



Andover UMC

The Messenger

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September
2025

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

GOD'S GAME PLAN

7TH - COACH

14TH - OFFENSE

21ST - DEFENSE

28TH - SPECIAL TEAMS

HOW TO PRACTICE DAILY WITH GOD



@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



Greetings, Siblings in Christ!

Early September is always one of my favorite times of the year. The weather is cooling off, but still warm, football season is upon us, back to school is in full swing, and Fall brings a time of renewed worship experiences and faith connection opportunities. Looking forward to our next couple of worship series and the new opportunities we have together to follow Jesus.

Our youth ministry program is kicking off for the fall, along with a confirmation journey for youth ages 5th-12th grade. We will be working with other UMCs in the area to create connections, faith growth and fellowship opportunities. Our kids' church programming continues and is going to develop into some other small group opportunities for the kids. Be on the lookout for more information in the weeks ahead. We will be looking for mentors for each of our confirmation youth, so if God is calling you to a spiritual growth journey or connection with our youth, here is one way you can serve. Please see me or Pastor Linda for details. We will celebrate confirmation and affirm these youth as full members of our congregation in May 2026 at the conclusion of their confirmation journey.

Last month, in a more direct way, we had to share the financial news of our struggle to meet our budget each month. We are thankful to those who have responded and we are in prayer for the future of our church and ministries. Please, if you can assist the church further with finances or your presence and giftedness to secure funding for the future, please contact one of the pastors or the church office. We are working diligently and responsibly to reduce and meet our monthly demands. As a faith community, we must all come together to work hard and achieve our goal of long-term sustainability while meeting the needs of our church and community.

Our worship series focus for the month of September is titled God's Game Plan - showing us how football can help us shape our faith journey. Last week, Pastor Linda shared a powerful sermon about following the COACH - aka God, the Holy Trinity. In the weeks ahead, we will look at how our faith journey parallels the parts of a football team ~ coach, offense, defense and special teams. Join us on Sunday mornings in person or online to catch the details. May God continue to bless us.

In Faithful Service to Christ,

Pastor Jason



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT & STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

As of (6-30-2025)

Actual Operating Income: \$138,100.00

Actual Operating Expenses: \$149,750.00

Operating Balance: \$33,250.00

Actual 2025 Monthly Income: January - \$16,500.00 - \$12,000.00
February - \$15,500.00 - \$13,000.00
March - \$27,800.00 - \$700.00
April - \$18,100.00 - \$10,400.00
May - \$8900.00 - \$19,600.00
June - \$33,250.00 - \$4750.00
Behind for YEAR: \$50,950.00

Thank you for your faithful giving ~ please continue your faithfulness!

2025 Total Budget: \$342,000.00 (yearly)
\$28,500.00 (monthly)

Mortgage Balance:
12-31-2024 \$542,720.00
6-30-2025 \$530,271.36

Attendance - 2nd Quarter 2025

Sunday Worship Weekly Average 91
Online Worship 22
Children's Church (weekly) 13
Small Groups (weekly) 21

Operating Expenses by Percentage:

Payroll	49
Property	9
Programs - Ministries	9
Utilities	14
Interest	14
Office	5

If you would like more detailed financial information
please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

THANK YOU again 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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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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.

September 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:

Linda Bradley	grandson JJ - tonsil surgery
Julie Decker	unspoken prayers
Barb Fusselman	health concerns
Cathy Kalinowski	health & healing
Prayers for our country	

Service Men, Women & Families:

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

Grief of Families and Friends:

Sheri Busch
Nichelle Dragon
Clare “Sis” Ogram

Those in Assisted Living/Nursing Facilities:

Jane Ericson - Andover
John Sisley - Saybrook Landing



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.



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



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!



Let Isaac Orahoo
know thru the
BAND app
(above QR code)
if you're interested
in attending.



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



AMPLIFY MEDIA

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

Sat., Sept. 13th

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
September 26th @ 5:30pm
Andover UMC Fellowship Hall



*Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!*

Outdoor Food Pantry
September 12th, 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
September 26th, 10am-Noon
@ Andover UMC

Open to all of those in need
in Ashtabula County

