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**DECEMBER
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**ANDOVER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY SERVICE
LIVESTREAM
FACEBOOK AUMCKS
10:00am**

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<https://andoverumc.ctrn.co/>
The Outreach Newsletter
andoverumc.com/outreach.html

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Ministries: <https://goo.gl/sX4Y3n>
Andover UMC Children's Ministry
<https://goo.gl/VbzPwX>



WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Merry Christmas Andover!

I have used this article in 2020 to explore the parables Jesus gave us about the kingdom of heaven from Matthew 13. Many people had expectations of what God will bring forth in his kingdom. Many of us had expectations of what 2020 was going to be like. Like the original hearers of Jesus' parables, things did not go as expected for us in 2020. The kingdom Jesus calls us to is one not based on military might but through connection with others. While the crowds may have been disappointed with this description it sounds pretty good today. It is ok to state that it is important to continue to follow social distancing guidelines and to admit that it is difficult. After so many months of living with social distancing restrictions we long for true connection. That is what advent is about- God's true, personal connection with us. More than an all powerful distant deity, through Jesus God is present and connected to us in our daily lives. In fact, that is how Jesus calls his disciples to know God is through the way we connect with each other. God through Jesus is a connector. It is something Mary knew when after connecting with her cousin she said:

*My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
50 His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.*

The magnification of the Lord occurred because of Mary's relationship to Jesus (in the womb) and her relationship with Elizabeth. If it is possible to see something good to come out of this pandemic year, I believe we are reminded how much God has called us to relationship and connection with each other. Having sacrificed so many events and gatherings we are a people who are hungering for connection. We are divided by many things, but my hope is that God has called us to connection through Jesus. In his love there is the ability to forgive, to heal, to be restored, and to see our neighbor as a child of God. Through Jesus we each have the ability to magnify the Lord of grace and love shining hope to those around us. God Bless and may your Advent and Christmas while different than years in the past may still be filled with a connection- safe connection to family and friends and connection to Jesus.

Pastor Ryan

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Thank you to all who give a year end gift above their regular giving!

All gifts need to be received, postmarked, or dated by Dec. 31st for 2020 tax deduction purposes.

Ways to give contributions and year end gifts:

- ♥ Mailed to the church office—must be postmarked Dec. 31st or earlier
- ♥ Brought to the church office when the office is open by Dec. 31st or earlier
- ♥ Web—through Vanco and/or Paypal—gift must be dated Dec. 31st or earlier
- ♥ This Just In email newsletter—through Vanco and/or Paypal (located at end of newsletter)- gift must be dated Dec. 31st or earlier

Thank you for helping AUMC in “Connecting people with the love of God through Jesus Christ” through your regular contributions and your year end gifts.



Family Fort Fellowship

ADVENT EDITION

Mondays Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 at 7 pm

GRAB YOUR FAMILY, BUILD A BLANKET
FORT & CLIMB INSIDE
JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR FORT FELLOWSHIP
SHORT STORY AND ADVENT READING



The quilters voted to give \$900 of the monies left by Jerri Shelman to Butler County Salvation Army and to the parents of Serenity Carpenter. We called Butler Co Salvation Army and were given a wonderful report of all the good they are doing in our county. We asked and were assured that service is given to people in Andover, Augusta, Towanda, Leon and many other communities. They provide assistance with rent and utilities paid directly to the business. They provide food twice monthly and we learned that people from outlying cities rotate car pooling to receive these services. There are many other services they provide that you can access by going to <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/eldorado/>.

We also read more about Serenity Carpenter's life on the go-fund-me page on FB (<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=serenity%20strong>). This young 10 year old has a lifetime of stories and her loving family has endured much to keep her strong. Since they will have to stay near the hospital for three months after the bone marrow transplant and cannot use Ronald McDonald house due to the need to rotate caregivers, they are needing help funding the room they will rent. We decided Jerri would be proud to donate to this worthwhile cause that is close to our hearts and to our church community. \$400 has been sent to help out.

AUMC quilters



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MISSION STATEMENT

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

DATE	Online Adult Servc.	Online Child. Servc.	In-Person	Totals
10/4/20	158	23	31	212
10/11/20	171	26	30	227
10/18/20	216	34	27	277
10/25/20	231	26	31	288

MINISTRY UPDATES

Advent and Christmas is usually a fun time of year full of laughter, family and traditions. This advent is going to be different. It got me thinking both how our traditions started and how can we make new traditions.

Join us online as we explore New Traditions!

