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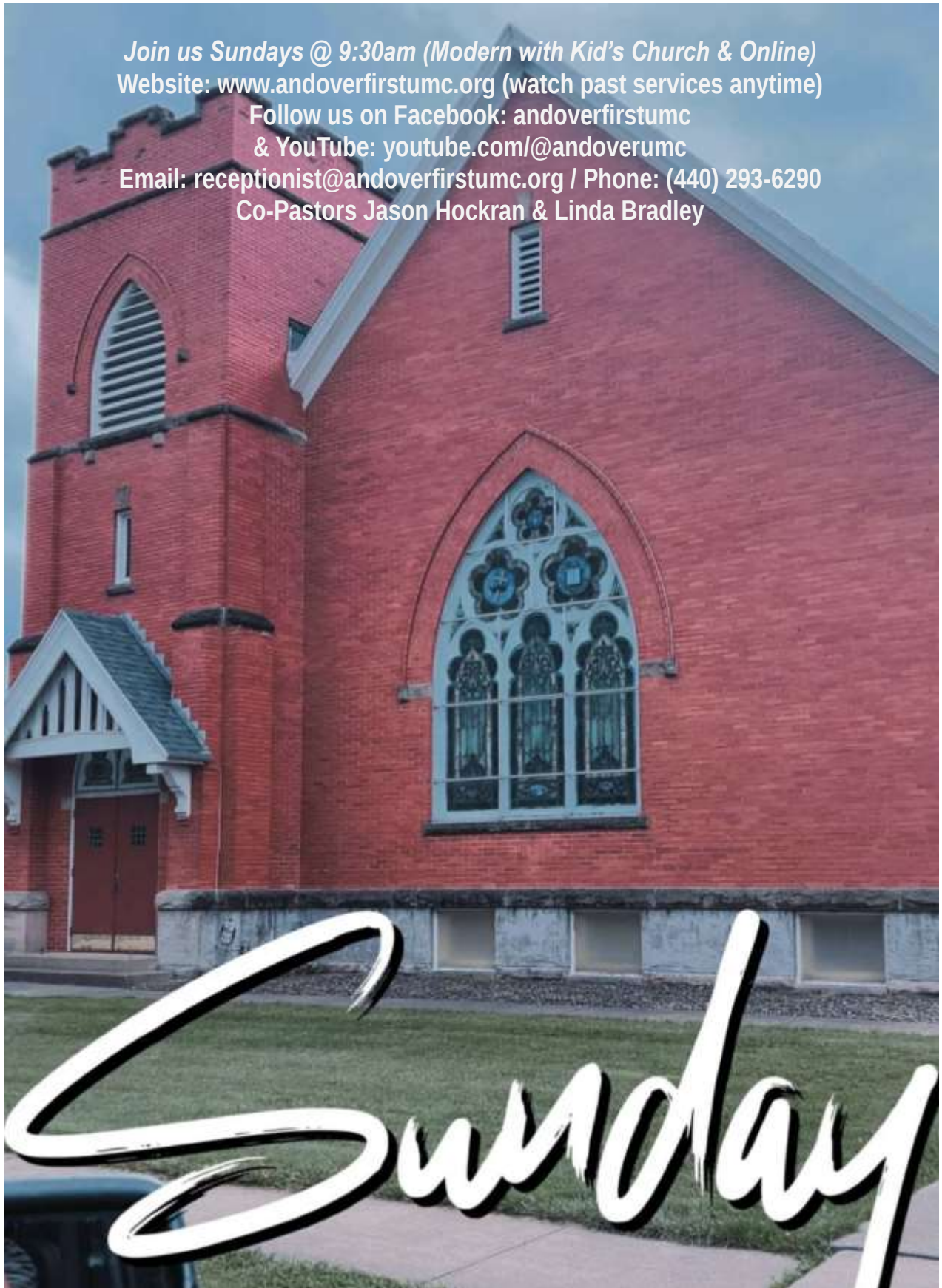


Andover UMC

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

August
2025

Join us Sundays @ 9:30am (Modern with Kid's Church & Online)
Website: www.andoverfirstumc.org (watch past services anytime)
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Email: receptionist@andoverfirstumc.org / Phone: (440) 293-6290
Co-Pastors Jason Hockran & Linda Bradley





Maturity in Faith

**Don't walk around the down and out lend a helping hand instead of doubt
And the kindness that you show every day will help someone along their way
You've got to try a little kindness...**

genius.com › Glen-campbell-try-a-little-kindness

Sometimes I sit and listen to Jason preach and think to myself, he's preaching to me. He knew I needed that sermon today as much as anyone else in the congregation. With that in mind it pains me to admit that wasn't the case on the Sunday he preached on kindness.

