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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://goo.gl/VbzPwX>



WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings and Happy July 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 mustard seed:

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

Matthew 13:31-32

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to strange things. While Jesus lifts the positive value of a mustard plant, it was more annoying to the people. It would spread and grow on its own, it was hard to get rid of and yes birds could make nests in them but they were nothing compared to the tall cedar trees. This is not exactly the fluffy cloud view of heaven. This is not a relaxing paradise. According to Jesus the kingdom of heaven starts from a small seed, grows all around, is difficult to get rid of and while not the showiest it gives place for rest.

Paradise is an escape and fluffy clouds are of dreams. The kingdom of heaven is constantly all around us. People try to pull it out with no luck. For the kingdom of heaven is persistent. The kingdom of heaven is also subtle giving us a place of rest through out our day.

Jesus called us to be part of spreading this kingdom of heaven. As we are in a time of pandemic and racial tensions, I invite you to consider how you can spread the kingdom of heaven to the people near to you. It doesn't require a large gesture. Rather, a small gesture that gives someone a moment of peace, rest, hope, joy or even love.

God Bless, Pastor Ryan

➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2 SERVICE CHOICES FOR 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10am:

Below is the process that we have identified:

- For the time being we are going to have one service at 10am. This is not a permanent change yet when we will go back to two services is going to be worked out after we have seen how the process for reopening works for the one service. Again, the priority is to limit the risk and to do so it is wise to start with one service before going back to two.
- As you arrive in the parking lot there will be new signage that will direct people to the entrance as well as what to expect as you enter the church. The signs will contain the information that follows in a more concise form.
- We will ask people attending to wear masks. I understand masks do not prevent you from getting sick. Masks do help limit the likelihood of you spreading a virus to someone else. If everyone is wearing masks, then we have reduced the risk of spread.
- We will not have coffee or refreshments this summer.
- We will ask that you enter the doors on the east side that lead straight to the narthex (entry) and sanctuary. The building will be “closed off” from the east bathrooms on. If we need more places to sit, the usher will then direct people to the chapel for overflow seating that will be measured to allow six feet of distance.
- An usher will greet you and walk you to your seat. I am sorry, but that does mean you will likely have to sit in a new spot each Sunday! Change can be fun, right? An usher will also release the pews for exiting the service.
- Seating will be different. There are two sitting options we will try. Both have been measured as allowing six feet of
 - ◇ We will limit two family units or individuals to a pew. We will also be skipping every other pew. We will ask that you sit near the edge with one sitting on the inside and another on the outside.
 - ◇ We will use every pew but will stagger by having family units or individuals sitting on the inside by the aisle and then on the outside.
- We will not have live music and singing until July. Singing, while joyful, spreads the virus farther than normal breathing and talking. The music will be recorded and played in worship.
- Our greeting time will be limited to waves and air high-fives.
- There will be no bulletin handed out nor will there be any hymnals or bibles in the pews. The pew cushions have also been picked up. This has been suggested as the pews are easier to disinfect than cushions are.
- The offering plate will not be passed. There will be a place where you can place your offering either before or after the service.
- Communion, while always open if you feel called to come forward, will be handled with precaution. If you attend, please do not feel pressured to take communion. We will have communion available as people leave worship. You may also bring in a container a piece of bread and juice. Then you may take communion after you leave worship or when you get home.

Our current in-person worshipping is not the same as it was before. This is a reality we must accept. I encourage you to think of this acceptance as not a negative attitude, but a freeing attitude. If we focus on what we can do not only will it allow us to be present in what we are able to do, it will free us to envision what other possibilities God has for AUMC. Thinking “outside of the box” can be stressful and it is also often where we encounter God.

STREAMING SERVICE FROM THE SANCTUARY @ 10am

God is still good during this vastly different time.

Jesus' grace and love is still with us, and the Holy Spirit is still equipping and empowering us.

