



Andover UMC

The Messenger

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February
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



For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies—

Refrain:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

[Folliott S. Pierpoint, pub.1864 alt.](#)

I know that we normally think of this song as a song for harvest time, but I think we often forget that God's beauty is around us no matter the season.

Here at home it is the snow time of year.



On my recent vacation it was 82 degrees in Cozumel.



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On the ship, beauty was seen in the performers, the design of the different areas of the ship and the diversity of people you met and who work there. Sixty four different countries were represented in over 1400 workers.



Beauty is not just found in nature and beauty is not found only on the outside. Beauty is found within. God gave us a gift to be beautiful to those around us by sharing His love and light to all we meet.



As we continue our series on grace that leads us to Lent, let us be ever aware of the beautiful creation in nature and in people. Blessings,

Pascal Linder

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.



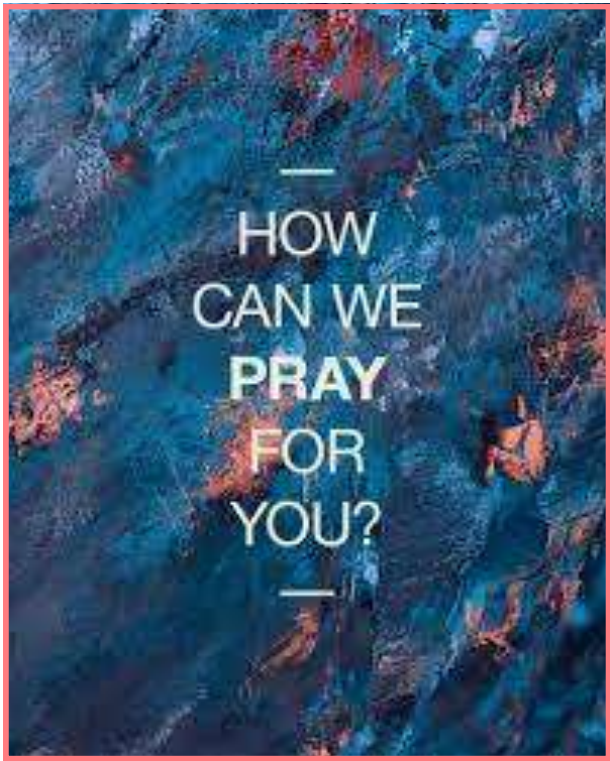
Online

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.



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.

February 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:

Julie Decker	McCall Family - dealing with grief
Julie Decker	unspoken prayers
Susan Dickson	health concerns
Cathy Kalinowski	cancer healing
Cindy Maloney	unspoken prayers
Paula Martin	cancer healing & safe travels
Andre McCoy	health concerns
Mike Rhodaburger	health concerns
Sandra Sturdevant	health concerns
Cinnamon Turner	health concerns

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



Ashtabula County Children Services

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Ashtabula County Children Services Board, thank you for your generosity in adopting and providing Christmas gifts for five (5) children in the care of this agency. It means a great deal to our Board and staff to have people in our community get involved in making the holidays a little brighter for our children in care.

Again, we appreciate your continued support to this agency and for acknowledging the services we provide to the children and families of Ashtabula County. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season; and we would like to take this time to wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2025!

Sincerely,

ASHTABULA COUNTY
CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD

Matthew Wunsch
Community Support Coordinator

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.

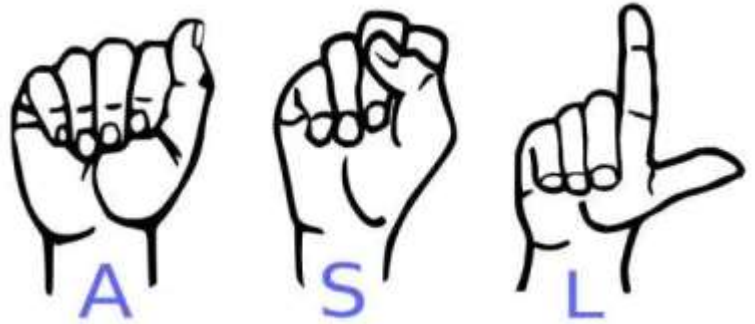


AUMC YOUTH
Scan this QR code (below)
to sign up for communication
about youth events
and service projects.



ASL for Kids in February

Sundays after church
(30 minutes)
during February!
Adults are welcome
to come & learn, too.



Kids Church

Sunday mornings at 9:30
during worship.
All are welcome!

FREE R.A.M. Clinic
is coming back soon
to Ashtabula!

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC
Get the medical care you need at our FREE MEDICAL CLINIC coming to **ASHTABULA, OH**



Remote Area Medical (RAM)® provides free, quality healthcare to those in need!

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- DENTAL**
Cleanings, Fillings, Extractions, X-rays
- VISION CARE**
Complete Eye Exams, Eye Health Evaluations, Prescription Glasses Made on Site
- MEDICAL CARE**
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Free, First Come, First Served, No ID Required!

MARCH 22-23, 2025
Lakeside Junior High
8850 Sandborn Road
Ashtabula, OH 44034



FOR MORE INFORMATION: RAMUSA.ORG | 865.579.1530



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.

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
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.

We are now collecting \$25 gift cards from *Dollar General* or *Family Dollar* stores for *ImpacTherapeutics*. New clients are received weekly & this allows for them to get personal **undergarments locally**. **If you'd like to donate, please** bring cards to the church office.



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

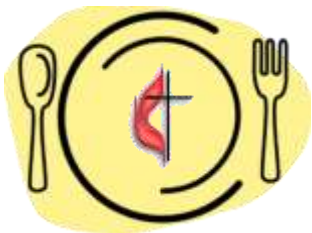


ImpacTherapeutics
BE THE CHANGE

Sent with a prayer to:

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

Free Dinner Friday
February 28th @ 5:30pm



Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!

Outdoor Food Pantry
February 14th, 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
February 28th, 10am-Noon
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