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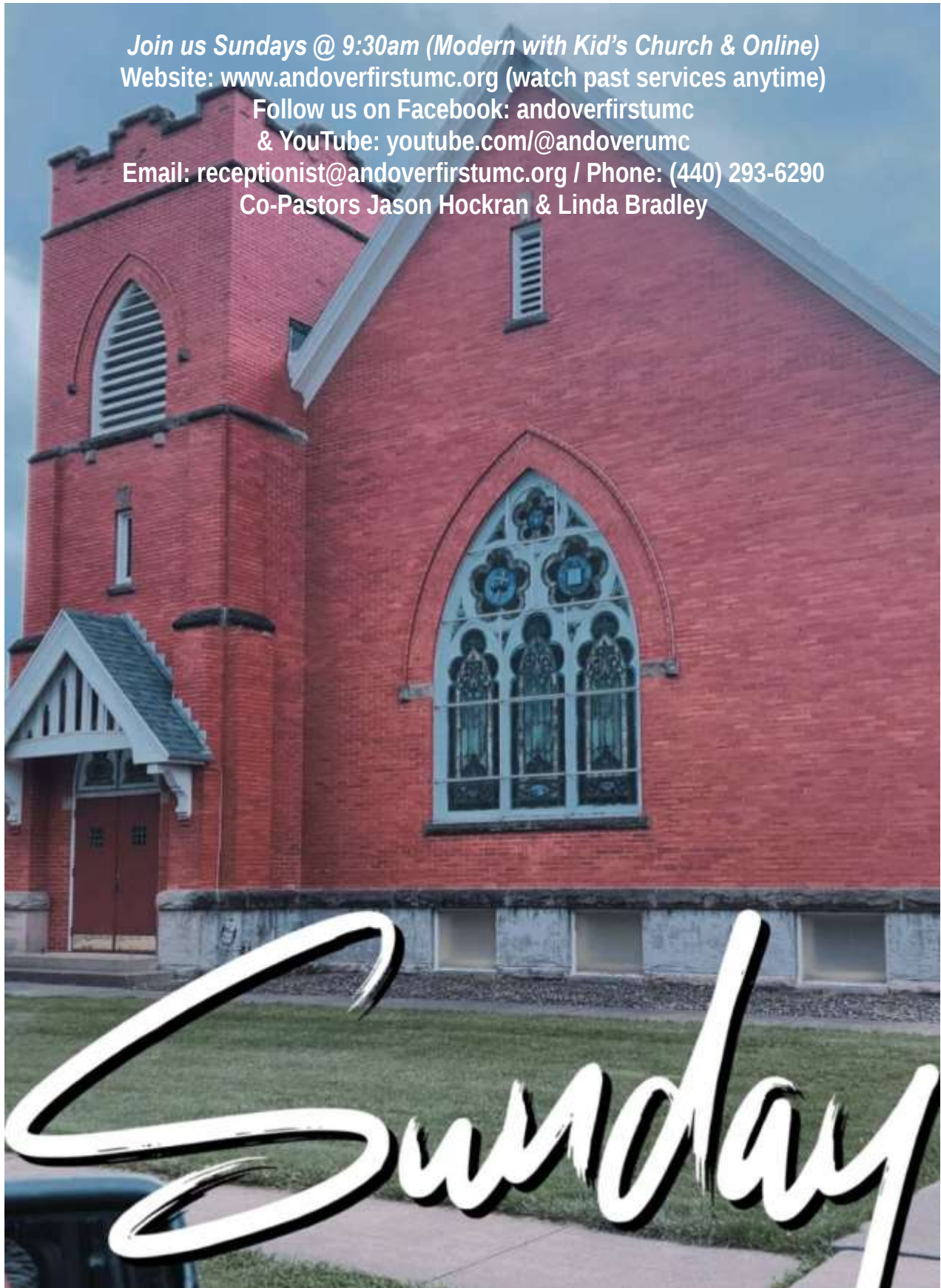


October
2025

Andover UMC

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

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)
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Email: receptionist@andoverfirstumc.org / Phone: (440) 293-6290
Co-Pastors Jason Hockran & Linda Bradley





Who I Am-by Pastor Linda

There is a song by country artist Jessica Andrews titled Who I am.

