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ANDOVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

P.O. Box 519
Andover, KS 67002

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8:30am – Traditional Worship
- 9:45am – Sunday School Classes
for Adults, Youth, & Children
- 11:00am – Journey of Grace Worship

MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Andover United Methodist Church
www.andoverumc.com
AUMC Online Church Directory
<https://andoverumc.ctrn.co/>
One Call Now Notification
<https://goo.gl/zZRuWo>
The Outreach Newsletter
andoverumc.com/outreach.html

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



WORD FROM THE PASTOR

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness (generosity), faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

This month we are looking at the 6th fruit of the Spirit which is goodness or generosity depending on the translation of the Bible you are reading. The actual Greek word found is *agathosyne* which means good or benevolent. To help us understand how we are to grow in the fruit of “*agathosyne*” let’s look at the other place in scripture where the Apostle Paul uses it.

Romans 15: 14-16

¹⁴ *I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of **goodness**, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.* ¹⁵ *Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me* ¹⁶ *to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles.*

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

¹¹ *With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for **goodness** and your every deed prompted by faith.* ¹² *We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 5:8-10

⁸ *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all **goodness**, righteousness and truth)¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord.*

Paul uses the word *agathosyne* (goodness) to describe what it means to be a living and teachable example of God’s grace and love, to describe the hope of maturing in our faith, and to describe our transformation we find in Christ. Growing in goodness is growing in the ability to live out our faith so that when people encounter us they encounter the knowledge, the grace, the light of Christ. I encourage you this month to think about how you can live out your faith. I am not talking about making a big scene or praying in public. I am talking about living in a way that causes people to ask why you are so generous (with money, smiles, complements, encouragement, grace, support, love, etc.) because whatever the reason is- they would like to be part of it too. It is living in God’s goodness so we can be God’s goodness to the world.

Have a blessed and generous February.

God Bless, Pastor Ryan

➤➤➤ for your information

Worship in February: Surviving the Wilderness- February 10th-24th



The wilderness, used in a religious connotation, is a term used to describe times of trial, uncertainty and struggle. While wilderness can be beautiful and breathtaking, going through a spiritual, social, financial or emotional wilderness can cause great stress. It can feel like we are walking through a barren land without necessary resources.

In February we will look at how we survive in the wilderness. Lent, a period of 6 weeks before Easter, will begin in March and is molded after Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. It is a time for us to encounter the wilderness and prepare ourselves for surviving the wilderness in our life so we may know the Risen Lord.

We will be look at the Temptation of Jesus as well as times when David, Elijah, and Moses spent time in the Wilderness. Join us this February and together we will survive the wilderness.



The rummage sale hours:

Wednesday, March 20, presale with \$5 admission 4:30-6:00 pm

Thursday 7:30 am—5 pm

Friday 9 am-4 pm

Saturday 8 am-11 am

***Accepting donations in the expansion area off the multi-purpose room on Saturdays, March 9 & 16, 9-11 am and Sunday, March 10 1-3 pm

Valentine's Day Dinner and Auction

Saturday, February 9 6:00-9:00 pm

Various items will be part of the auction

Cost: \$20

Tickets available from any Crossfit student

*****Proceeds go to the AUMC youth mission trips.

UMCOR SCHOOL KITS



Crossfit Youth will be collecting specific school supplies to make up kits which will be sent by UMCOR to children without adequate supplies for their education.

Collection period: January 27 thru February 24

These are the items we will accept.

- ◆ One pair blunt scissors (round tip only, no plastic)
- ◆ One box 24 crayons (24-count only)
- ◆ Three one-subject notebooks (no marble composition books, no 3 or 5-subject notebooks)
- ◆ One pack loose-leaf paper (100-200 page packets acceptable, wide or college ruled accepted)
- ◆ One hand-held pencil sharpener (1-inch or longer, remove from packaging)
- ◆ One ruler (12 inches or 30 centimeters long, sturdy or flexible material accepted)
- ◆ Six unsharpened pencils
- ◆ One eraser (2 inches or longer)
- ◆ One two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag

Collection boxes will be in the church foyer.

ANDOVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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



Those Gathered on Sunday to Worship the Lord Our God

DATE	8:30	11:00	TOTALS
12/2	61	62	123
12/9	83	75	158
12/16	88	57	145
12/23	78	58	136
12/30	67	20	87
AVRG	75	55	130

Special Session of General Conference of UMC

In St. Louis a special session of General Conference of UMC will be held from February 23rd-26th. The purpose of this session is to receive a report by the Committee on a Way Forward about how the church can find a resolution to the LGBTQ issue that has been locked in debate at the last several General Conferences. This Committee was asked for by the delegates of 2016 General Conference and recommended by the Council of Bishops.



