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**SEPTEMBER
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**ANDOVER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
P.O. Box 519 -1429 N Andover Rd
Andover, KS 67002

SUNDAY SERVICES

TRADITIONAL 9:00AM
with chancel choir-in sanctuary
In-Person & Online

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM

PRAISE SERVICE 11:00AM
with contemporary music &
children's involvement-in gym

Services In-Person & Online
Online: FACEBOOK AUMCKS

MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Website:

www.andoverumc.com

AUMC Online Church Directory:

<https://andoverumc.ctrn.co/>

The Outreach Newsletter:

andoverumc.com/outreach.html

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:

Andover United Methodist Church:

www.facebook.com/AUMCKS

Andover UMC CrossFit Youth

Ministries: www.facebook.com/aumcyouthmin

Andover UMC Children's Ministry

www.facebook.com/AUMCKidMin



WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Through July, AUMC has been able to give 6102 hours of connection and service in the community. That is phenomenal! As I reflect two scriptures come to mind. The first from Philippians 1:3-6

³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

And the second from Galatians 6:9

⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

These are two scriptures that I remind myself of often. The first is a scripture of celebration of what has been accomplished combined with the hope that the faith community will finish their goal. Two years ago our goal was 5000 hours of service. Last year was 8,000. This year was 9,000. Each year we flew past our goal and this year is no different. We are on pace to give 10,460 hours of service this year! Like Paul, I celebrate what we have been able to do and believe with hope that we will finish 2024 strong. Part of our strategy to do so is our Mission Possible projects. We are hoping to have five projects this fall with: Kansas Food Bank, Simply Hygiene, Ember Hope, Envision, and a mission trip to Oklahoma City. Two are scheduled: Kansas Foodbank Warehouse on September 16th led by Tammy Eilert and Envision on October 12th led by Cathy Durano.

As excited as I am about these projects I am reminded of the second scripture. Goals can be great but they can also burn us out. The point of the number of service hours is to be an extra incentive to get out and serve. It can also feel like a burden. I invite you this fall to take a breath and not grow weary of doing good. Let's celebrate each moment of service in the joy and value of itself. It is a moment we get to live out our faith and that is worthy of celebration. The numbers can be exciting but the true purpose of AUMC's push for service is the connection. If you are able to give one extra moment of service and connection so somebody around you may know they are not alone, there are people that care, and in Jesus a God of Grace and Love then you have lived out your faith.

I invite us to not grow weary and continue living out our faith through service and connection this fall!

Blessings, Pastor Ryan

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE

9/2/24 6:30p Open Door Lunch Packing	9/2/24 Office Closed – Labor Day
9/4/24 5:30-6:30p Wed. study dinner-starts	9/18 10:15a-12p Mission Possible @ Kansas Foodbank Warehouse
9/23/24 6:30pm Unified Board Meeting	9/28 10-11a GAD Parade
10/12 Mission Possible- White Cane Walk with Envision	10/28/24 Unified Board Meeting



September 18 from 10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

AUMC is scheduled to volunteer at the Kansas Foodbank Warehouse on East Douglas. There are only 20 spots available. It is not guaranteed that we will be packing lunches for kids, but it is very likely. They will have something for us to do. If you are interested in this mini mission, please contact

Tammy Eilert 316-655-8490 or email tame211@swbell.net.

Signup will be required so that specific information can be sent to you.

Signup should be completed by September 16.

On Oct. 12, there will be another **Mission Possible service opportunity**. This time we will be guides for blind and visually impaired people when they participate in the White Cane Walk with Envision. We don't have all the particulars at this time, but you can count on the date and it will be in the morning. It is ok if you have no experience working with people who are blind, Envision will show you what to do. For more information, talk to Cathy Durano.

Wednesday Study Dinner

Wednesday Study Dinner at 5:30-6:30p
Starts September 4th.

There will be a small dinner

Study will be the book of Mark.

If you are interested in participating in the fellowship, dinner, and study, contact pastor Ryan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Love at the Center—Meets in Room 8.
Studying "Reorganized Religion" by Bob Smietana All are welcome to join the class.

