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**SEPTEMBER
2020**

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**ANDOVER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
P.O. Box 519
Andover, KS 67002

**SUNDAY SERVICE
IN PERSON &
LIVESTREAM
FACEBOOK AUMCKS
10:00am**

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<https://goo.gl/VbzPwX>



WORD FROM THE PASTOR

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Matthew 13:44

How many ways can Jesus describe the kingdom of heaven?

In this verse the kingdom of heaven is a hidden treasure. A man happens upon this treasure and is shocked beyond belief. As a kid, I once thought buried treasure was in the backyard. I went into the back corner of the yard and I dug and dug. In my mind the hole was 100 feet deep. Nothing. Saddened by my lack of discovery, I vowed that it wouldn't happen again, so I created a time capsule. In a small box, I put little things that I thought were treasures and placed the box in the hole. As I put the dirt back on the box, I laughed to myself about how excited I was going to be when I dug it up again.

I never found the box. To my knowledge it is still in my parent's backyard waiting to be discovered! I wonder if the person who eventually finds the box will view it as a treasure. Or will they view it as a box of trinkets and junk? As I reflect on Jesus' parable, I wonder if I have come across the kingdom of heaven and instead of rejoicing in the treasure, I act burdened by the junk.

It occurs to me, that perhaps the point of the parable is not the hiding and finding of the kingdom of heaven, rather it is the joy of the one who finds it. How have you stumbled across the kingdom of heaven in your life? I invite you this September, to seek a response of joy to the unpredictable things 2020 will continue to give you. Who knows, it just might be a moment that leads you to experiencing the kingdom of heaven!

**God Bless,
Pastor Ryan**

➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Note from Finance

Since my last note, we have begun meeting in person - with masks and proper distancing. We do continue ministry in the community and with each Other.

Here is the news from the finance side of church as of July 31, 2020

Total contributions for general expenses year to date	\$ 167,476.83
Total general budget expenses year to date	<u>154,915.77</u>
Net contributions over expenses year to date	<u>\$ 12,561.06</u>

That looks good however:

- we have paid \$4,000 missions and ministries funds in 2020
- some of our staff are working shortened hours thus reducing payroll expense
- the building is not open as much, resulting in less utilities
- Sunday School is not meeting so there is less supplies expense

All that said - don't forget to give to AUMC as you are able.

Giving options - on-line, drop off at office, or drop in collection on Sundays

Questions? Contact Pastor Ryan, Nancy Mattke or Dan Eilert

Scholarships 2020

Congratulations!

Continuing College Scholarships

Abby Fulghum
Trevor Guerrie
Eliana Jacobsen
Emily Robinson
Shannon Young

Caleb M. Eilert Memorial Scholarship

Abby Fulghum



FILL MY CUP

Will meet on Mon. Sept. 21 at 7:00pm

Mary Moon from Butler Co.

Comm. College will speak about Advance Kansas which is a community diversity initiative.

Decision to be Zoom or in person will be announced closer to meeting date.



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
7/5/20	239	46	58	26	369
7/12/20	358	32	-	22	412
7/19/20	303	55	-	32	390
7/26/20	513	61	-	23	597



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MISSION STATEMENT

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

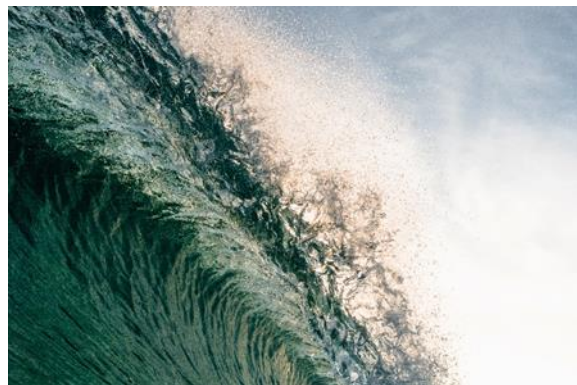
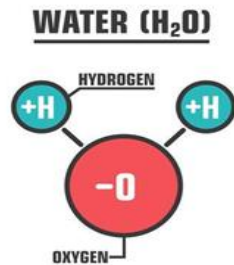
Chemical Bonds- the Foundation of Substance

Everything we interact with is formed by millions of molecules and atoms.

