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

SUNDAY SERVICE 10 AM

IN PERSON (starting Feb 7th)

or LIVESTREAM FACEBOOK AUMCKS

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WORD FROM THE PASTOR

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. *1 John 4:7-9*

February is often symbolized as the month of love because of St Valentines Day. While romantic love is an important part of life, it was not the actual goal of St Valentine. There is some legend when it comes to St Valentine that he was marrying couples in Christian marriage even though the emperor at the time made it illegal. While that might be true, St Valentine actually gave his life to spreading God's love to all people even to the emperor at the cost of his life. Why would he make this sacrifice? Because Jesus sacrificed so we would know God's love. It is in knowing sacrificial love that we experience God through Jesus and it is through giving sacrificial love that we spread the love of Jesus.

Lately, there seems to be very little love in our nation. We are divided. We are angry. We do not love each other. I invite you this month to walk the path of Jesus and take a step towards loving your enemy. This doesn't mean accepting all of their behavior. What this looks like is to not demonize people with different opinions and beliefs. What if we saw each person as someone who Jesus thought was worth sacrificing for. Yes, they and we have flaws. Jesus decided love was more important. How can you walk in the steps of Jesus and extend sacrificial love to those around you?

Pastor Ryan



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Starting Feb. 7th, we will be allowing groups of 10 or less for both youth groups and kids ministry, and scouting.

THANK YOUS

It's been six months now since my foot reconstruction surgery. The healing process is going great. I have been through six weeks of PT and am doing wonderful. God is so good, the healing continues. Thank you to everyone who reached out during the six months with phone calls, meals, lunches out, drivers, and cards. I'll be so glad when we can all be together.

Thank you. Tammy Eilert

Dear Andover United Methodist Members Thank you so very much for your generosity in providing underwear and socks for the clients of United Methodist Open Door Klothes Kloset. Your willingness to help these individuals was much appreciated. God Bless you for your kindness.

Rae Thiel



Dear Andover UMC,

Thanks to everyone who connected with us from sending a postcard, an outreach, a phone call and all the emails, and last but not least the wonderful online services and small group offerings all week. So much work goes on still that we can not know even!

Thanks to all those wonderful staff and volunteers and congregation.

Sincerely Thank you for everything! Karol and Les Hastings

RECYCLING

Andover UMC is doing their part in taking care of our earth!

Baskets are now located in the wooden bins inside the church office for your small used batteries (will be recycled at Interstate All Batteries), pop top, vegetable and other canned rings (will support the Ronald McDonald House) and plastic and paper sacks (will be used by Andover Community Food Bank or recycled at Dillons). You can recycle used aluminum cans in the trash container by the pop machine (less the pop top of course) in the multipurpose room. Anyone is welcome to use our church's effort for recycling for the good of our planet.

If you have any questions please call Barb Hartness: 733-2136



Those Who Worshiped the Lord Our God Together Online

DATE	Online Adult Service	Online Children Service	Totals
12/6/20	532	100	632
12/13/20	287	38	325
12/20/20	360	47	407
12/24/20	591		591
12/27/20	311	58	369

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>>> MINISTRY UPDATES

Worship In February

Remember the Sabbath- 2/7, 2/14

God instructs us to remember the sabbath but what exactly does that mean? We will take a look at what it means to remember the sabbath in rest and in worship.

2/07 Sabbath as Rest Genesis 2:1-3 & Deuteronomy 5:12-15

2/14 Sabbath as Worship Matthew 17:1-13





Ash Wednesday- 2/17 6:30pm

Ash Wednesday is the day we begin the season of lent- the forty days that prepare us for Easter. Traditionally this service includes the imposing of ashes. While this year will be different to maintain social distance, we will gather for a service of repentance and forgiveness to begin Lent.



Lent: You are What You Eat- 2/21 through 3/28

Have you ever heard the phrase, "You are what you eat"? As I have started to pay closer attention to my health I have realized that it is more true than I wish. Jesus told Satan in the temptation that "Man does not live on bread alone", yet sometimes I try. What we consume not only impacts our physical health but also our mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Fasting is a spiritual discipline of being aware, limiting, and even cutting out things we consume to clarify our focus on what God provides. During Lent we will explore the different things we consume and how we can be aware, limit and cut out things that take us away from health and a spiritual relationship with God.



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03 Ernie Johnson 03 Zach Hole 04 Kathryn (LaBach) Formy-Duval 06 Jim Haynes 08 Rae Thiel 08 Andrew Wertheimer 08 McKenzie DeHass 10 Erica Valerio Baker 12 Kyle Kohman 12 Sarah Lawrence 13 Linna Coss 17 Melissa Heath 18 Frank Mattke 18 Peggy Valerio 18 Roy Hayden 18 Nancy Carroll 18 Ethan Straub 19 Rebekah Martin 21 Michael Jones 21 Katelyn Tuttle 22 Gina Miller 22 Seth McCleerey 23 Kaylee Vaughters 24 Linda Hope 25 Layne Kneisel 26 Janet Knight 27 Eric Gregersen 28 Kim Bradford 28 Bryce Straub



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Serenity Carpenter Update

Serenity is now out of the hospital and doing quite well! She returns to the hospital one time per week and she and her care-giver (Mom, Dad, Grandma) stay at the apartment they are renting for 2 to 3 nights for that weekly visit. Serenity has been able to lower her dosage of Steroids and is really enjoying being a 10-year-old girl at her home with her loved ones. She is excited that around a half-dozen kids were born to their goats recently. She loves going outside and watch them play, but is not able to hold the kids at this time. Thanks to the generosity of many, the apartment rent has been paid through March. And, they are hopeful that Serenity will be able to have her medicine port removed at her next visit. Serenity loves her new wig and all the hats she has, many of which were donated by people showing the love of Jesus to her and her family.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. Barb Hartness



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PRAYER REQUEST

Sympathies to Families/Friends in the Passing of:

Illness & Treatm	iem			
Mark Carney, Russ & Rae Thiel's friend	Bob Beehler, Missie Heaths friend	Gordon Beeher, Missie Heaths friends	Justin Kneisel's co- worker	
Barbara Hartness' sister, Mary & husband Tom	Serenity Carpenter, Ryan & Sarah's niece		Theresa Saltsgiver, Marilyn Kumar's friend	
Tim Souders	Steve Malcom		Kathy Halfman	
Kevin Bell, Irene Martin's daughter's friend			Katrina, Linda Siebold's niece	
iend Kevin Edwards, James & Tiffany Stepien's friend		Layne Kneisel	Marla, Nancy Kohman's sister	
Marlyn, Mark Virginia Wise, Pam Matlock's friend Hartness'sister		Cathy Durano's student Katie	Tina, Food Bank helper	

Recovering		
	Bob Palmer's D-I-L	Maddison Oles
Amanda Church, Marjorie Snyder's niece	Kathy Halfman	Braxton Church, Marjorie Snyder's great-nephew

Other:				
Karol Hasting's sister	Betty Rich	Margaret Thorpe	Kim Fulgram's mom & dad	
John Juresic's cousin	Peggy Creed	Paul Haines	Mary, John Juresic's step-mom	
Preston Olson	Amanda Hamon		Judy Smith, Kim Fulgum's mom	
Our country	AUMC	Suicide Awareness	Students, teachers, school districts	



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