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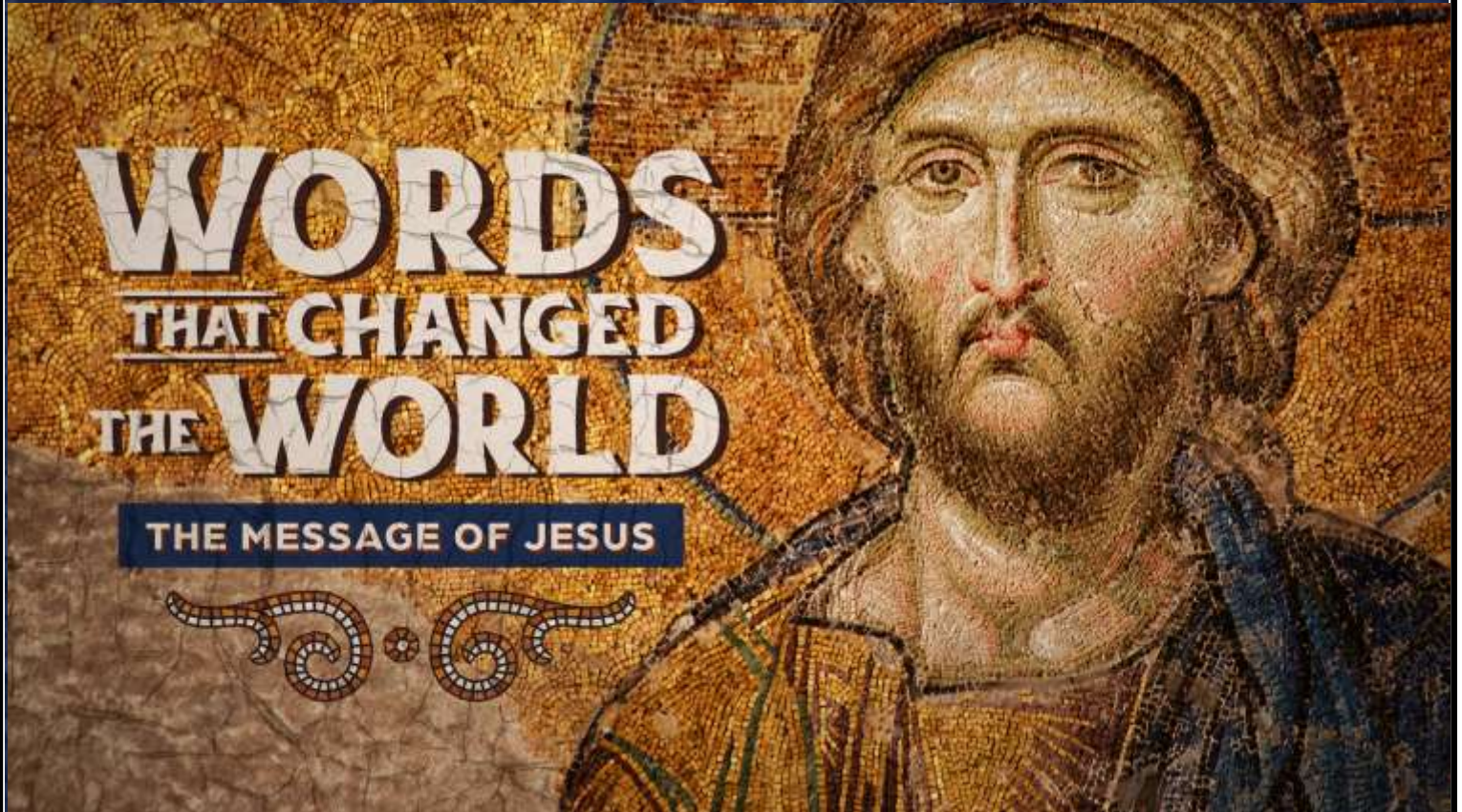
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March
2025

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

Lenten Worship Series



& Small Group Study

*Sundays after worship ~ Books are available in the office for \$15
Videos are also available on Amplify Media
(see page 7 for FREE account & instructions for signing up)*



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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



Greetings, Siblings in Christ!