11/29- Gift Giving
12/6- Rituals
12/13- Decorations
12/20- Stories



Live Stream Worship on Facebook



Join us at 10:00am Sundays on Live Stream on Facebook

December 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		¹ Food Bank 10-1 7pm Advent Vespers Service - On line Facebook live	² Food Bank 3-6 5:30pm Midweek Service Zoom 6:30pm Kids Connect In-Person 7pm Youth Zoom (subject to change)	³	⁴	⁵
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Andover Community Food Bank Holiday Days and Times for 2020

December
Open Tues. from 10-1
Open Wed. from 3-6
Closed Dec. 26, 29, & 30**
**Closed week between Christmas & New Years.
Open on Jan. 5, 2021

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

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

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December Birthdays

1 Erin Eilert	16 Tiffany Smith
1 Jill Miller	16 Jill Snyder
1 Madison Vaughters	16 Chris Straub
2 Carly Haynes	17 Nita Jackson
2 Emily Robinson	19 Daynna DuFriend
3 Brennen Tuttle	19 Bill Westfahl
4 Michael Miller	20 Justin Kneisel
5 Russ Thiel	20 Samual Robertson
6 Norman Heiden	20 Mary Robey
7 Catherine Cranmer	22 Jude Craig-Pierce
10 Danielle Baker	24 Dennis Seidl
11 Matt Pippin	24 Duane Starr
11 Trevor Guerrie	26 Andy Heinze
12 Anthony Hartness	27 Erin Maupin
13 Valeta Hole	31 Dyana Diffin
14 Trevor Formy-Duval	31 Shannon Hayden
16 Korbin Hedger	31 Walter Westphall

December Anniversaries

1 Steve & Diana Shook
 4 Larry & Joyce Hamm
 4 Ron & Sammy Hole
 22 Forrest & Annita Evans
 23 Don & Willa Edwards
 24 Gary & Cathy Harmon
 28 William & Melissa Heath
 28 Paul & Jana Robinson



Thank you to everyone involved with our Thanksgiving Meal distribution. Because tremendous outpouring of donations, we were able to bless 45 families in our community.

Thanks to everyone who donated cash and canned goods.

Thanks to Nadine Hayden, Rae Thiel, and Nancy Mattke for making the phone calls to find families in need.

Thanks to the UMW for covering the cost of any canned food not donated.

Thanks to the Youth Group for assembling the bags.

Thanks to Roy Hadyen and Charlie Carson for picking Turkeys and Pies at Dillons.

Thanks to Roy and Nadine for making a last minute run to Wal-Mart to find our families rolls.

And finally, thanks to everyone who helped deliver turkey, pies, and groceries to our community!!

Mary Carson, Volunteer Coordinator

AUMC LIBRARY

Need some good reading material for the cold winter evenings? The library at the church has a variety of topics. Enjoy a biography, a book on social justice issues, devotionals, or maybe challenge yourself with a trivial pursuit type book, or just enjoy a fiction story. There are Bible commentaries and a variety of different versions of the Bible if you want to do an in-depth study. There are also some children's books and a few for youth.



All books have been labeled and are ready to check out. There is an easy check-out process needing only the date, your name, book title, and author recorded in the notebook on the top shelf of the library cart. Books being returned can just be placed on the middle shelf of library cart.

A **HUGE** thank you to Terri Mayginnnes for all her advice, time and research.

Come enjoy!!



Prayer Request

Sympathies to Families/Friends in the Passing of:

Eldon Graham (Nov.)	Edna Bligh (Marilyn Kumar's mother (Nov.))	
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Illness & Treatment

Doug Snyder's uncle Van	Natasha Reissig, Keith & Kay Reissig's daughter	Donna Garver	Rick Taylor
Colton, Nicole-DeHass' friend	Marilyn Kumar's son, Chad	Layne Kneisel	Kathy Halfman
Marlyn, Mark Hartness' sister	Virginia Wise, Pam Matlock's friend	Rhonda Menke	Tina, Food Bank helper
Katrina, Linda Siebold's niece	Serenit Carpenter, Ryan & Sarah's niece	Marlyn Kumar's D-I-L's son Josh	Charles West, Bob West's brother
Marla, Nancy Kohman's sister	Kevin Bell, Irene Martin's daughter's friend		
	Kevin Edwards, James & Tiffany Stepien's friend		

Recovering

Loyd Creed	Bob Palmer's D-I-L	Hardy Wasson	Maddison Oles
Bill Miller, Issy's husband	Tammy Eilert	Doris Wyatt	Braxton Church, Marjorie Snyder's great-nephew
Peggy Valero			Don & Anna, friends of Barb Hartness' parents