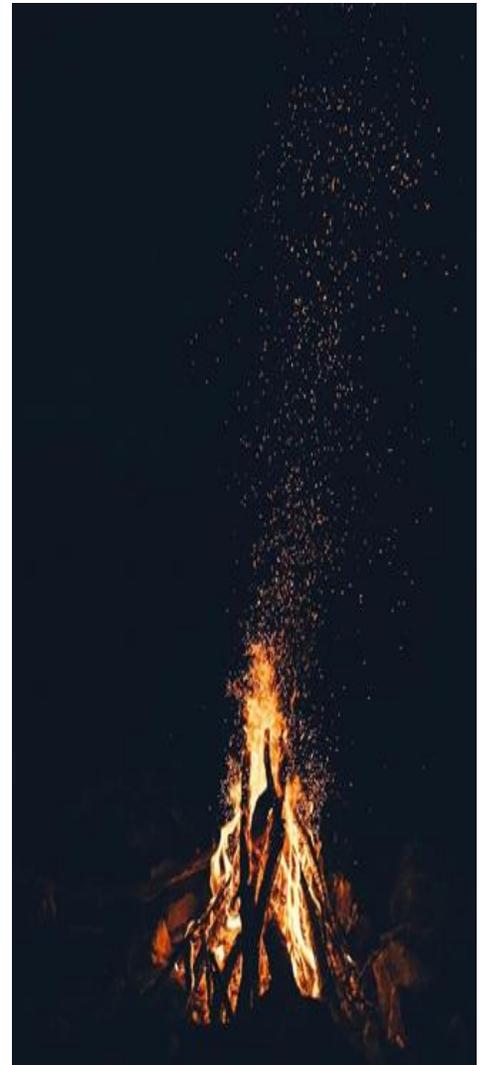
You can always send feedback to me at ryanl@andoverumc.com or give me a call/text at 785-545-6837.

In Christ, Pastor Ryan Lynch

➤➤➤ SERMON SERIES

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: Catch the fire!

With summer upon us that means the joy of more camping which means more campfires. Campfires bring people together and even inspire others. When you see someone else's campfire it inspires you to make your own or go and make some new friends. My love for campfires and s'mores has been proudly proclaimed and lived out. What about my love for Jesus? This sermon series we are going to take the fire of the Holy Spirit we get from Pentecost and spread the passion and story of Jesus like we spread news about a good show, a good restaurant, a good s'more. Join us as we let the fire of the Holy Spirit ignite our soul and our life to be the good news of Jesus!



- 28-Jun *Shine Brightly* John 10:1-10 (11-18)
- 5-Jul *Fan the Flame* John 14:1-14
- 12-Jul *Spread Wildly* John 14:15-21
- 19-Jul *Start More Fires* John 17:1-1
- 26-Jul *A New Day* John 7:37-39



**Those Gathered
On Line
Sunday to Worship
the Lord Our God**

DATE	Adult Svc.	Child. Servc.	Totals
5/3/20	329	60	389
5/10/20	287	49	336
5/17/20	298	33	331
5/24/20	281	76	357
5/31/20	438	58	496

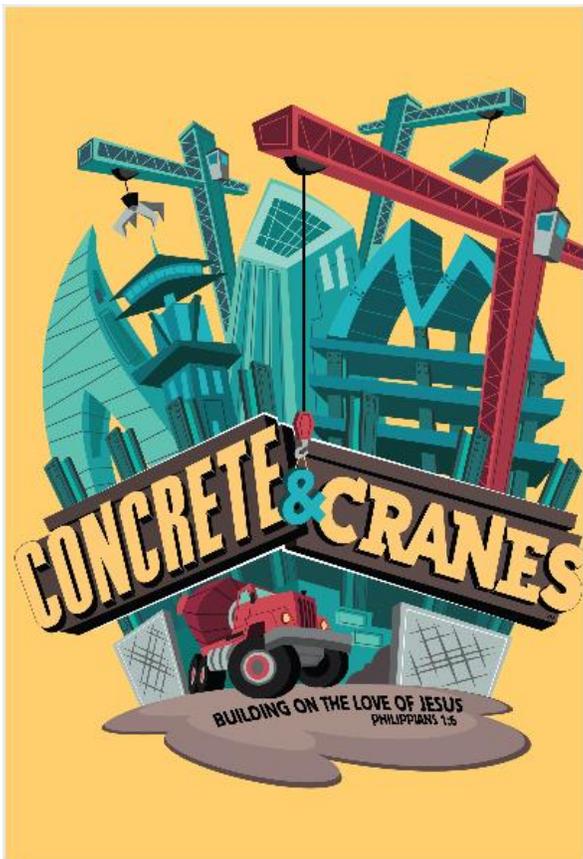


**ANDOVER UNITED
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MISSION STATEMENT

“Connecting people with
the love of God through
Jesus Christ”

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Join us for VBS!

