the faithfulness of God in our lives?

Hebrews 10:23 - Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

I humbly encourage us to live out that faithfulness in response. We should primarily spend time daily with God, growing our **relationship through prayer, sharing God's love with others through service and self-sacrifice**, and being present in people's **times of need. We are created to be in relationship with God. We are created in God's image. God exists in community** (Father, Son & Holy Spirit). As such we must exist in community with God and others. How is Andover UMC part of your Community and how is God calling you and our congregation to being community for all? We have been answering these questions for a few months now as a part of our Generation to Generation Project 2024. What is your answer and how will you put this into action?

Intentional Prayer and vision alignment for the future - Where is God calling us as a faith community?

Regular Presence - attend worship regularly, invite others, give them a ride, be in faith community.

Connected Service - look at the ministry of the church weekly, where you can serve, where God is calling you to serve, and connect back to intentional prayer.

Sharing God's Blessing - how can you make a more regular commitment to giving? Can you maintain your current commitment? Is God calling you to share more?

Peace and strength to you all on the journey.

May God continue to bless us on the journey ahead,

Pastor Jason



Generation to Generation Project

Mission and Ministry of the Church - last 100 years

- Worship & Music, Children & Youth Focus, Global & Local Missions

Mission and Ministry of the Church - next 100 years

- Worship & Music, Children & Youth Focus, Global & Local Mission
- Community Needs, those in the margins (JESUS model)

Financial Sustainability - next 100 years

Big God Goal - pay off debt by 12-2024 - \$600,000
- \$5,000 from 100 individuals, families, grants, groups

Leadership Board Tasks

- Eliminate debt - reduce monthly cash demands
- Increase public/private grant funding
- Asset utilization - rent our building more, business incubation
- Increase Family and Individual gifts

NEED PASSIONATE, COMMITTED folks to help with the tasks, please ask
Pastor Linda or Pastor Jason how you can help.

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THINGS EVERYONE CAN DO:

Intentional Prayer

- Vision alignment for the future - Where is God calling us as a faith community?

Regular Presence

- Attend worship regularly, invite others, give them a ride, be in faith community.

Connected Service - look at the ministry of the church every week

- Where you can serve?
- Where God is calling you to serve, connected back to your intentional prayer.

Sharing God's Blessing

- How can you make a more regular commitment to financial giving?
- Can you maintain your current commitment?



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.

October 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:		Service Men, Women & Families:	
Debbie Boggs	health concerns	Lucas Hitchcock	
Joe Cooper	healing following shoulder surgery	Andrew Kirby	
Ric Harvel	healing after a stroke	Andre McCoy	
Cathy Kalinowski	healing & medical testing	Michael “Ronnie” Taylor	
Austin/Naomi Limestoll	unspoken prayers	Jennifer White	
Ozzy Limestoll	healing from sickness		
Cindy Maloney	unspoken prayers		
Paula Martin	health concerns		
Leslie McCoy	upcoming surgery (10/15)		
John Sisley	health concerns		
Sandra Sturdevant	health concerns		
Pete Vuyancih	health concerns		
		Those in Assisted Living/Nursing Facilities:	
		Jane Ericson - Andover	
		Sis Ogram - Andover	
		John Sisley - Andover	
		Norma Piper - The Legacy, Farmdale	
		Roberta Hill - Ashtabula Co. Home - Kingsville	
		Silvano Madrusa - Ashtabula Co. Home - Kingsville	

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



50%

of your donation funds scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students of color pursuing ordained ministry

35%

of your donation funds training grants for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access

15%

of your donation funds leadership development grants in communities around the world

Your support funds several significant educational initiatives

WHAT IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY?

World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. We commemorate this day by giving generously to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. Your gift is a practical expression of care, equipping students to shape a hopeful future. Supporting United Methodist students offers both financial and spiritual encouragement, demonstrating the church's confidence in their potential. On World Communion Sunday, we join ecumenically in acknowledging our unity in Christ as we gather around His table. This year, World Communion Sunday is October 6, 2024.