What holds these molecules together?
Chemical Bonds.

In September we are going to look at how chemical bonds connect molecules to create amazing things.

We are also going to look at how our bonds with God, as a faith community and with our neighbors, are able to create amazing things.



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!

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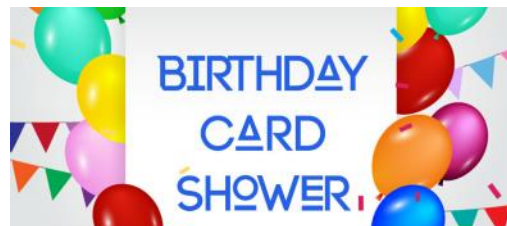
SEPTEMBER



01 Forrest Evans
01 Mary Anne Maupin
02 Darryl Haynes
02 Meghan Guerrie
03 Mary Vaughters
04 Kerbi Feast
09 Steve Sanders
12 Sara Banks
12 Kyle Brady
12 Courtney Senters
14 Melissa Bliss
16 Sherri Sanders
18 Michael Halfman
18 Betty Pippin
18 Amber Mattke
18 Darren Jones
18 Olivia McCleerey
20 Dick Wasson
20 Brent Mattke
20 Ella Lambert
22 Julie Oles
23 Melissa Kiphart
24 Brian Formy-Duval
24 Natalie Alexander
25 Dianna Shook
25 Jackson Hayden
25 Drew McCleerey
26 Curt Snyder
26 Chip DuFriend
26 Reva Sams
27 Jeremy Lawrence
28 Justin Evans



04 Rick & Bess Hinz
04 Dale & Denise Christian
07 John & Lynette Juresic
11 Adam & Tiffany Gooding
15 Dennis & Phyllis Seidl
22 David & Julie Oles
24 Lloyd & Peggy Creed
27 Eric & Cheryl Wertheimer



It's time for a 85th birthday card shower for Dick Wasson. His birthday is 9/30/20.

Please send your wishes to him at —

512 Renee; Andover, KS 67002

PRAYER REQUEST



Sympathies to Families/ Friends in the Passing of:	Illness & Treatment contd.:	Recovering:	Other:
Jerri Shelman (Aug.)	Kathy Halfman	Tammy Eilert	AUMC
		Bob Palmer's dghtr-in-law	Our Country
Brad Hope (Aug.)	Katrina, Linda Siebold's niece	Maddison Oles	Suicide Awareness
		Bill Miller, Issy's husband	College students
Tina, Food Bank helper	Marla, Nancy Kohman's sister	Braxton Church, Marjorie Snyder's great-nephew	School districts, teachers, & students
	Tina, Food Bank helper		Jillian Primm
	Layne Kneisel		Karol Hasting's sister
Illness & Treatment:	Those with COVID-19		Kyle; Rae & Russ Thiel's 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
			Amanda Hamon
Nancy Mattke's cousin's nephew's family	Kevin Edwards, James & Tiffany Stepien's friend		Judy Smith, Kim Fulgum's mom
			Eric Becker's mother
	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
Kevin Bell, Irene Martin's daughter's friend	Rhonda Menke		Paul Haines
	Buff Buffington, Don Edward's son-in-law		Mary, John Juresic's step mom
			Betty Rich

Happy September!

I'm so excited for this fall. I'm also nervous and anxious about how things are going to go. But I think that's the boat that everyone is in! We are gearing up for the fall here at AUMC with our children and youth programming, and even though things are subject to change, we're going to give it our best shot! The Crossfit Schedule for September as of right now (August 24th) is as follows:

September 2nd - Fall Kick-off Event (time TBD)

September 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th - Middle School Zoom Meeting @ 7pm

September 9th and 23rd - High School in-person meeting at the AUMC firepit @ 6:30pm

September 10th, 17th, and 24th - High School Zoom Meeting @ 7pm

September 16th and 30th - Middle School in-person meeting at the AUMC firepit @ 6:30pm

If you're on our weekly email, you have gotten this information and the invitation to give me any advice, feedback, concerns, etc. that you may have with our fall plans and I hope you all accept that invitation! I welcome any help you all have to offer and I'm so glad that we get to navigate this fall semester together!