Welcome to March 2025, as we begin Lent with Ash Wednesday and a time of reflection and repentance moving into this season of turning back to God, we thank God for this opportunity and this season in the life of the people of God. I pray that each of us take the time necessary daily, weekly and monthly during this Lent season to focus through sacrifice and action on drawing closer to God.

During Lent this year our worship series is focused on the Message of Jesus. We will be learning, reflecting, and serving one another and our world in healthier ways as we continue to use the messages of Jesus in action. This includes our own personal spiritual growth, community spiritual growth and our impact and service to the world. This season is an intentional time of turning back to God and strengthening our identity and created purpose to be in relationship with God. Please join us weekly for worship in person, and as needed via the church website live or later online.

We have tools for daily scriptural study, reflection and prayer available to you as a part of this worship series. Please check out the GPS resource materials each week during Lent to help you on this personal spiritual growth opportunity.



grow. pray. study.

Additionally, we have shared a Lenten calendar that will help you collect coins (& bills) each week to share some financial sacrifice to ministries in our local and global community. Please join this Lenten challenge and help fill the jars in the lobby each week. (details on page 5)

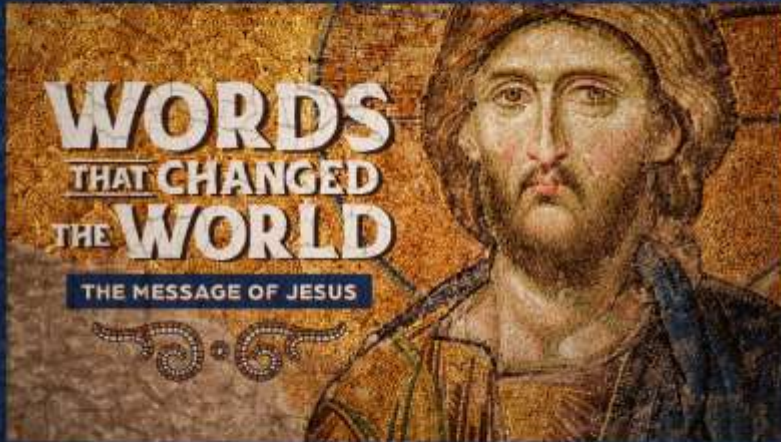
Through intentional daily practice, we will transform ourselves and our faith community to better share the message of Jesus through our actions to others and our faithfulness to God. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and bless us during this season and beyond.

In Service to Christ,

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



Lenten Small Group Study



Sundays
following worship
starting on **March 9**
through **April 13.**

Books are available in the office for \$15.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE PRAYER GUIDES



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Daily Scripture Prayer Guides are available for our Lenten Worship Series, *The Message of Jesus*. Please contact the church office to have them emailed to you.

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.



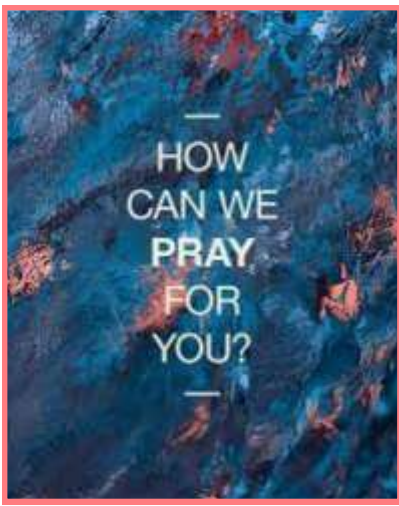
Online

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.



March 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:

Cathy Kalinowski	cancer healing
Bella Limestoll	healing - barn cat bite
Carol Loveland	healing following knee surgery
Cindy Maloney	unspoken
Cassie Martin	health concerns
Paula Martin	continued - healing
Sandra Sturdevant	health concerns
Cinnamon Turner	health concerns
Carol Wheeler	health concerns

Grief of Families and Friends:

Ross Boggs, Jr.
Susan Dickson

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

***Discipleship Ministries of the UMC,
has offered up an idea for us to do as a mission project for Lent.***

During Lent, we are reminded to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" Part of faith formation at any age is compassion and serving our neighbors. Lent is a good time to commit to giving money to a project that helps people in need. You can get the family involved by collecting coins during Lent that will be donated to a charity after Easter.