We need to prepare ourselves for the wilderness that is coming to the United Methodist Church. Like the wilderness, no one is sure what is going to happen or where we will go. Our Bishop, Bishop Saenz, held town halls last fall and prepared a summarization of three plans that are being presented. This information as well as a wealth of resources about the conference is found at <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/cowf>.

I will be holding listening sessions on Wednesday February 13th and 20th at 6:30pm in the parlor. The purpose of these sessions will be to answer any questions from the process, the plans, the theology and scripture of the issue, or why this is an issue. I encourage you to watch the town hall meeting if you didn't attend a town hall. Bishop Saenz does an excellent job of presenting the situation and the plans before the conference. If you have any questions, I invite you to contact me by either e-mail, ryanL@andoverumc.com, or call me at 785-545-6837.

This special session and the decision that comes from it will create anxiety, frustration and pain no matter the decision. We are a global church with diverse beliefs and we of Andover UMC are also of diverse beliefs. It is important to understand that people on both sides and those in the middle are people of deep faith, respect for scripture and love for Jesus. It is unfortunately too easy to dismiss or look down on those with differing opinions and beliefs. God's amazing diversity in creation is seen in our diversity of who we are, where we come from, the experiences that formed us, and what we believe. I believe, as did John Wesley, that it is possible to disagree about significant issues and still hold the other person and their belief with respect and love. This is not the first time that either the Universal Church or the United Methodist Church has encountered the wilderness or will it be the last. As we prepare for the wilderness, I encourage us to not go forth alone rather to support each other in Christian love and walk forward together.

In the Peace of Christ, Pastor Ryan

Extra, extra, read all about it.



Children's Sunday School

Our Children's Sunday School has grown. Yay! In order to give our children a fun and exciting learning Sunday School experience, we are in need of teachers to help us. Go to the link for the Children Sunday School SIGNUPGENIUS-listed below to sign-up.

- ♥ Pick a date(s) then
- ♥ Sign up to teach either the **Pre-K to 1st** group or **2nd-4th grade** group.

Sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849AEAE22A4FA7-children>



Church Work Day

set for
Saturday

March 30, 2019

—More info. to come—

A special "Thank You" to all the Christmas angels who donated hats, gloves, scarfs, underwear, and socks to the Open Door Klothes Kloset.

Your generosity will be and was greatly appreciated.



IN OUR PRAYERS



Sympathies:

- Family of Donnalea Haynes
- Family of Althea Franklin

Recovering:

- Lane, Dale & Marlene Beneke's son
- Weston Hayes, great-nephew of Frank & Nancy Mattke
- Phyllis Becker, Eric Becker's mother
- John Hageman, Renee Becker's uncle
- Rita Frakes
- Braxton Church, Marjorie Snyder's great nephew
- Ronald Billings
- Sue Mangels, Lucas Mangels' mother
- Robert and Laura Coss

Illness & Treatment:

- John, uncle of Erin Becker
- Judy Rumsey, friend of Sharon Laubach
- Kevin Edwards, father of James & Tiffany Stepien daughter's friend
- Alyssa Fullington, student at Andover H.S.
- Joe Piazza, cousin of Dave Valerio
- Shelly MacMillan, Jim Laubach's sister
- Allen, friend of Pastor Ryan - prayers of strength, peace, & comfort for the family
- Buff Buffington, son-in-law of Don & Willa Edwards

Other:

- Paul Haines
- Sharon Laubach & family in birth of great-grandson, Wyatt
- John & Linda upcoming birth in Jan. of grandson
- Melody Billings
- Al Gagnon, Irene's husband
- Ashley and Kaylee, friends of Hailey Becker
- Betty Rich — Eldon Graham — Ernie Johnson
- Howard Craig, Myrna Craig's father-in-law
- Mother of David Vaughters

For additions and updates:

Send email to churchoffice@andoverumc.com

Place in prayer box in sanctuary

Call church office-316-733-1644

MISSIONS FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE



Missions in Ordinary Life

February 2019

Love

"I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you." John 15: 15-16

In our culture, February and Valentines Day has become a time that we focus on Love, specifically, the kind of Love called Eros by the Greeks. There are four kinds of love: storge (like affection between and Mother and Child), phileo (the love of friendship), Eros (sensual love), and agape (that which wills the good of another without the need for reciprocation). God's love for us is not dependent on our qualities. This is difficult for us to believe but consider that God loves the world into existence and suffers and dies for it, asking nothing in return.

