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**NOVEMBER
2020**

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

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



WORD FROM THE PASTOR

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

November has a national holiday that is well known and a Christian holiday that is far less known. The national holiday is Thanksgiving. A time where we gather together with family or friends and we give thanks for the blessings of the past year. The Christian holiday is Christ the King Sunday which is the last Sunday before advent (Nov. 22 this year). It marks the end of the liturgical calendar as we celebrate the hope of Christ's kingdom of grace and love. These two holidays would seem very different specially in light to the final parable in Matthew 13 Jesus gives about the coming kingdom. The part about furnace of fire and gnashing of teeth overtake a parable where Jesus states that the "net" that collects the fish gets thrown back out to collect more. Like a thanksgiving dinner plate and mashed potatoes. You get the first plate filled with all the different food, but your second plate filled with just the good stuff: mashed potatoes and gravy! The kingdom of heaven is like seconds on Thanksgiving Day it is an awesome parable, yet we can't leave out the end of the parable Jesus gives us.

With the dramatic image of fire and weeping it could be easy to think this parable is about judgement. It is, sorta. The parable is also about hope. The kingdom of heaven is a net that is thrown out multiple times to collect all the good. It is thrown out to collect even with the risk of getting the bad. It is the thanksgiving plate that collects all the turkey and mashed potatoes even at the risk of green bean casserole. (sorry, I just don't like green beans!) Jesus is saying that while evil and unrighteous exist in the world, God still seeks to bring out the good and righteous. Jesus is still seeking you even if you are not perfect. The kingdom of heaven is collecting us regardless of our imperfections. In the love and grace of Jesus we are able to give up, put down, or throw out those things that keep us from God.

Jesus is calling you to be part of his movement of grace and love. I hope you have a happy thanksgiving and a grace filled Christ the King Sunday!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Note from Finance

We are continuing to add activities to the church calendar. There are Zoom studies and Pathfinders class is meeting in person with proper distancing on Sunday mornings. The Scouts are meeting in the church again within Trustee guidelines. Not our old normal but after all "normal" is just a setting on the dryer. Our staffing, program and utilities costs are still less than prior years because of limited activities.

Here is the news from the finance side of church as of **September 30, 2020**

Total contributions for general expenses year to date	\$ 228,645.39
Total general budget expenses year to date	209,331.91
Net contributions over expenses year to date	<u>\$ 19,313.48</u>

Other notes:

- We applied for and received a \$46,500 PPP loan under the CARES Act. None of those funds have been required to maintain operations this year. We are in the process of applying for loan forgiveness and believe that we will be able to have it all forgiven under the regulations.
- Finance committee voted to bring the church current with M&M's through October. This was possible in part because of a generous gift received which was directed towards M & M's.
- We have begun working on the 2021 budget. This will be prepared based on current operations and looking to future changes.

Thank you for all your continued support and prayers.

Questions—contact Pastor Ryan, Nancy Mattke, or Dan Eilert

AUMC is looking for amazing people to help with worship by -

- ⇒ reading scripture and prayers
- ⇒ running the computer
- ⇒ writing down prayer requests
- ⇒ greeter both in person and on the live feed.

If you would like to help, contact pastor Ryan!

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>



Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, and cards. So helpful in the healing process after surgery. Love you all!

Doris Wyatt



**ANDOVER UNITED
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MISSION STATEMENT

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



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

DATE	Online Adult Servc.	Online Child. Servc.	In-Person	Totals
9/6/20	248	27	33	308
9/13/20	159	37	39	235
9/20/20	166	25	31	222
9/27/20	461	49	N/A	N/A

➤➤➤ MINISTRY UPDATES

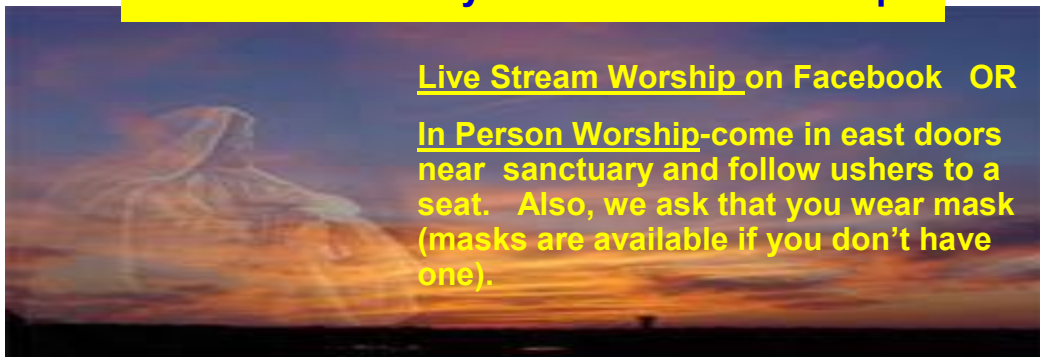
Halloween: Do Not Be Afraid! October 25th-

November 8th

The most common command or instruction given by God is to not be afraid. This should be very reassuring to know that God desires us to not live in fear. Yet, fear permeates our culture. For three weeks we will examine scary movies, current fears, and how scripture of God's assurance applies to us today.