JULY 20-24, 2020
6PM-7:30PM
Andover UMC

Child registration:
<https://forms.gle/YqzT3BGyVrEhis55A>
Waiver:
<https://forms.gle/Mf6QaerwnbNjRPc57>

Volunteer registration:
<https://forms.gle/zZYk3zm6rG6xJZrj8>



VBS
NEEDS SEVERAL CANAPIES TO USE FOR OUR OUTDOOR VBS FORMATE. CONTACT— Mellissa Connell or Erin Murray



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

JULY

02 Jill Hedger
03 Dan Eilert
03 Nathan Juresic
05 Beverly Hunter
05 Cecilia Hendrix
05 Carter Eilert
07 Steve Owen
07 Kirk Alexander
08 Annita Evans
09 Leela Coss
09 Scott Evans
09 Josie Beaver
09 Davin Hinote
10 Peggy Creed
10 Lisa Andersen
11 Jana Robinson

12 Seth Craig
13 Jim Hayden
13 Jennifer Primm
14 Nancy Mattke
14 Dianna Smith
15 Jace Guerrie
15 Katelyn Hedger
15 Ava Rose Jacobsen
16 Don Edwards
16 Steve Ramirez
16 Matt Johnson
17 Nicole DeHass
18 Donna Garver
18 Mary Jo Hope
18 Katie Haynes
19 Dale Padding

20 Erik Nygaard
21 William Heath
21 Rachel Formy-Duval
22 Charlie Carson
23 Barbara Hartness
23 Nicole Pippin
24 Elton Armbrister
24 David Westphall
25 Dawna Nygaard
27 Loren Watson
28 Andrea Neises
29 Tammy Eilert
29 Rick Hinz
29 Mari Padding
29 Maelyn Padding
29 Gage Padding
30 Paulette Templeton



02 Chip & Dayna DuFriend
04 Dick & Hardy Wasson
06 Jim & Cheryl Hartley
07 Tony & Cathy Durano
12 Patrick & Jan Mansfield
13 Doug & Marjorie Snyder
14 Jay & Jill Hedger
16 Michael & Linda Jones
19 Leighton & Amber Fetters
27 Ryan & Amber Mattke
29 Eric & Renee Becker
29 Chad & Kristin McCleerey
31 David & Darcy Beaver

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Date: June 16, 2020



Sympathies to Families/Friends in the Passing of:	Illness & Treatment:	Recovering:	Other:
Ernie Johnson (Kristy Johnson Fleming's dad) (June)	Tina, friend of David & Peggy Valerio	Bob West	Jerri Shelman Jillian Primm
Connie Davis' husband (June)	Hardy Wasson Doris Wyatt	Phyllis Seidl	Rhonda Menke's son, Alex
Diane McLaughlin's husband (June)	Tiffany Snyder Linkous, Marge Snyder's granddaughter	Bob Palmer	Rhonda Menke's son, Ryan
Bill Hendrix (May)		Dick Wasson	Shirley Reed-Janzen
Bill Cobb (May)		Peggy Creed	Paul Haines
Terry Neal (Kay Reissig's father) (May)	Brad Hope, John Hope's son	Rhonda Menke	Eldon Graham
Bill Cobb (May)	Serenity Carpenter, Sarah & Ryan Lynch's niece	Braxton Church, Marjorie Snyder's great-nephew	Betty Rich Ernie Johnson
Linda Hope (April)			Melody Billings
Walter Mattke, Frank Mattke's brother (April)	Virginia Wise, Pam Matlock's friend		Margaret Thorpe George Carpenter
George Thrasher, Mike DeHass' step-father (May)	Marla, Nancy Kohman's sister		David Vaughter's mother
Lois Ward Hendrix (March)	Kevin Edwards, James & Tiffany Stepien's friend		



Happy July!

After a chaotic and somewhat uneasy summer, I hope you all are doing well! Although I was nervous about meeting in-person, once I saw how well our congregation was doing I allowed myself to pursue the idea of bringing back some Crossfit Youth meetings. I know I've said this a lot, but I miss our students and volunteers and I can't wait to see everyone again when you are comfortable with meeting! We will be starting in-person outdoor meetings in July! The dates and times are provided to the right, and more details will be announced as each event approaches.

A few things that I would like to address about our upcoming events:

Social distancing and safety measures will be enforced:

COVID-19 is still a very real threat to our community.

Butler County does not have near as many reported cases

as some surrounding counties, however, that is no excuse for us to ignore the safety guidelines we have been given. All attendees will be expected to keep space between themselves and others that are not a part of their immediate family. Hand sanitizer will be used abundantly, and we will not be going inside the church for anything short of emergencies during our time together. Any person who does not follow these guidelines will be asked to leave our events.