Unfortunately, defining love by putting it into categories of selfish vs. unselfish love (agape) leads to misunderstanding. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault says: "Agape is in essence transfigured desire." It is transfigured by kenosis (or self-sacrifice for the good of another). How would we view ourselves if we dared to realize that God loves us with all four kinds of love?! How easy it would be to love God back especially when we contemplate the lovely nature of Jesus. With the supernatural grace of Jesus' forgiveness, we can love one another and be present to each other.

This month, we suggest these opportunities to express love:

Be present to all you meet each day.

Right now, turn to others around you and express the following: "How good it is that you exist!"

Reflect on your day by asking at the end of each day: "When today, did I give and receive love or resist and withhold love?"

Contemplate the lovely nature of Jesus in the passage: John 15: 12-17.

Let the Missions team know how this has impacted you by dropping a note (that's a hint for a Valentine!) or email Myrna: myrnajcraig@gmail.com

Reference: James Bryan Smith, The Magnificent Journey.



➤➤➤ CROSSFIT YOUTH NEWS

Happy February!

I hope that everyone has adjusted well to writing/typing 2019 instead of 2018, and that you've kept all of your New Year's Resolutions up to this point. We've made it through a month of new beginnings, and now we're ready to focus on love! Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and Crossfit has a great way to help you celebrate, while also showing us some love in the fundraising department! Our annual Valentine's Day Fundraiser consists of a nice sit-down meal prepared and served by our youth and volunteers, an auction of goods and services provided by the youth, and some entertainment during the meal. Tickets cost \$20 per person or \$125 per table (seats 8 people), and childcare will be provided during the event. If you would like to purchase tickets or a table, find a member of the youth group, and they will set you up!

Another way that we celebrate love is by loving our neighbor (everyone). During the month of February Crossfit will be collecting supplies for UMCOR School Kits that we will send to UMCOR Sager Brown who will then send them to children who don't have adequate supplies for their education. Each kit has a value of only \$11, and we would love your help to be able to send as many kits as possible. There will be collection boxes in the foyer for each item until Sunday, February 24 which is when we will be packaging the kits.

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Another thought on loving our neighbor: The United Methodist Church is going through a big decision-making process this month. Remember that this topic has to be discussed in order for us to understand what our love looks like - not who we have to love. The same is true in all aspects of life, no matter who or what we are dealing with.

Peace, Melissa Connell - Director of Youth Ministries



Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School

5pm Confirmation Class

6:30pm Crossfit

Wednesday: 6:30pm Middle School Small Groups

7:30pm High School Class

View our calendar at bit.ly/1KmUhYm

Visit our Facebook page

▶▶▶ CHILDREN'S CHATTER



It's time to dust off those bells and welcome back the Rainbow Ringers! I am so excited to share this news because haven't we all missed those sweet little children ringing their bells during worship time?

We have been growing our numbers in Sunday School upstairs and have a small army of talented tots ready to ring their little hearts out for your entertainment and God's praise! We have some organizing and practicing to do, but look for the return of the ringers soon! Contact me at micheleg@andoverumc.com for more information.

Something else we are resurrecting with our kids; the pen pal notebooks. A few years ago we paired willing adults with eager children to swap notebooks back and forth and write to each other. It's important for kids to have mentors outside the home and what better place to find some of the best – but at church! Renee Becker is a rockstar who is excited and willing to get this super cool project back at AUMC. Let me know when you drop your child off at Sunday school or by emailing me, if you'd like your child to participate and also if you're an adult willing to adopt a pen pal and we'll get you paired up! You can also contact Renee to get yourself or your child signed up.

VBS will be just around the corner – so start thinking about that too! If you'd like to volunteer as an adult or youth, let me know. We will start planning and organizing soon, because July will be here before we know it!

Lots of exciting things are happening with our children at church and I'm thrilled that our numbers are growing and our children are learning more about God and His amazing love in their lives. Look forward to more great things happening Upstairs and beyond with these beautiful children!

Michele Gors, Director, Children's Ministry



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SMALL GROUPS FOR PRE-K TO 5TH GRADERS

Sunday Morning Sunday School at 9:45am: Join us for an awesome hour of Bible fun as we explore the scriptures through art, science, games, cooking, drama, and music.

Sunday Morning Journey of Grace Worship at 11:00am: Come worship as a family in this service made specifically to encourage children's participation. The grown-ups and the little ones will feel engaged as we worship God together!

Wednesday Evening Children's Small Group, 6:30pm—7:45pm: Following our community meal at 6:00pm, come upstairs for a time of faith formation that will make you laugh, help you grow and inspire imaginations! Join us upstairs on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:45 to learn more! (Does not meet during school summer break.)

**Nursery services are also provided during these meeting times for children birth-3 years old!

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO REMEMBER



**Surviving
The
Wilderness**

**Sermon
Series
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