



Andover UMC

The Messenger

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November
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



THANK YOU

October was pastor appreciation month, a time where we thank our elders, deacons, local pastors and lay pastors for what they do in the church. Jason and I, however, thank you as well for your love and support not only of our ministry, but of the church in general.

Ray Boltz sings a song entitled Thank You that partially goes like this:

I dreamed I went to heaven and you were there with me.
We walked upon the streets of gold beside the crystal sea.
We heard the angels singing. Then someone called your name.
You turned and saw this young man and he was smiling as he came.
And he said friend you may not know me now and then he said but wait.
You used to teach my Sunday School when I was only eight.
And every week you would say a prayer before the class would start.
And one day when you said that prayer I asked Jesus in my heart.

CHORUS

Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am a life that was changed
Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am so glad you gave

<https://www.songlyrics.com/ray-boltz/thank-you-for-giving-to-the-lord-lyrics/>

However, my question to you is, have you ever thought of it the other way around? It's easy to thank people for what they do but do we thank God enough for what is done in our lives?

No matter how difficult our situation may be, do we wake up in the morning and thank Him for the day ahead? Are we grateful for the food on the table, the shoes on our feet and the heat in our homes on these chilly fall nights? Are we just thankful to be alive in a land that is free because of our Veterans and current service members?

Do we thank Him for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ so that we can receive grace and mercy?

As we are approaching the time of Thanksgiving, let us always remember to thank God for, "His great salvation so rich and free."

Patsie Linda



<https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/thankful-bible-verses/>



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.

November 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:

Anonymous	prayers for positive SSI hearing
Shelley Decker	back surgery
AJ Fertig	healing - thigh bone
Cathy Kalinowski	healing - health concerns
Austin/Naomi Limestoll	unspoken prayers
Paula Martin	continued healing
Andre McCoy	unspoken prayers
Sheryl McGann	healing after a fall
Pastor Linda Slutz	healing - fractured vertebrae

Grief of Families & Friends:

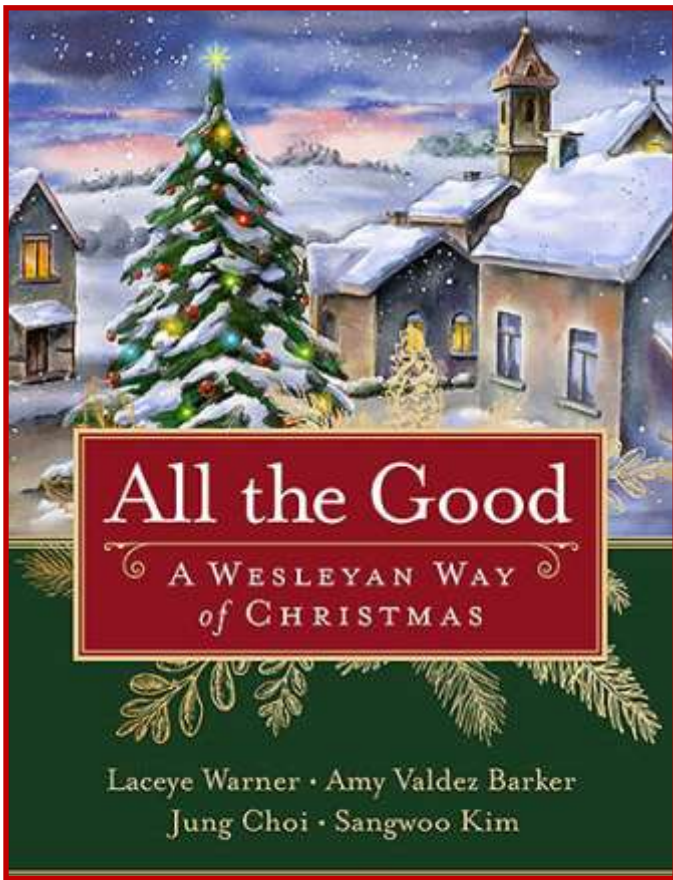
Edna Schultz
Glennice Sparber
Jerold Tear

Service Men, Women & Families:

Lucas Hitchcock
Andrew Kirby
Andre McCoy
Michael “Ronnie” Taylor
Jennifer White

Those in Assisted Living/Nursing Facilities:

Jane Ericson - Andover
Sis Ogram - Andover
John Sisley - Saybrook
Norma Piper - The Legacy, Farmdale
Roberta Hill - Ashtabula Co. Home - Kingsville
Silvano Madrusa - Ashtabula Co. Home - Kingsville



Advent Small Group Gathering starts Dec. 1

All the Good
A Wesleyan Way of Christmas

Sunday Morning, after worship - 10:30am @ AUMC
Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 - kids, youth & adults welcome.

Books are available in the office for \$10.00 each.

In All the Good, a group of diverse Wesleyan scholars takes you on an Advent journey guided by the **practices in John Wesley's means of grace.**

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.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT & STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

As of (9-30-2024)

Operating Income: \$239,000.00 *Operating income includes \$50,000 from our Service Family Grant
Operating Expenses: \$235,000.00
Operating Balance \$37,400.00

2024 Total Budget \$345,000.00 (yearly)
\$28,750.00 (monthly)

Mortgage Balance:
12-31-2023 \$620,930.00
6-30-2024 \$603,614.00

A reminder that all additional gifts to the Generation to Generation Project 2024 between Oct. 1 & Dec. 31, 2024 will go directly to reduce the mortgage principal. Please prayerfully consider how you can help reach our goal of eliminating our debt.

