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**April  
2021**

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**ANDOVER UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

P.O. Box 519  
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## **SUNDAY SERVICE**

**IN PERSON &  
LIVESTREAM  
(FACEBOOK AUMCKS)  
10:00am**

## **MEDIA CONNECTIONS**

Andover United Methodist Church  
[www.andoverumc.com](http://www.andoverumc.com)  
AUMC Online Church Directory  
<https://andoverumc.ctrn.co/>  
The Outreach Newsletter  
[andoverumc.com/outreach.html](http://andoverumc.com/outreach.html)

## **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:**

Andover United Methodist Church:  
<https://www.facebook.com/AUMCKS>  
Andover UMC CrossFit Youth  
Ministries: <https://goo.gl/sX4Y3n>  
Andover UMC Children's Ministry  
<https://goo.gl/VbzPwX>



## **WORD FROM THE PASTOR**

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" *John 21:4-7*

April Showers bring May flowers or at least that is how the saying goes. We will be looking at the power of rain this month as it helps us to understand the power of the risen Lord. Rain is not always welcomed but it gives opportunities for nourishment of life. It is because of rain that we then are able to experience flowers, joys, celebrations. The disciples had experienced rain before this scripture. First it was a slight rain of anticipation as they entered Jerusalem with Jesus on hopes of their rabbi to restore God's people. Then it became a downpour of pain and despair as things did not go as they had hoped with Jesus being arrested and then executed (even though Jesus warned them it would be so). Then came a fog of confusion followed by a healing cool stable rain that washed away their mourning and brought them the joy of the Risen Lord. That is quite a rollercoaster of both rain and emotion. At the end the disciples went back to fishing. Maybe they were wanting something familiar and they got a familiar feeling. Empty Nets.

We have been on a rollercoaster this past year because of Covid-19. Now with the vaccine rolling out and the weather warming up we may also be wanting of something familiar. What we may find is that our hopes for things to be as we remember them will not occur. It may feel like empty nets.

The disciples encouraged by Jesus tried something different or at least tried again. Suddenly as they caught so many fish either from the joy or remembrance of before, the disciples realized they were not alone; Jesus was with them. After they bring the fish to shore Jesus tells Peter three times to feed his sheep, calling him to something new that will give him joy. As we begin the return to less restrictions, I invite you to know both that things will not be the same nor are we alone. The pull of familiarity is strong but the pull of Jesus is life giving. How can we connect with people, help our neighbor, and rejoice in a world that has been changed by the downpour of Covid and social distancing? How can we follow the example of Jesus as we see hope in trying something new or even just trying again when we feel like our nets are empty? May you experience the joy of the Risen Lord this month that calls us, strengthens us, and equips us to know hope and joy.

Blessings,  
Pastor Ryan

## ➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

7pm  
In Person and Online



### Easter Services April 4th

Two worship services -

**9:30 am traditional**

**11:00 outside praise service  
(inside if bad weather)**

We will have the nursery open with  
fully vaccinated workers.

### AUMC WOMEN'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Save your gently used and clean treasures for  
the annual rummage sale.

AUMC Women are planning to have the

**Annual Rummage Sale on:**

**April 29, 7:00 am - 5 p.m.**

**April 30, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.**

**May 1, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

**Drop off will be available on Saturday:  
April 17, 9-11 a.m. and April 24, 9-11 a.m.**

We will not be taking tires, or older computer  
monitors. Watch the This Just In email for further  
details. At this time social distancing will be  
expected and masks will be required.

You may call Tammy Eilert at 316-655-8490  
if you have any questions.



### Those Gathered In Person & On Line

DATE	Adult Serv. In Person	Adult Serv. On Line	Children's Moment On Line	Totals
2/7/21	27	295	37	359
2/14/21	22	197	27	246
2/21/21	22	256	-	278
2/28/21	26	159	-	185



## ➤➤➤ MINISTRY UPDATES

Worship in April: Some people dance in the rain



Rain is at times used as a description of a way we receive blessings from God. Rain is also experienced as a devastating storm. Rain gives life and can transform landscapes; gives puddles to jump in and ruin the plans for the day; be a calming noise and a treacherous sound. In April, we will explore to see how the Risen Lord gives similar to rain. For some it is a blessing and for others it is disruptive. Join us as we embrace the risen Lord's presence in our life so we can dance in the rain of his blessing.