These events may be cancelled or postponed: We still don't have a handle on what life will be like in a few weeks, or even a few months. As the state and school districts come out with plans for the fall, we will follow the mandates and suggestions from the state of Kansas and USD 385. This might mean that we are not able to have large gatherings, and we will adjust.

Please express any and all concerns and/or suggestions: I, like all of us, have never gone through anything like this before. If any of our gatherings or my plans for our gatherings seem like something that feels unsafe to you as a parent or guardian, please don't hesitate to let me know. My job as a youth director and my pledge as a United Methodist is to Do good, **Do no harm**, and Stay in love with God. I would never want to put any of our youth at risk.

Lastly, Andover UMC is still holding Vacation Bible School this year in a very different capacity (see Children's Chatter for more info)! In coordination with VBS, Crossfit will be holding Mission Week (see summer schedule above). High Schoolers (completed 9th-12th grade) will be meeting each morning from 9am-Noon and Middle Schoolers (completed 5th grade-8th grade) will be meeting during the VBS time frame. If you or your **high school student** would like to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School please contact myself or our Children's Director Erin!

Peace, Melissa Connell; Director of Youth Ministries





Visit our Facebook page

View our calendar at bit.ly/1KmUhYm

▶▶▶ CHILDREN'S CHATTER

Dear AUMC families,

It is my hope and prayer that you and your family are doing well. I miss all of you so much and can't wait until we are all back together in our church home.

While in-person church service has begun, we feel it is in the best interest of the children to wait a while longer before having Sunday School. We are in the process of determining the best safety protocols, but they will likely include having hand sanitizer, helping the children wash their hands before and after class, encouraging teachers and children to wear masks, cleaning the rooms before and after class, and setting up the rooms to encourage social distance. We will talk with the children about the importance of loving each other by practicing healthy and safe habits.

Parenting is hard and this year has made things more difficult with COVID and racial tensions rising. Talking about race can be sensitive and messy. There is no foolproof way to talk to your children about race, but there are several great resources that can help you gather your thoughts, ideas and figure out a way to talk to your children. (tolerance.org-Beyond the Golden Rule; Christiantoday.com-How to Talk About Race with Your Kids; parenttoolkit.com-How to Talk to Kids about Race and Racism; todaysparent.com-How to talk to kids about racism: An age-by-age guide)

After all, We are all equally made in God's image (Genesis 1:26-28). We all have equal responsibility to use what we have to the glory of God. Every human being is the object of the love of God (John 3:16).

Blessings,
Erin

Family ideas

- ***If you have a fire pit or a grill, dream up some new ideas to cook over the campfire. You can add fun ingredients to classic s'mores, or cook up some camp fire popcorn instead of hot dogs.
- ***Mark the Fourth of July with your own family celebration. Have the kids make red, white or blue jello, spray paint stars on the lawn and break out some instruments for your own parade around the neighborhood.
- ***Make your own backyard festival. Have the kids come up with carnival games, and help them set them up. Ring toss, a duck pond and a photo booth are good DIY options.
- ***Do some backyard science experiments. [Discovery World](#) has plenty of ideas.

What's happening?
VBS-Concrete and Cranes-July 20-24
Kids Connect-Taking a break in July;
Will begin in August
Game Night-TBD
Reverse Lock-In-TBD, More info to come



**FAMILY STYLE
OUTDOOR
IN-PERSON VBS
JULY 20-24
6PM-7:30PM
DINNER 5:30PM
(SACK LUNCH STYLE)**

**Children
Entering
K-5th
Preschool may stay
if parent stays**

Child registration:
<https://forms.gle/DFTJg9XTaW85G9zU8>

Child waiver:
<https://forms.gle/D3hCrHfoGWsMtWyh9>

Volunteer registration:
<https://forms.gle/ceoLJSSfUr5Q3puH7>

OUTSIDE
WEAR SUNSCREEN
BRING WATER

At home kits
available if your
family does not
want to attend
in person

Parent stays to help with social distancing and to have FUN!

**No
Nursery**

Contact Erin Murray, Children Ministry Director with questions
erinm@andoverumc.com (316) 733-1644

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



**Family Style Outdoor
In-Person
VBS
July 20-24**
6-7:30pm
Dinner 5:30pm
(sack lunch style)

Dates of Events
July 8th—Aug. 25th
(details found inside)

Tuesday 10am-1pm
Wednesday 3-6pm

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