Join us this Sunday at 10:00am for worship



Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10am In-Person & On-Line Service	11/3 7:00pm Middle School Zoom	11/4 5:30pm Midweek Service Zoom 6:30pm Kids Connect Zoom High School In-Person 7:00pm Pastor Zoom study	11/5 7:00pm High School Zoom
11am Sunday School Zoom	11/10 7:00pm Middle School Zoom	11/11 5:30pm Midweek Service Zoom 6:30pm Kids Connect In-Person Middle School In-Person 7:00pm Pastor Zoom study	11/12 7:00pm High School Zoom
5pm Pathfinder Sunday School In-Person	11/17 7:00pm Middle School Zoom	11/18 5:30pm Midweek Service Zoom 6:30pm Kids Connect Zoom High School In-Person 7:00pm Pastor Zoom study	11/19 7:00pm High School Zoom
	11/24 7:00pm Middle School Zoom	11/25 5:30pm Midweek Service Zoom 6:30pm Kids Connect In-Person Middle School In-Person 7:00pm Pastor Zoom study	11/26 7:00pm High School Zoom

Andover Community Food Bank Holiday Days and Times for 2020

November

Open Tues. from 10-1

Open Wed. from 3-6

Open Sat., Nov. 21 from 10-12

Closed Sat., Nov. 28

note date change

December

Open Tues. from 10-1

Open Wed. from 3-6

Closed Dec. 26, 29, & 30**

**Closed week between Christmas & New Years.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



NOVEMBER

02 Mike Primm	13 Bethany Bliss
02 Ryan Menke	13 Mason Riedy
04 Rondal Plunk	14 Dan Delimont
05 MaryIn Harvey	14 Jessi Mattke
06 Annie Walters	16 Trudy MacDonald
09 Ethan Oles	16 Tony Kaufman
09 Elissa Harrison	16 John Primm
09 Gavin Padding	17 Jay Hedger
10 Lynette Juresic	18 Emily Alexander
10 Randy Owen	19 Dean Senters
10 Robbu Martin	19 Mary Starr
11 Lloyd Creed	19 Elly Shook
11 Phyllis Hendrix	19 Jack Straub
11 Al Gagnon	22 Tristina Carter
11 Justin Haynes	22 Kylie Huffman
11 Saylor Mattke	23 Brian Diffin
13 Rachel Gregg	23 AlexDurano
	25 Brent Haynes
	28 Pat Randol
	29 Elieen Hodges



14 Matt & Gabrielle Pippin
17 Michael & Erin Eilert
20 John & Lynette Jacobsen
27 Russ & Rae Thiel

Life Line Screening at AUMC 11/12/20

A package of 5 screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk for stroke
 - Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
 - An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
 - Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
 - Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis
- These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 & take 60-90 min. to complete. If you register today you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling 1-888-653-6441, visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle, or text the word "circle" to 797979

Winter Weather Information

When winter arrives, it seems the first snow always sneaks up on us. I want to share some info as to what you can expect when it does snow throughout this season.

Regarding Cancellations

First of all, each person/family should consider their safety and only attend if they are comfortable being out in the weather. We will have the in-person worship service at the regular time if the roads are passable. This may mean reduced personnel or shorter worship service. We will only cancel worship in the worst of situations and will notify the local television stations if we do.

Parking Lot Condition

When snow falls prior to Sunday, we will clear the parking lot if sufficient depth warrants. If it is still snowing on Sunday mornings, we may wait until the snowfall stops before clearing the lot. Please feel free to use the covered drive to deliver passengers to the front door.

On Wednesdays, it is our plan to have the lot cleared for evening activities unless we are in an active snow storm. Our cancellation policy for Wednesdays is, if school is cancelled, we cancel as well.

Hope this covers most situations, and as always, if you have questions, contact the church office.

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
- Rachel Gregg 316-733-0170
- Shirley Reed-Jansen 316-733-4136
- Barbara Hartness 316-733-2136
- Hardy Wasson 316-218-2570
- Doris Wyatt 316-733-0274
- Marge Snyder 316-655-8741

PRAYER REQUEST



Sympathies to Families/Friends in the Passing of:	Illness & Treatment:	Recovering:	Other:
Vaughn Gregg's brother	Bob Pippin	Peggy Valero	Preston Olson
	Natasha Reissig, daughter of Keith & Kay Reissig	Bob Palmer's d-i-l	Eldon Graham
	Donna Garver	Hardy Wasson	Paul Haines
	Colton, Nicole DeHass' friend	Maddison Oles	Betty Rich
	Marilyn Kumar's son, Chad	Braxton Church, Marjorie Snyder's great-nephew	Mary, John Juresic's step-mom
	Virginia Wise, Pam Matlock's friend	Doris Wyatt	Jillian Primm
	Serenity Carpenter, Ryan & Sarah's niece	Tammy Eilert	Karol Hasting's sister
	Kevin Bell, Irene Martin's daughter's friend	Bill Miller, Issy's husband	Kyle, Rae & Russ Thiel's son
	Marilyn, Mark Hartness' sister	Don & Anna, friends of Barb Hartness' parents	Erin Murray's nephew
	Katrina, Linda Siebold's niece		Amanda Hamon
	Marla, Nancy Kohman's sister		Judy Smith, Kim Fulgum's mom
	Rick Taylor		Eric Becker's mother
	Layne Kneisel		David Vaughter's mother
	Kathy Halfman		Margaret Thorpe
	Tina, Food Bank Helper		Our Country
	Marilyn Kumar's d-i-l's son, Josh		Suicide Awareness
	Chris Jackson, Lynette Juresic's cousin		College Students
	Kevin Edwards, James & Tiffany Stepien's friend		Students, teachers, school districts
	Charles West, Bob West's brother		AUMC
	Clifford Mattke, Frank Mattke's brother		
	Boone, Nancy Mattke's grandson		
	Rhonda Menke		
	Those with Covid-19		