Follow the "Coins for Lent Giving Calendar" as a guide.

Our kids will collect coins to be divided between Camphor Mission and the Urban Mission JOSHUA program and our adults will collect coins to be used for gift cards for ImpacTherapeutics clients.

Let's see who can raise more for these crucial mission needs.

This project begins on Ash Wednesday so please pick up a calendar on the table outside the office today. The kids will be given their calendars during Kids Church. There will be jars in the lobby marked with "Kids" and "Adults" to put in coins (or dollars) collected each week.

Let's see who can collect the most!



March 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			5 Ash Wednesday Song: "Fix You" A coin for every lamp.	6 A coin for every light switch.	7 A coin for every candle.	8 A coin for every flashlight (include your smartphone).
9 SONG: "Rise Up" Pray today, thanking God for the gift of light. Pray for those who live in darkness.	10 A coin for every room in your home	11 A coin for every electrical outlet in your home.	12 A coin for every chair in your home	13 A coin for every window in your home	14 A coin for every bathroom in your home	15 A coin for every bed in your home
16 SONG: "Head Above Water" Pray today, thanking God for shelter. Pray for those who have no place to sleep at night.	17 A coin for every box of cereal	18 A coin for every can of soup	19 A coin for every type of bread in your home	20 A coin for every jar of jelly	21 A coin for every bottle of salad dressing/condiment	22 A coin for every jar of peanut butter
23 SONG: "Ging to Christ." Pray today, thanking God for the food you enjoy. Pray for those who have no food this day.	24 A coin for every box of band-aids	25 A coin for every bottle of vitamins	26 A coin for every bottle of Tylenol in your house	27 A coin for every tube of chap stick	28 A coin for every toothbrush and tube of toothpaste	29 A coin for every cough drop in your house.
30 SONG: "Rainbow" Pray today, thanking God for your health. Pray for those who are sick.	31 A coin for every ball or piece of athletic equipment					

April 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 A coin for every electronic video game.	2 A coin for every smart device (phones, tablets, etc.).	3 A coin for every television	4 A coin for every doll or stuffed animal.	5 A coin for every board or card game
6 Song: "Cover Me in Sunshine" Pray today, thanking God for the entertainment in your home. Pray for those who would be grateful for just one of these items.	7 A coin for every ball cap or hat	8 A coin for every pair of shoes	9 A coin for every pair of jeans or pants	10 A coin for every coat	11 A coin for every t-shirt	12 A coin for every sweatshirt
13 Palm Sunday Song: "You Will Be Found" Pray today, thanking God for clothing that protects you from the elements. Pray for those who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry.	14 A coin for every Bible.	15 A coin for every book of hymns or sacred songs in your home.	16 A coin for every cross in your home.	17 A coin for every prayer you say today.	18 A coin for every story of Jesus you can tell.	19 A coin for every person in your family.
20 Easter Sunday Song: "Light Of A Clear Blue Morning" Pray, thanking God for Jesus and for the many ways we can gather and worship God. Pray for those who will receive the coins collected that they would see God's presence through them.	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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 Scan this QR code
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 to sign up for communi-



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

Feb. 14 Celebrate the Pantry Party

A big thank you to Sandy John & all of the Food Pantry volunteers! We appreciate all of their time & dedication in making the Food Missions happen.



After working hard to serve clients at the Pantry on Feb. 14th, they all got together afterwards for food, games & fellowship.





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

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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., March 8th
8:30am
All are welcome!

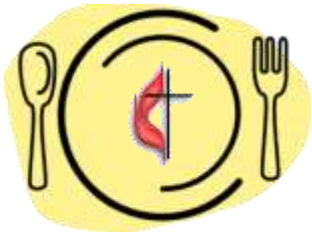


ImpacTherapeutics
BE THE CHANGE

Sent with a prayer to:

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

Free Dinner Friday
March 28th @ 5:30pm



Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!

Outdoor Food Pantry
March 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
March 28th, 10am-Noon
@ Andover UMC
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in Ashtabula County