April 11<sup>th</sup>

Rain that brings a transformed life. *John 20:19-31*

April 18<sup>th</sup>

Rain that changes plans with puddles to jump in. *Luke 24:36-48*

April 25<sup>th</sup>

Rain that is a treacherously calm sound. *John 10:11-18*

Would you like to volunteer with our worship service? Click the sign up genius and let us know how you would like to be part of the service!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aaa62ea7fec07-worship>



**Andover Community Food Bank**

**April**

**Open Tues. 10am -1pm**

**Open Wed. 3-6pm**

**Open Sat. 4/24/21 10am-12pm**

# ➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION



02 Nolan Wright	12 Jim Davenport	19 Jim Laubach
03 Rickey Phillips	12 Justin Petersen	19 Jan Hale-Mansfield
03 Robert West	13 Renee Becker	21 Erik Starr
03 Rachel Paris	14 Grace Harrison	23 Tony Durano
06 Brent Jones	16 Rylie Baker	23 Aaron Schuster
06 Sarah Kohman	18 Sharon Laubach	27 Owen Hayden
07 Audra Heinze	18 Lynnette Jacobsen	27 Tim Maupin
09 Mark Padding	19 Mark Hartness	28 Darla Bittle
09 Tristan Jones	19 Hannah Hayden	28 Nyomi Armbrister
11 Corey Cranmer	19 Ruth Helena	30 Simon Armbrister

15 Victor & Jennifer Guerri
18 Justin & Ashley Haynes
26 Walter & Dorothy Westphall

Dear All MC Friends

Thank you all so much for the cards to help us through this difficult time we appreciate all the texts and calls and prayers and emails.

Sincerely

Kendall Hastings

Thanks to all of you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and even meals during my recent surgeries for cancer on my left leg. After 3 surgeries the Dr. still does not have it all out there but we are forgoing further surgeries until these are completely and totally healed. Will keep a close eye on it and go from there.

God bless you all.

Dave Wall.

## Room Reservations Update:

Scouts and internal groups: There is an unlimited number group size. Masks are to be worn, social distancing in affect, and area used is to be disinfected.

Outside groups: There is an unlimited number group size. Masks are to be worn, social distancing in affect, and area used is to be disinfected.

\*Kitchen is not open for usage. Permission for kitchen usage is granted by the Trustess on a case by case basis.



# Prayer Requests



## Sympathies to Families/Friends in the Passing of:

Paul & Jana Robinson's  
sister & sil Jennifer's  
father (March)

## Illness & Treatment

Jana Robinson's cousin Robert	Gordon Beeher, Missie Heaths friends	Bob West	Layne Kneisel
Dave Wall	Bob Beeher, Missie Heaths friend	Marla, Nancy Kohman's sister	Justin Kneisel's co-worker
Donna Garver	Serenity Carpenter, Ryan & Sarah's niece	Katrina, Linda Siebold's niece	Colton, Nicole- DeHass' friend
Cathy Durano's student Abby	Kevin Edwards, James & Tiffany Stepien's friend	Lloyd Creed	Marlyn, Mark Hartness's sister
Mark Carney, Russ & Rae Thiel's friend	Kevin Bell, Irene Martin's daughter's friend	All those recovering from Covid	
Karen Beauford, Marilyn Kuman's 1 <sup>st</sup> cousin	All those going through cancer treatments		

## Recovering

Tim & Colleen Souders	Dick & Hardy Wasson	Maddison Oles	Braxton Church, Marjorie Snyder's great-nephew
			Amanda Church, Marjorie Snyder's niece

## Other:

Lynch family	Betty Rich	Margaret Thorpe	Karol Hasting's sister
John Juresic's cousin	Peggy Creed	Paul Haines	Steve Malcom
Preston Olson	Amanda Hamon	Kim Fulghum's dad	Judy Smith, Kim Fulghum's mom
Pray for each other	Care Givers	Suicide Awareness	People impacted by the shootings in Atlanta and Boulder
Our Country	AUMC		

# ➤➤➤ CROSSFIT YOUTH NEWS

Happy April, and Happy Easter!

