



Andover UMC

The Messenger

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January
2025

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

THE SCANDAL OF GRACE



@Andover UMC

FOLLOW JESUS

TOGETHER!

#BeUMC

www.andoverfirstumc.org

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



Hello Siblings in Christ,

Happy New Year! Praising God for a great Advent and Christmas season! Thinking back to our Thanksgiving worship and community food ministry focus in that season. What a blessing to serve the community and be blessed by God through those ministries. Celebrating the beginning of Advent with the powerful program and worship from our Kids Christmas pageant! Thank you for sharing the message of the Gospel in such a powerful way kids! Special thank you to Amanda Everly and team for a great ministry to the church and local community, we are blessed, thank you!

We have celebrated Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord Sunday early in January ~ what a powerful worship experience and with communion and baptismal remembrance and invitation. For those in person at worship this past week, a powerful time of music, message, movement of the Holy Spirit along with baptismal remembrance and connection to God's active work through sacraments filled us and strengthens us for the new year together as we follow Jesus together!

THANK YOU! ~ to each and every one of you that responded to our Generation to Generation 2024 campaign! Praise God! Through your faithful response to God we have been able to pay down our mortgage debt by \$59,000.00 dollars. THANK YOU! Thankful to God for leading us to this impactful result! We look to 2025 and the Generation to Generation project to continue to eliminate our debt and stabilize our expense budget for a healthy future. Please continue to consider how God may be calling you to share your blessings to eliminate our building mortgage. For more information or questions about our finances contact the church office.

We begin a new worship series guiding us to better know and share the grace of God. Radical Grace, the scandal of grace will lead us to the Lenten season and teach us how to focus on the blessing of grace we have been given and to share that grace in our broken and hurting world. Join us for Sunday morning worship weekly, and as always you can worship online (live or later) through the church website, or directly at our church YouTube page. (@andoverumc)

Looking forward to serving and sharing with you in ministry and service to God. Peace be with you!

In Service to Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jason".



GRACE

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ABOUND

BESTOWED

CHRIST

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FAITH

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GRACE

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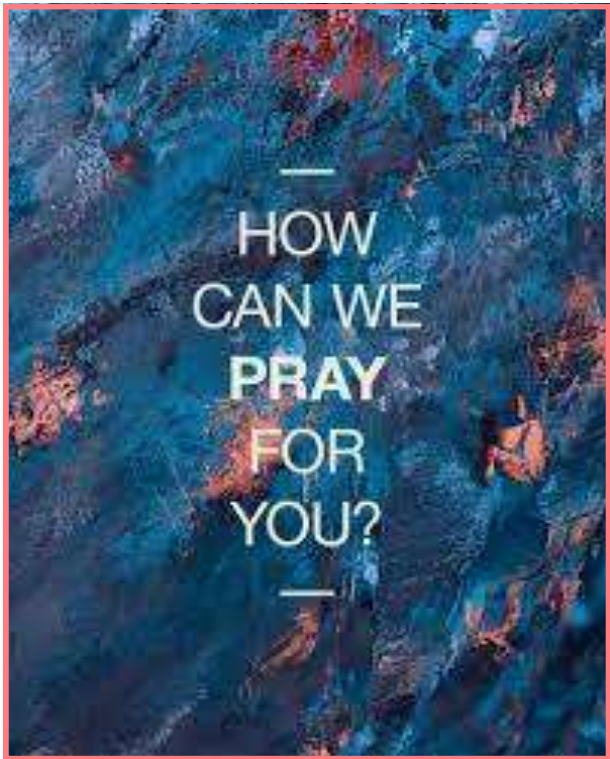
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MANIFOLD

MERCY

PEACE

SALVATION



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 2025 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:

Tammi (Drnek) Gorski	health concerns
Alicen Limestoll	unspoken prayers
Cindy Maloney	unspoken prayers
Fran Martin	prayer concerns
Leslie McCoy	cataract surgery
John Roberts	health concerns - arm
Sandra Sturdevant	health concerns
Michael Thur	health concerns - asthma/bronchittis

Grief of Families & Friends:

John Higley
Struna Family

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

Croston's made a donation to the church for
use of the hall for the PV Football Banquet
& wrote the following thank you:



Pastor Jason and Church,
We just wanted to take a moment and thank you for giving up the space to
provide a special event to our PV football team and families.
Your generosity knows no bounds. Thank you for everything you do
for this church, community, school and all its people.
You are appreciated beyond words.
Neal and Danielle Croston

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.

Generation to Generation Project

Andover UMC - 2024

Help us help others for generations to come!

Thank you to all who donated to our
Generation to Generation Project 2024
to help pay down the mortgage.
\$59,000 was raised and paid on the mortgage
on December 31, 2024.

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)
*Dinners will most likely resume in 2025
so be sure to watch for those dates.*



United Methodist
Men & Friends
Breakfast
Sat., Jan. 11th
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.

2024 Kids Christmas Program @ Nursing Home



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Midnight Birthday Celebration



2024 Kids Christmas Program





AUMC YOUTH

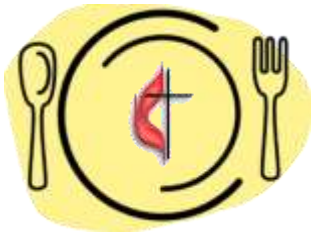
Scan this QR code (below)
to sign up for communication
about youth events
and service projects.



Sent with a prayer to:

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

Free Dinner Friday
January 31st @ 5:30pm



*Deli Meat Chopped
Sandwiches & Chips*

Outdoor Food Pantry
January 10th, 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 24th, 10am-Noon
@ Andover UMC

Open to all of those in need
in Ashtabula County