Other:

John Juresic's cousin	Peggy Creed	Paul Haines	Mary, John Juresic's step-mom
Karol Hasting's sister	Betty Rich	Jillian Primm	Kyle, Rae & Russ Thiel's son
Erin Murray's nephew	Amanda Hamon	Margaret Thorpe	Judy Smith, Kim Fulgum's mom
Eric Becker's mother	Preston Olson		David Vaughter's mother
Our country	AUMC	Suicide Awareness	Students, teachers, school districts

Andover United Methodist church Happy Quilters group is looking for people who like to chat, laugh, reminisce, and gather together while taking a few hand stitches. You do not need to be skilled in hand quilting to join us. You do not have to commit to every Wednesday from 9 to noon. You can come and go as you like, for any portion of the time we gather.

We accept quilt tops from quilt makers, decide on a pattern to use to stitch the top, batting, and back together. We charge a fee and donate our proceeds to missions!

We welcome people from within and outside of our congregation to join us! Just show up and come to our room # 1 or call one of us for more information.

Donna Garver 316-218-1754 Doris Wyatt 316-733-0274
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 Shirley Reed-Jansen 316-733-4136
 Barbara Hartness 316-733-2136 Hardy Wasson 316-218-2570

Happy December!

The answer to our prayers is almost here... Good Bye 2020! Unfortunately we don't know if the end of 2020 will mark the end of the craziness, but we can still be hopefully! The idea of hope brings me to my next topic... Advent!

Crossfit started the celebration of Advent two weeks early because I just felt like that's what we needed! We mixed up the order a little bit and started out on November 11th talking about love. We talked about love languages and how we can use that knowledge of ourselves to learn how to care about our friends and family in a way that they will appreciate. We also related love to the story of Mary finding out that she was with child and having to deal with the hardships of being a pregnant unwed woman in biblical times. On the 18th we were celebrating the theme of peace. We did so by celebrating our community and coming together to pack Thanksgiving meals (pictured below) that our church family delivered to families in Andover. We talked about no matter what is going on in the world, one of the greatest acts of peace we can exhibit is extending our reach to help one another.



We will be changing the manner in which we meet for the rest of 2020 due to the restrictions that AUMC has placed on in-person meetings. We will either be back fully online, or we will figure out a way for our small groups to be under 10 people and meet on different days throughout the week. Please keep your eyes out for more details on the coming weeks on Facebook, Instagram, and e-mail.

Prayers for all of you in this holiday season!

Peace,
Melissa Connell
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Visit our Facebook page

View our calendar at bit.ly/1KmUhYm

This year, Advent and Christmas will be different from past years. It has been a long, stressful, and difficult year. The world really needs some hope, love, joy, and peace. This Christmas season, let God place in your heart the same excitement about the true meaning of Christmas. Then think of ways you can share your excitement with others.

Take some time to really get to know the Old Testament and all the stories predicted the Messiah. Make some new family traditions, or keep old ones, that will make Christmas a time of hope, love, joy, and peace.

I pray everyone stays safe and enjoys this wonderful time of year.

Blessings,
Erin

Christmas pageant:

I will email your family some speaking parts and songs. You can record your child at home and email the clips to me. We will create the Christmas pageant and will post it. More information to come! If you do not receive an email, please let Erin know.

Family ideas:

Create an Advent Jesse Tree-This ancient tradition, based on Isaiah 11:1, helps children learn the Christmas story and related Scripture.

Start with either a small live or artificial tree. If you prefer, cut a tree out of construction paper and tape it to a wall. Select 24 Bible stories and create small ornaments that correspond with each story. Use construction paper, scissors, markers and other art supplies.

Beginning December 1, read and discuss the related Scripture, discuss the Bible account, and then place the ornament on the tree.

Make a Prayer Garland- Cut out 24 green and red construction paper strips. On each strip, write the name of a family member, friend or ministry. Staple the strips as links into one long garland. Hang the garland in your apartment or house as a decoration.

Every day in December, have a family member remove one of the paper strips. As a family, pray for the person or ministry whose name is on that strip of paper.

Reverse Advent calendar-Fill a box with non-perishable food items and donate to the Andover Food Bank here at church. Each night chose a canned good and pray for the person/family who might be blessed by the food

**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE
OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY
SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND
GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.
- MATTHEW 5:16**



IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



**Vespers Services
Online**

Tuesdays

**7pm
Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22**

**Family Fort Fellowship
Advent Edition**

7pm thru Zoom

Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14



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