I try my best to be kind and to help others knowing God wants me to do that and it does make me happy to do that, so he wasn't really saying anything I didn't know. OR WAS HE!?

One of the things that Jason hit on was unexpected kindness. He talked about how Wendy had put the box of towels in the sound booth for him to use. Just a simple thing that made Sunday morning easier for him.

My 40th high school reunion is coming up in August. I have never been to one reunion because I figured those kids did not like me in school (and truthfully I felt the same at times) so why spend \$35 a person to go and sit and have dinner with them. I did, however, find out that one of my dearest friends since middle school was going with his spouse so that changed my thinking somewhat. Still, a total of \$70 for two of us that I could save plus the gas and driving the 65 miles each way on a Saturday night when I have to get up the next morning did not seem that appealing. So I planned to give it some more thought but most likely would email back and say I would not attend.

Then the strangest thing showed up on my Facebook messages. I opened the messenger app the night after Jason did the sermon on kindness and found a note from the lady from my class who is organizing the reunion, that my dinner had been paid for and if my husband wanted to attend his would be taken care of as well. I messaged her back and said, "Get out, really?" and she said "Yes, really." I was so surprised by that simple act of kindness that was so unexpected, that I want you all to know I am going to go and so if you see me sleeping in church on the 24th of August just cast a few stones my way.

As I was driving a few days later I started thinking about my attitude of not caring if I really saw these folks again or not and it started me thinking that high school was 40 years ago and we have all grown and matured since then.

That is how our faith should be.

(cont.) —————→

It doesn't matter where we were 10 years ago, a year ago, a month ago or even a week ago. It matters where we are now. It matters where we are headed. Has our faith matured with age? Do we look at scripture differently than we did when we were 20 or 30? If we don't then we need to stop and recharge. We need to go back to the simple faith of a child so we can mature and share our faith with others. Doing good is part of that faith maturity.

My prayer for you and for all of us is that each day our faith grows stronger and we work toward the perfection that John Wesley so adamantly wanted each of God's children to find.

Pascoe Linda



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:9



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.

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.

August 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:

Nichelle Dragon	health concerns
Gail Graves	continued healing
Cathy Kalinowski	cancer healing
Ken Limestoll	health concerns
Cindy Maloney	unspoken prayers
Fran Martin	continued healing

Grief of Families and Friends:

Roberta Hill
Larry Dales

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 Landing

Baptisms at the Lake



Baptisms were held at the Lake, Main Beach on Sunday, July 27th.





AUMC YOUTH

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



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



Family Friendly **SPOOKY** *Lunch & Paint*

Saturday, October 4th, 11:00 AM

Fundraiser

Andover UMC – 181 South Main Street, Andover Ohio 44003

\$45 – Adults \$35 – Kids 10 to 15

**No experience needed! Step by step instructions. All supplies
and lunch included!**

RSVP to Wendy Ogram to save a spot!!

440-293-6290



WWW.ANCHOROFHOPE.ORG
(877) 248-5327

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!

JESUS
GIRLS

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.



United Methodist
Men & Friends
Breakfast

Saturday, August 9th
8:30am
All are welcome!



ImpacTherapeutics
BE THE CHANGE

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
items locally. If you'd like to donate,
please bring cards to the church office.

Sent with a prayer to:

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

Free Dinner Friday
August 29th @ 5:30pm
Sausage Sandwiches & French Fries



*Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!*

Outdoor Food Pantry
August 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
August 22nd, 10am-Noon
@ Andover UMC

Open to all of those in need
in Ashtabula County