Happy November!

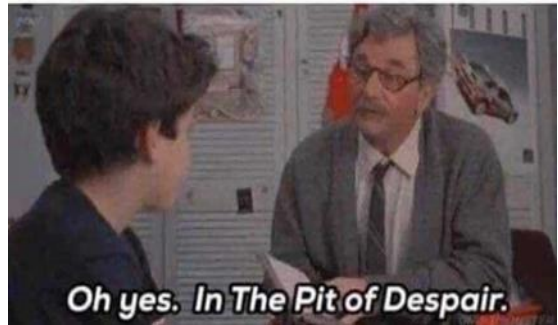
As I write this, the first snow of the year is falling (in October!) and I am reminded of the beauty of winter! I know our students don't all feel this way, and I love to remind them of my love for the cold and snow as they make fun of me for it. I find myself appreciating the little joys of life more and more throughout this pandemic, and one of those joys is our amazing Crossfit Youth Group! I am so glad that we've been able to spend some time together in person and on Zoom. Our students are the reason that I've been able to push through this fall and find the passion and drive to keep working to make our meetings better and more fulfilling.

That being said, we will be changing things up as it gets colder and darker! Unfortunately, I am not ready to give out all of the details for these changes. Deadlines seem to come up a lot more quickly these days and I have not finished our schedule as of the time I am writing this message. Rest assured, by the time you receive the Outreach I will have a plan, and I will be distributing the details through our Facebook and Instagram accounts, and through our weekly emails! If you know a student that is even remotely interested in joining our group, please connect with me! My email address and phone number will be at the bottom of the page, and you can find links to our social media through AUMC's website.

Thank you again for keeping your students connected, and for the support I've gotten from all of you throughout the last few months, it means more than you know!

I'll leave you with this meme from my favorite movie, *The Princess Bride*, and a reminder that even though it may feel like we are still in the Pit of Despair, we are surrounded by the joy and love of Christ. God Bless.

Waking up every morning in
2020 be like



Peace,
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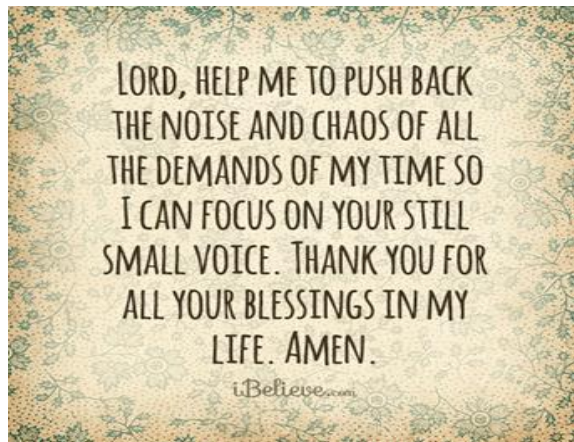
Dear AUMC families,

Time seems to be moving faster now-Fall (and sometimes winter) is in the air! Cooler weather has arrived and leaves are changing. We can see and feel all these changes. We celebrate Thanksgiving in November-which reminds me of family, turkey and pumpkins.

These days it can be hard to think of all our blessings. We have so many things that consume our time and energy-including our kids, media, elections. I hope that during this season, you take some time to slow down and take of yourself. We all deserve some peace in this crazy world. Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. 3 John 1:2

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 Andover UMC Kids' ministry Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/AUMCKidMin>

Blessings,
Erin



Family ideas

11/13: **World Kindness Day.** Show others, like your neighbors some kindness. You could make cards as a family and place them in mailboxes.

11/16: **International Day of Tolerance.** It is a great day to inspire people always to appreciate others no matter their gender, religion, or appearance. The International Day of Tolerance is about growing tolerance by encouraging mutual understanding among cultures and peoples.

11/18 **Mickey Mouse Day.** On November 18, 1928, Mickey made his film premiere in the animated short "Steamboat Willie." Post about Mickey or Disney on this day! Wake up that child inside your clients and remember this fun day.

11/20: **Universal Children's Day** This could be a fun day to just have some fun with the child(ren) in your life. Make a painting, bake cake, watch their favorite tv show

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



November 22, 2020

**Thanksgiving Day
November 26th**

**Advent Begins
Sunday, Nov. 29th
Ends
Thurs., Dec. 24th**

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