Peace,

Melissa Connell

Director of Youth Ministry



Visit our Facebook page

View our calendar at bit.ly/1KmUhYm

Dear AUMC families,

I am praying that things are going well for you during this time. There has been a lot of changes to routines, which is a little scary. And now, after several months, it seems as though another change is going to occur. Schools across the country are starting. Flexibility, growth and learning will be key.

Even for the adults, it's a time of change and not knowing, with schools still wavering and waiting to see how things play out to make some decisions. But you know what's really great? God knows about all of it! He knew about it before it happened, and He knows everything that will happen!

God's Word tells us that instead of worrying, we should pray! "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

We will kick off our Fall events and the start of school with Blessing of the Backpack. We are also sad and excited for all those students who will be crossing over to Crossfit Youth. We want to celebrate and uplift those kiddos in a special CrossFit crossover Ceremony.

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>

We miss all of you at church! I am praying that I can get hugs from you again very soon!

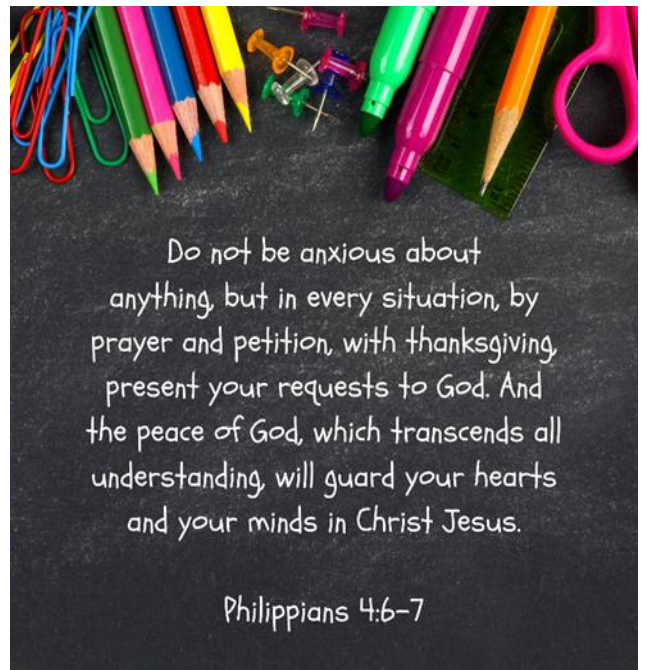
Blessings,

Family ideas

Go on a Fall Nature Walk together and collect autumn leaves, acorns, pinecones, and other nature items.

September 7 is National Grandparents Day, where we celebrate the matriarchs and patriarchs of our families. Buy a Grandparents Memories book and ask them to fill it in as an heirloom. Or record a video of them answering questions about their upbringing and their favorite memories as a family keepsake. What an amazing way to honor those who shaped us and taught us as we grew, so that we can do the same for our children.

September 27 is Family Health and Fitness Day. This can be a great day of activity, even just in the yard. Use pool noodles to make arches to crawl under, hula hoops hung from a branch to throw a ball through, a rope strung across the yard to make a net for your favorite game. As long as all of you are doing something together, it is meaningful and modeling active and healthy lifestyles!



Mark Your Calendars

Blessing of the Backpack and Crossfit Crossover Ceremony-September 2

**Kids Connect-We will alternate between in person outside and Zoom.
9/9-Zoom, 9/16-Inperson, 9/23-Zoom, 9/30-Inperson**

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



**Blessings of the
Backpack & Crossfit
Crossover Ceremony**
Sept. 2nd

Tuesday 10am-1pm
Wednesday 3-6pm

**Crossfit
starts 9/2**
**Kids Connect
starts 9/9**

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