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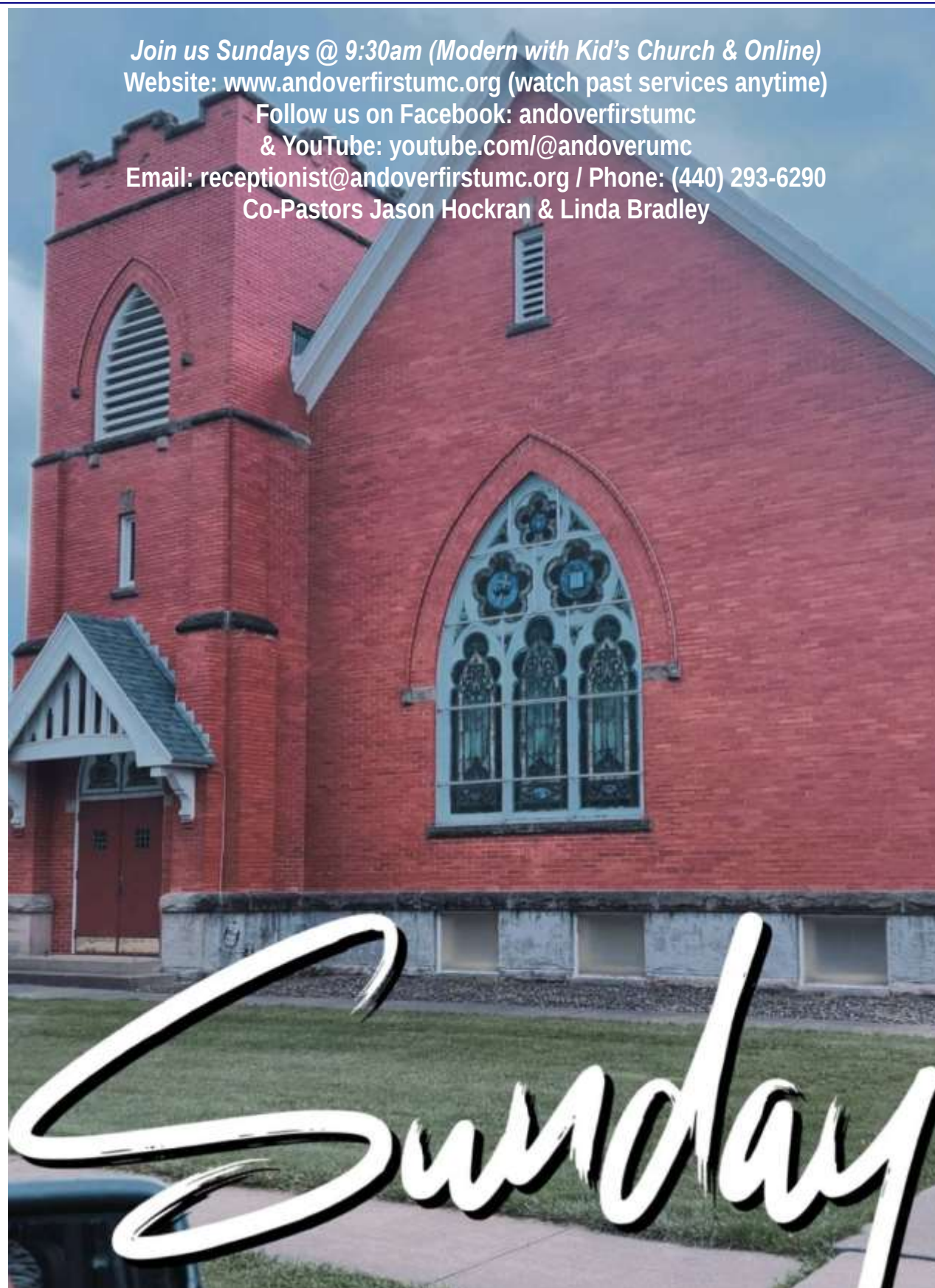


Andover UMC

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

November
2025

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!

Praising God for the blessings of this fall, celebrating the mild weather we have had, and the life of faith we continue to live together. Our youth ministry programs are really kicking off well, including a new group of confirmation youth, and our annual Kids Christmas program is in full swing. Additionally, we have a new leader for a young adult open gym basketball on Monday nights. You have been faithful and present this fall in ministry service to the community, in weekly worship to God, and in faithful engagement in discipleship activities. Let's continue to be present in the ways that God calls us to serve one another and to lead that service with the love of God.

As we move closer to Thanksgiving and the Advent season, it becomes ever more important for us to remain faithful and focus directly on the continued blessings of God during this season of intentional gratitude and gratefulness. Recognizing, after our last worship series (Living in the &) that we live human lives with God at the core, at the center, we must develop that relationship to deal with grief, fear and worry. God provides, and together as we grow in faith, we find the healthiest paths for life. In anticipation of the celebration of Jesus' birth, we have the season of Advent to prepare our hearts for the gift of Hope.

How is God calling you to share in the many blessings you have been blessed with? Can you support the church in a new way financially? Do you have the ability to serve one of the many needed weekly ministries? Are you called to help with worship or hospitality on Sunday mornings? Has God been nudging you to take part in a small group or bible study? As we live gratefully and begin to prepare for Jesus' birth celebration, what is your faithful response to God?

God loves you! There is nothing you can do about it. How will you respond to that faithful and life-transforming love? Need help deciding or knowing how best you can Connect? Gve me a call or send a text, or just call the church office and we will connect back with you and celebrate on the journey forward together.

Thankfully in Service to Jesus Christ,



A big thank you to Cub Scout Pack 44 for collecting food donations from homes in the Andover area. The Andover Food Pantry greatly appreciates these donations which will help with the monthly food distributions at Andover UMC.



SUPPORTING FAMILIES & CHILDREN IN NEED Children's Services Foster Children

Thank you to all who took a gift request this year!
***Please deliver them to the church office
by Sunday, November 30th.***



2025 Christmas Poinsettias for the altar.
This year the cost of each plant is \$7.00.
Order forms are in lobby & due by Nov. 30th.

Ways to Give @ Andover UMC



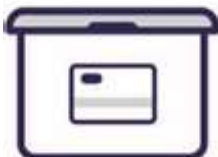
In Person

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.

November 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:

Allison Harvey	health concerns
Cathy Kalinowski	health & healing
Cindy Maloney	unspoken prayers
Barb Fusselman	health concerns
Cassie Martin	challenges
Shannon Mellin	challenges
Brinley Wyczalek	heart transplant list

Service Men, Women & Families:

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

Grief of Families and Friends:

Ernie Clute
Tom French

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.



October Lunch & Paint





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!



Youth Confirmation Class

December 7th class has been

CANCELLED

WILL MEET IN JANUARY



Young Adult Open Gym Night
@ Andover UMC
Mondays starting November 17th
6-8pm
*Bring a canned good and enjoy
a devotion & some basketball.*

2025 Children's Christmas Program

Practices are being held on Sundays during Children's Church:

Dec. 13 - Rehearsal -10am

Dec. 14 - Performance - 9:30am

For more information, see Amanda Everly.





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., Nov. 8th
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
November 28th @ 5:30pm**



*Andover UMC
Fellowship Hall
Invite a friend!*

**Outdoor Food Pantry
November 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
November 21st, 10am-Noon
@ Andover UMC**

Open to all of those in need
in Ashtabula County