East Ohio Conference News



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

<https://www.eocumc.com>



Northern Waters District News

For recent news & articles from the Northern Waters District, visit the website:

<https://www.eocumc.com/northernwaters>

Weekly newsletters from our District are available by clicking on the Newsletter link.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



It's a time for each of us to individually express our thanks to Pastor Jason & Pastor Linda for their time and caring.
Send them a note of encouragement & appreciation:

Andover UMC
P.O. Box 207
Andover, Ohio 44003

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.



ANCHOR OF HOPE
Resource Center
877-248-5327 (24 hours)
Center Office Hours:
Mon. thru Thurs. 11-3 or by appt.
149 East Main St., Andover



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
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.



Swiss Steak Dinner

@ Cherry Valley Methodist Church
(corner of Rt. 193 & Rt. 6)
1st Thursday of the month thru December
4-6pm or sold out., Adults \$12, Children \$5



United Methodist
Men & Friends
Breakfast
Sat., Oct. 12th
8:30am
All are welcome!

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

All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024 - during 9:30am worship

Each year on the first Sunday in November, we remember those in our congregation and families, who have passed away in the past 12 months.

We invite you and your family to be part of the service. Please let us know in advance that you would like to have your loved one remembered.

Contact the church office at 440-293-6290.



Installation Service for Bishop Hee-Soo Jung – October 19

Laitly and clergy of the East Ohio Conference are invited and encouraged to attend The Service of Installation for Bishop Hee-Soo Jung on Saturday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. at Wooster UMC, 243 N Market St., Wooster, OH 44691.

The service will be followed by a reception at the church. This is your opportunity to greet Bishop Jung and his wife Im-Hyon and welcome them to the East Ohio Conference and the new Ohio Episcopal Area.

A Message from
BISHOP HEE-SOO JUNG



Welcome
Bishop
Hee-Soo Jung
to the
New Ohio
Episcopal Area of
East & West Ohio

Here's the link for Bishop Jung's message:

<https://eocumcnews.com/2024/09/03/september-3-2024/>



AUMC Youth

Scan this QR code and join!

Project Feed – November 10

Come join us at Northampton UMC at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 10 for Project Feed!

Together the youth of East Ohio will pack meals for families experiencing food insecurity.

This is a great chance for youth to serve together in a one-day mission project.

You will meet other youth groups from around the Conference while we help make the world a little better, one meal at a time. Our time will be filled with music, laughter, an occasional shenanigan,

and concluded by joining together for dinner. You won't want to miss it!

Let Isaac Orahod know you're interested or send a message in the Band app group (above).

A vertical poster for a Flu Vaccine Clinic. At the top, it says 'AVOID THE FLU' in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below this is 'Flu Vaccine Clinic' in a slightly smaller font. The location and date are listed as 'Andover Public Library, October 16th, 12 pm- 2 pm, 142 W Main St Andover OH 44003'. It also includes information about insurance ('All insurance accepted', 'Free for those who qualify') and age requirements ('Flu Vaccine ages 6 months and up', 'All Welcome'). A contact number is provided: 'If you have any questions, please call 440-576-6010, press option 2'. The poster features several cartoon virus characters and a syringe icon. At the bottom, there are logos for the Andover Council of Churches (ACC) and the Public Health Agency of Andover (PHAB).



PARSONAGE
HOTDOG
ROAST



THANKS TO ALL
WHO ATTENDED!



HALLOWEEN PHOTO BOOTH



Bring the family
for a fun
Halloween portrait
@ Andover UMC!
Thurs., Oct. 31st
6-8pm

AUMC YOUTH

Scan this QR code (below)
to sign up for communication
about youth events
and service projects.



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2024 Kids Christmas Program

A Very Mixed-Up Christmas Pageant

Practices start on Sun., Oct 13th
during Kids Church & continue on
Sundays until the Dec. 8th performance.

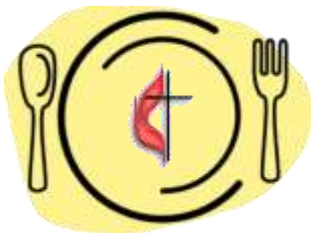
They are in need of donations of
kid's gently used Halloween costumes.

Please see Amanda Everly
for more information.

Sent with a prayer to:

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

Free Dinner Friday
October 25th @ 5:30pm



Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!

Outdoor Food Pantry
October 11th, 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
October 25th, 10am-Noon
@ Andover UMC
Open to all of those in need
in Ashtabula County