It's so nice to be back in the swing of things! Christ is risen, vaccines are being given, and our students' lives are one step closer to being "normal," whatever that looks like! Our schedule for the rest of the school year will be the same, with meetings on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm every week! Once school is out we will transition into a summer schedule that we will come out with soon!

Here are some events that we do know will happen this summer!

## A Day at Camp Horizon:

June 15th, 2021

\$55 per person

Youth that have money in their accounts from previous fundraising can use this money, and there will also be scholarship money available

All youth and children will be able to go down to camp on the same day

Camp counselor-led experience in a youth group and a children's group

Students can sign up with myself or Erin now, official registration will open at a later date

## Wichita Area Youth Mission Week:

June 28th-July 2nd

Cost TBD

This week is being planned by local youth directors for local youth groups

Most service sites will be in Wichita

Our group will have one or two optional camp-out nights, but other than that this week won't involve any overnight activities.

Students can sign up through me now, and official registration will open at a later date

There are some church-sponsored events happening in April in support of HumanKind Ministries that I encourage all of you to participate in if possible so that we can support a cause that is fighting homelessness in the Wichita area and create a connection to others!

I hope to see all of your students at our weekly youth group meetings and get everyone plugged in to some events this summer. It's been a wild year, but we're making it through together!

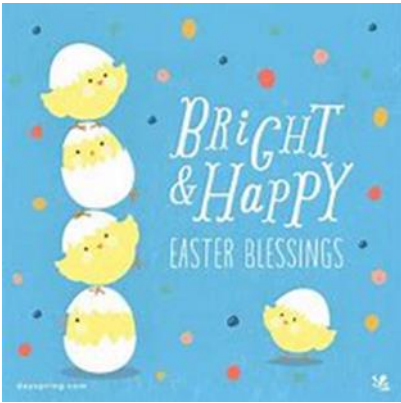
Peace,

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Visit our Facebook page: <https://goo.gl/sX4Y3n>  
View our calendar at [bit.ly/1KmUhYm](http://bit.ly/1KmUhYm)

## ➤➤➤ CHILDREN'S CHATTER



Hey AUMC families,

When you ask many children what Easter is about, what do you think their answer would be? A lot of them would probably say Easter bunnies, eggs, chocolate, getting their Easter baskets, etc. I would hope that many of our children would say that Easter is about Jesus and His death on the cross for our sins.

It is fun to have Easter egg hunts, baskets, and eat chocolate! And there is nothing wrong with having fun with children. We just need to remember to talk about and celebrate that Easter is a time to celebrate a Risen Savior who loved us all so much that He came to die for our sins.

I continue to pray for you and your families and that things regarding COVID continue to improve. I look forward to seeing everyone in church soon!

Blessings,  
Erin

### Family Ideas

Study Russia so you can make pysanky eggs!

April 22nd is Earth Day-Hold a "Recycled Art Competition" and create something beautiful from the recycling bin.

Do some spring cleaning. Go floor by floor and room by room. As you clean, have a bag for garbage, donate, and sell.

Get gardening-Now is the time to start planting flowers in the yard. Your little ones will love getting messy in the fresh soil and being on garden hose duty.

Dance in the rain-Bundle up in your best rain gear and take advantage of the spring showers. Have a dance party outside in the drizzle

### Dates to Remember



April 3, 2021 1p-4p Please sign up to reserve a time for your family! Feel free to invite friends to sign up!  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1w9d9ljeBkR5tQp3H9jm054poGa4pBgGl34Vf30Z\\_at8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1w9d9ljeBkR5tQp3H9jm054poGa4pBgGl34Vf30Z_at8/edit?usp=sharing)



Visit Children's Ministry Facebook page: <https://goo.gl/VbzPwX>

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### Good Friday Service

**April 2nd**

**In Person  
and  
Online**

## OUR STAFF

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