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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**

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WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings and Happy August Andover UMC!

As we strive to make our harvest thirty, sixty and even a hundredfold, I invite you to consider what Jesus said after calling each of us to be good soil to receive the word of God. Below is the parable commonly referred to as the parable of the yeast:

"³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened'." Matthew 13:33

This parable is perfect for this Covid-19 all plans are up in the air time we are in. I normally think and teach this parable as the kingdom of heaven starts very small compared to the whole. Yet, that small kingdom of joy and hope in Jesus can spread and connect the whole mixture to "rise" with the joy and hope of the kingdom. Thus, while grand gestures are amazing what we really need is to continue living as a disciple of Jesus through sharing small gestures of love, joy, and hope to others. It is through these encounters that we help the kingdom of heaven connect to the whole mixture of our community so that it can rise with the joy and hope of Jesus!

I still think that is true, yet today I think about those who were expecting unleavened bread. Now Jewish tradition only requires unleavened bread at the celebration of Passover so it would not be uncommon for bakers to mix in leaven. Passover is more than just a celebration; it is both a foundational faith story and a remembrance of what God has done for the Jewish people. If someone had mixed in just a little bit of leaven it would disrupt the celebration.

Since our nation has been responding to covid-19 a great number of celebrations have been disrupted. Easter, Graduations, Weddings, Family reunions, Camp, Sport Tournaments, Celebrations of life, among others. Except for Easter, none of these celebrations are the same as Passover, and yet we can feel like an important event or celebration has been taken away from us. As I read the parable from Jesus I wonder how in the disruption if we can still find the kingdom of heaven? How can the kingdom of heaven be found when the normal way we celebrate has been changed?

I believe the kingdom of heaven is still present even if life has been disrupted. There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus, not even a virus. The kingdom of heaven can and is rising joy and hope around you right now. How have you been able to experience the kingdom of heaven during this disrupted time? How can you share in small ways the kingdom of heaven to those who can not see hope or joy during the pandemic?

May we know, experience and spread the kingdom of heaven this August!

God Bless, Pastor Ryan

➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sunday, Aug. 2nd is Scholarship Sunday

The good news is that we have no more debt. This is a reminder to everyone that was previously giving toward the debt of the Church (Building Fund), we would like you to continue giving the donation but going forward we will be putting these funds directly into the general operating account. If, in fact, there is another "cause" that you would like to put money towards, please let the church office know. However, there will be no further collections for the Building Account. As always, thank you for your generous support of Andover United Methodist Church.

Dan Eilert

I want to thank my Church family for all the cards and phone calls I have received since I have been away. I am doing as well as can be expected. You are in my prayers.

Love Jerri Shelman

No Esther
Circle
Meeting
Aug. 12th.

Church Workday
Sat. Aug. 29
8:30am-when
done
Going to Paint

Dick and Hardy Wasson are celebrating the birth of a great grandson, Tamden. This is their 5th great!



Those Gathered Online & In Person Sunday to Worship the Lord Our God

| DATE | Online Adult Servc. | Online Child. Servc. | Online Service Anthem | In-Person | Totals |
|---------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------|
| 6/7/20 | 301 | 27 | 57 | 33 | 418 |
| 6/14/20 | 307 | 59 | 80 | 25 | 471 |
| 6/21/20 | 342 | 33 | 92 | 36 | 503 |
| 6/2820 | 111 | 39 | 87 | 237 | 474 |

ANDOVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

"Connecting people with the love of God through Jesus Christ"

➤➤➤ MINISTRY UPDATES

⇒ We are continuing to worship online and in person in the sanctuary (following the Covid-19 processes) at 10pm each Sunday.

⇒ Thank you to all those who took part in our CampFire groups.

The following is the campfire creed :

A Campfire Creed

I am part of a great movement of love and grace.

Ignited by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit the movement spread from a group of 12 to the whole world.

I am part of a great movement that values God's creation, that loves God and neighbor as Jesus demonstrated, and that longs for the adventure the Holy Spirit equips us for.

I am part of a great movement because someone shared the love of Jesus with me. I will continue this movement by sharing Jesus through service, community, and prayer with others.

Report on LaGonave

No doubt many of you remember AUMC's three trips to LaGonave, the tiny island beside Haiti. We partnered with Joe and Reverend Shirley Edgerton to learn about the poverty and the hope the people of LaGonave have. Many of you made the trip, some made all three trips. (Matt and Catherine made 4, I believe!) We did some good work building relationships, friendships and just accepting things that are different than our "normal." And, we helped to build a church too.

We raised money to do this mission work. And, when things changed enough that we could not go back, we had some left over. Recently Shirley posted on FB that Corona virus is active on LaGonave. A few years ago, Shirley and Joe through their advance special and their own funds, helped Louis Dufrene open a grocery store in Petite Guave. This store provided much needed safe food for the residents. Louis was successful until lately when he could no longer safely transport food from Haiti to Petite Guave. He had to close his store and the people had no street markets or safe food. Louis needs help to re-open that store. AUMC in June sent \$1000 of the designated funds for the Haiti (LaGonave) projects to Joe and Shirley's advance special. We are grateful we had the funds to continue our mission with the people of LaGonave.