Operating Expenses by Percentage:

Payroll	49
Property	8
Programs - Ministries	13
Utilities	12
Interest	12
Office	6

Attendance - 2nd Quarter 2024

Sunday Worship Weekly Average	81
Online Worship	19
Children's Church (weekly)	10
Small Groups (weekly)	21

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.

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., Nov. 9th
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.

We were blessed to have Rev. Rick Oakes share his message with us on October 20th during our Generation to Generation Project.



On November 3rd,
All Saints Sunday,
we remembered
those who have gone
before us.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES & CHILDREN IN NEED **Children's Services Foster Children**



Christmas List items and details
are in the lobby.
Items must be new and unwrapped.
Please deliver them to the church office
by Sunday, December 1st.



Thank you

By standing with us through volunteering, donating, or offering words of encouragement, you empower our mission to bring joy, connection and purpose to our residents.

Andover Village SNR



Thank you to everyone for the nice cards, notes of encouragement and gifts received for Pastor Appreciation in October. I look forward to another year **of being in God's service** with you.
Pastor Linda

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Open to the PV-area community!

November 21, 2024

Lunch served at 12:00pm

Held at Andover Christian Church
with cooperation with
local churches and community!

🎵 Featuring PV Jazz Combo 🎵

FOR MEAL DELIVERIES,
RSVP BY CALLING
440-293-6381

THANKS
FOR ALL THE WAYS
YOU LEAD
& GUIDE
THE CHURCH.

PASTOR APPRECIATION



Ashtabula YMCA
Silver Sneakers class showing
their Halloween spirit
@ Andover UMC.



Simply Christmas 2024

- * Mrs. Claus Breakfast at the Fire Dept. (9AM to 11AM)
 - * Kids Crafts and Games at the Fire Dept, (10AM to 1PM)
 - * Craft Fair at United Methodist Church (10AM to 3PM)
 - * Santa's Workshop at the Senior Center (10AM to 3PM)
 - * 50/50 tickets available at Gulf (10AM to 4:30PM)
 - * Live Reindeer on the Square (11AM to 1PM)
 - * Food Trucks (11AM to 7PM)
 - * Face Painting on the Square (1PM to 5PM)
 - * 50/50 tickets available on the Square (4:30PM to 8PM)
 - * Wagon Rides on the Square (3:30PM to 5:30PM)
 - * Parade and LIGHT UP THE SQUARE (6PM)
 - * Photos with Santa in Gazebo (After Parade)
- Any questions please contact Lara 440-645-4657 or Barb 440-339-4886**



AUMC YOUTH

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



Project Feed – November 10

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

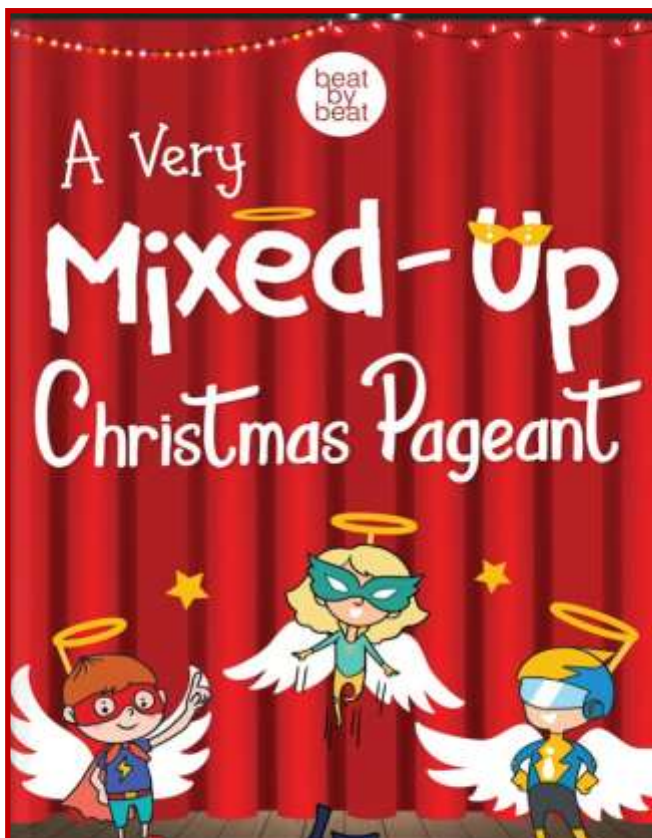
Together the youth of East Ohio will pack meals for families experiencing food insecurity.

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



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.

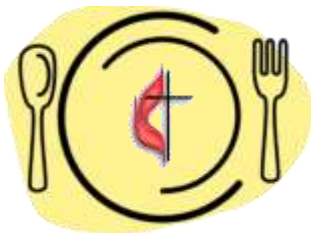
They are in need of donations of
kid's gently used Halloween costumes.

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
November 29th @ 5:30pm



Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!

Outdoor Food Pantry
November 8th, 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
November 22nd, 10am-Noon
@ Andover UMC
Open to all of those in need
in Ashtabula County