*I am Rosemary's granddaughter, the spitting image of my father.
And when the day is done, my momma's still my biggest fan.
Sometimes I'm clueless and I'm clumsy, but I've got friends who love me.
And they know just where I stand. It's all a part of me.
And that's who I am. <https://countryfancast.com/jessica-andrews-who-i-am-music-video-and-lyrics/>*

Have you ever asked yourself "Who Am I really?" We go by many titles such as brother, sister, aunt, uncle neighbor, friend, pastor, teacher, etc., but is that truly who we are? After spending time at All Ohio School of Ministry I think the answer to that is no!

We had 2-1/2 days at Kalahari that was filled with worship, learning, praising and some fun. West OH and East OH clergy came together to get to know each other in anticipation of the possible merging into one conference in 2027. We shared communion, meals, laughter and tears.

We had an exceptional speaker, Rev. Dr. Javier A. Viera, president of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, who encouraged and inspired us to be the voice the world needs through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Mark Chow, dean of the West Ohio Cabinet and superintendent of the Hocking River District, encouraged those gathered to remember their baptism and honor who does the work. "God is the actor in the sacred act of baptism. The pastor is not the lead actor, God is the one who acts," he said.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung reiterated a vision for the future that he has been sharing with congregations across the state. "We are claiming a Divine-size dream in Ohio. God's dream is our prayer. We want to create new faith communities, not just hold onto something that we are now. We are going to continuously move into new possibilities. No more disruption, but opportunity. No more limitation, but dream together the strong vision of God," Bishop Jung said.

The importance of prayer was the focus of a passionate message from Rev. Angela Lewis, dean of the East Ohio Cabinet and superintendent of the Northern Waters District in East Ohio. "Every great move that's happened from the birth of the church, from the awakenings, from the camp meetings, from whatever – every great movement has been birthed, has been saturated, has been marinated in prayer! If we want something to happen in The UMC between the East and the West we better find an upper room and get together and start praying and hearing what the spirit of God wants us to do because we want this to be what God wants us to do and not just ourselves!" Lewis proclaimed.

Powerful words at a time when this world needs all the power of God we can get. Perhaps, however, the most important thing that was emphasized over and over and especially in Dr. Viera's closing words to us was that we are a beloved community that has three gifts to offer: love, connection and hope. How we treat one another by showing humility and being a public witness for Christ shows us being a beloved community.

So, when someone asks you who you are after you tell them your name and maybe what you do for a living, I hope you will tell them that the most important person you are is a Child of God living out a faith that is true and real for the transformation of the world. Amen and Amen.

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Information in this article was taken from:

<https://eocumcnews.com/2025/09/25/reimagining-connection-an-all-ohio-school-of-ministry-on-beloved-community/>

Please feel free to go and read the entire story & see all of the photos at: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCvfwr>.

Pastor Linda



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT & STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

As of (9-30-2025)

Actual Operating Income: \$206,850.00

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$218,190.00**

Operating Balance: \$22,575.00

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
July - \$22,861.00 - \$5639.00
August - \$26,500.00 - \$2,000.00
September - \$20,320.00 - \$8,180.00
Behind for YEAR: \$66,770.00

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
9-30-2025 \$524,546.00

Attendance - 3rd Quarter 2025

Sunday Worship Weekly Average	72
Online Worship	23
Children's Church (weekly)	10
Small Groups (weekly)	21

Operating Expenses by Percentage:

Payroll	50
Property	8
Programs - Ministries	9
Utilities	15
Interest	14
Office	4

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.



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.

October 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	unspoken prayers
Rob Everly	unspoken prayers
Cathy Kalinowski	health & healing
Limestoll Family	unspoken prayers
Cindy Maloney	unspoken prayers
Terry Racey	unspoken prayers
Sandra Sturdevant	health concerns
Ellen Vargo	health concerns
Cheryl Vinroe	unspoken prayers

Service Men, Women & Families:

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

Those in Assisted Living/Nursing Facilities:

Jane Ericson - Andover
John Sisley - Saybrook Landing

Grief of Families and Friends:

Mechele Stuper



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.

The youth took a trip to Hornyak Farms in Chardon on Sun., Sept. 28th.
They joined in with the Youth Group Mash Up & had a great time!





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!



HALLOWEEN PHOTO BOOTH

Bring the family
for a fun
Halloween portrait
@ Andover UMC!
Fri., Oct. 31st
5-7pm





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

Sat., Oct. 11th
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
October 31st @ 5:30pm

DINNER BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE-TO GO ONLY



Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!

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

Open to all of those in need
in Ashtabula County