The Edgerton's had an educational portion to their mission work in LaGonave which we also supported mostly through UMW funding. One engineer has been hired by the government in Haiti and is doing well with his wife and baby. He just designed a school for the island that is nearly all built. Another graduate is now a physician married to another doctor and they have a clinic on LaGonave and serve much of the island. They are sponsored by a UM Church in North Dakota. Other students are getting by, but in Haiti, it is hard even with a university education. All of the students supported by the Edgerton's educational mission dollars graduated in the upper 10% of their classes!

A church in California has just given Joe and Shirley's LaGonave mission a grant which has been used to purchase a water pump for a church whose full-time pastor is one of their student graduates. This well will serve over 2400 people with fresh, clean water.

Joe and Shirley asked me to give a high-five to all of their fellow travelers from Andover UMC. And a huge thank you for these monies. Louis has just announced he is buying charcoal so that when he gets the food, they can prepare it. Nothing, nothing is easy on LaGonave.

If you want to know more or are interested in supporting this mission work personally, please contact me for more information.

Barb Hartness

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



VBS Game 1



VBS Game 2



VBS Lesson

Pack 533 Recruiting



25 July 2020 @ 10:00 am
Hiking at Sante Fe Lake,
Augusta

1 August 2020 @ 10:00 am
Fishing at Andover Central
Park

8 August 2020 @ 10:00 am
Making and flying kites at
Andover Central Park

15 August 2020 @ 10:00 am
Biking the Redbud Trail
from 13th St. Park

Contact
pack533.andover@gmail.com
or call 316-249-5872 with
questions

ALL EVENTS
ARE OPEN TO
ALL KIDS AND
FAMILIES
INTERESTED
IN JOINING
PACK 533. WE
ARE OPEN TO
ALL BOYS AND
GIRLS
ENTERING
GRADES K-5

AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 01 Hailey Snyder | 14 Marilyn Wallace | 25 Angie Ramsey |
| 02 John Jr. Bondie | 14 Corey Baker | 27 Glenda Jones |
| 02 Heather Bondie | 14 Eric Shumaker | 27 John Juresic |
| 02 Madysen Baker | 15 Chris Walters | 29 Margaret Thorpe |
| 02 Blake Senters | 15 Gwen Young | 30 Carl Knight |
| 03 Nancy Kohman | 16 Dave Valerio | 30 Kim Fulghum |
| 03 Nicholas | 18 Victor Guerrie | 30 Mike Roths |
| | 20 Ryan Lynch | 30 Eliana Jacobsen |
| 03 Mary Rose | 20 Steve Kohman | 31 Evan Robinson |
| | 20 Doug Snyder | |
| 04 Graham | 20 Karla Armbrister | |
| | 20 Brian Lytle | |
| 08 Kasa Straub | 24 Joyce Hamm | |
| 09 Ray Templeton | 24 Kasee Eney | |
| | 25 Vaughn Gregg | |



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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 01 Derek & Jodi Tuttle | 10 Al & Irene |
| 02 Jerry & Jan Brady | Gagnon |
| 05 Mark & Barb | 10 Marc & Karen |
| Hartness | Todd |
| 05 Austin & Terri | 11 Tim & Mary |
| Delimont | Ann Maupin |
| 07 Chuck & Karla Hart | 16 Kent & Nicole |
| 07 Brian & Dyana Diffin | Pippin |
| 07 Brian & Lynn Slack | 17 Tim & Colleen |
| 08 Jim & Sharon | Souders |
| Laubach | 20 Dale & Shirley |
| 09 Dan & Laurel | Padding |
| Delimont | 24 Lee & Dawna |
| 09 Steve & Nancy | Nygaard |
| Kohman | 29 Fred & Carolyn |
| 09 Cory & Tori McIntyre | Goering |
| | 30 Ray & Paulette |
| | Templeton |
| | 30 Jay & Melanie |

PRAYER REQUEST



| Sympathies to Families/ Friends in the Passing of: | Illness & Treat- ment contd.: | Recovering: | Other: |
|--|--|---|---|
| Shirley Padding's sister (July) | Tina, Food Bank helper | Peggy Valero | Jerri Shelman |
| | | Bob Palmer's dghtr-in-law | Our Country |
| John Lewis, Civil Rights Leader (July) | Katrina, Linda Siebold's niece | Hardy Wasson | Amanda Hamon |
| | | Maddison Oles | Suicide Awareness |
| Sarah Banks' Grandmother (July) | Marla, Nancy Kohman's sis- ter | Braxton Church, Marjorie Snyder's great-nephew | Mary, John Juresic's step mom |
| Jeri Gill, friend of Irene Martin (July) | Rick Tylor | Doris Wyatt | Jillian Primm |
| | Layne Kneisel | | Karol Hasting's sister |
| Illness & Treatment: | Those with COVID | | Kyle; Rae & Russ Thiel son |
| | All people with cancer | | Father Kent |
| Nancy Mattke's friend's daughter's family | Chris Jackson, Lynette Juresic's cousin | | Erin Murray's nephew |
| Nancy Mattke's cousin's nephew's family | Kevin Edwards, James & Tiffany Stepien's friend | | Judy Smith, Kim Fulgu- m's mom |
| | | | Eric Becker's mother |
| Virginia Wise, Pam Matlock's friend | Charles West, Bob West's brother | | David Vaughter's mother |
| Serenity Carpenter, Sarah & Ryan Lynch's niece | Clifford Mattke, Frank Mattke's brother | | Margaret Thorpe |
| | | | Eldon Graham |
| | Brad Hope, John Hope's son | | Paul Haines |
| | | | Betty Rich |
| | | | School Districts, teachers, & students |

Happy August!

We made it through a crazy summer just in time for a crazy school year! I want to send lots of prayers and encouragement to all of you parents, guardians, teachers and students, because I know how hard it is going into something with no idea how it's going to turn out. You all are strong and you have each other and God on your side! If anyone is in need of support in any way, please know that Andover UMC and myself have your back and are here whenever you need anything. It was so wonderful to be able to be outside and socially distant with our Crossfit students the last month! Some of our plans changed, but we had a blast and made the most of it! Between the movie night, campfire nights, and chalking the parking lot, we got to connect with each other and spend time enjoying God's creation and the community that we have been missing out on for so long.



Unfortunately, I don't know what the school year is going to look like. I will be waiting on the school board and our church administrative board to help shape our fall activities. My best prediction is that we will be moving forward with a mixture of outdoor and online meetings and activities. If you want to keep up with our fluctuating schedule please let me know so that I can add you to our weekly email, our Facebook page, and our Instagram page. Thank you so much for your support of our church, our youth program, and our youth themselves!

Peace,

Melissa Connell, Director of Youth Ministries, melissac@andoverumc.com



Visit our Facebook page
View our calendar at bit.ly/1KmUhYm

Dear AUMC families,

VBS in a Box was a success! Thank you to all the families who participated. Several people reached out wanting to help, however, due to the unusual circumstances this year, things were completed differently and not all our talents and skills were utilized. I appreciate everyone who was willing to give of their time and talent to the children and VBS. A HUGE shout out to Melissa and the youth for creating our videos!

The start of a new school year may be upon us. If anything, this year has taught me more about flexibility. What is the definition of flexibility? Flexibility means:

1. Capable of being bent or flexed; pliable
2. Responsive to change; adaptable

I have always tried to be structured, disciplined, and organized. I always have a plan and a backup plan! It can be very upsetting and overwhelming to me when I feel like my plans run amuck, or I have to compromise and accommodate others. It has been good for me to be challenged to grow my mental and spiritual flexibility and I am thankful that God has put such opportunities in my life.

With the changes that seem to be made every day, we absolutely have to depend on God to help me stay sane in the midst of the chaos. Spiritually God has also challenged me to be flexible as well. I have learned that there is excitement in letting God challenge my thinking, my perspectives, and show me new, different, unique way to engage and interact with kiddos and families.

I believe flexibility is something we must exercise everyday to truly be used by God.

I pray that we can all learn to be more flexible as right now, life seems to be a never ending roller coaster. One day, it will slow down.

I miss you very much. I pray you are all staying health; just like you, we are all at home, still, doing our best and waiting to resume our lives as soon as it is safe to do so. I would love to see what you and your families are doing at home during our time apart! Keep posting photos on our new Andover UMC Kids' ministry Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/AUMCKidMin>

Blessings,
Erin

Online resources for families

-Flame Creative Ministries by Rev Mina Munns has it all – Bible story telling ideas, craft ideas, creative prayer ideas and seasonal ideas – it even has free downloadable templates!

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/>

-Scripture Union provides an amazing online resource called LightLive that is free and provides endless ideas for different age groups. <https://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/lightlive>

Family ideas

-Based on our VBS theme, Building on the Love of Jesus, buy some long rod shaped pretzel rods. See who can build the biggest or widest or longest or highest house.

-Spend a night outside on Aug. 3 and gaze at the full moon.

-August 16 is National Tell a Joke Day. Have your kiddos tell you some jokes

What's happening?

**Kids Connect via Zoom-Wednesday starting 8/11 at 6pm
Club 45-TBD**

A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve, as they embark on the journey together! Amen!



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IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



Sat. Aug. 29
8:30am-when done
Going to Paint

Tuesday 10am-1pm
Wednesday 3-6pm

Scholarship
Sunday
August 2nd

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