Pathfinders—Meets in Parlor.
Studying "Context" by Josh Scott.

Seekers—Meets in Room 7.
Studying "Words of Life" by Adam Hamilton

***These classes are a great way to deepen faith & connect with each other.

Light & Lamp Women's Bible Study

Monthly every 3rd Tuesday

6:30-7:30p

In Parlor

➤➤➤ UNIFIED BOARD

The Unified Board wanted to update you on one of our practices. In our meetings we have a section called “Leadership Development,” where we learn something; maybe it is about a spiritual practice or maybe it is a church organizational tip. This year, we have been doing a book study over the book 8 Virtues of Rapidly Growing Churches by Matt Miofsky and Jason Byassee. What we are reading has been very encouraging as we feel AUMC already does some of the practices described in the book. It confirms our church is on the right trajectory. One strength of our congregation is it’s focused on radical hospitality which includes noticing people and checking in on them. Although we could always do better in this area, it is something the unified board feels that the people who attend AUMC, purposefully do. (If you ever feel a need to be called by the pastor, please let him know by calling the church office.)

One area that the book brings up as one of the virtues of a rapidly growing church is how rapidly growing churches have a “right-hand person.” We’ve talked a lot about that in our meetings and feel that hiring a full-time youth pastor at AUMC would help fill that need. We think this is an important issue because being the pastor of a church is a stressful job with few people who you can lean on to share the load. Of course, having someone full-time in this position would increase our budget, so that leads us to asking you to start thinking about your giving.

October will start the annual stewardship campaign. As you think about your pledge, we encourage you to look back on your life and think of how the decisions of others have positively impacted you. Did you get a scholarship to college? Then someone gave their money to that fund and it impacted your life. Were you ever in a youth group? Then someone gave money to that organization to fund those mission trips and Wednesday night activities. The same goes for our church now. We don’t give just to “get back” for us and our individual families. We give for the ones who come after us, people we don’t necessarily even know.

So, as fall arrives, we hope you will spend some time reflecting on how those who came before you gave for things that helped you on your journey and consider how you can help those who are coming after you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SUNDAY EVENTS <u>Every Sunday</u> 9:00am Traditional Service 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Praise Service <u>Third Sundays</u> 10:00am Coffee with Pastor 3:00pm Chat Chew, and Do <u>Last Sunday</u> 5:30-7pm Crossfit & Club 45 Game Night	MONDAY EVENTS <u>First Monday</u> Open Door Lunch Packing <u>Fourth Monday</u> 6:30pm Unified Board Meeting	WEDNESDAY EVENTS <u>Every Wednesday</u> 9-12pm Women's Pickleball in gym 5:30-6:30p Wed. Study Dinner 6-6:30pm Family Dinner 6:30-7:30pm Kids Connect & Choir Practice 6:30-8:00pm Crossfit Youth Ministry <u>Fourth Wednesday</u> 9-12pm Outreach Team Mailing
THURSDAY EVENTS 9-12pm Pickleball in gym	SATURDAY EVENTS <u>Third Saturday</u> 5pm Lord's Diner	

CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Forrest Evans	18 Betty Pippin
01 Mary Anne Maupin	22 Julie Oles
02 Darryl Haynes	25 Dianna Shook
03 Mary Vaughters	26 Chip DuFriend
07 John Hope	27 Jeremy Lawrence
12 Sara Banks	27 Tyler Cotner
18 Michael Halfman	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

07 John & Lynette Juresic
15 Dennis & Phyllis Seidl
22 David & Julie Oles
27 Eric & Cheryl Wertheimer

PRAISES

Bob West is doing better

AUMC Staff opening for Financial Secretary: 12 hour work week, work week is Mon & Tues. If you are interested, send an email to Ryan Lynch, Pastor @ ryani@andoverumc.com. If you know someone who is interested have them send an email to Ryan Lynch, Pastor.

PRAYER REQUEST

8/27/24

Dave Reader, Bob West's B-I-L
Carly, Hardy Wason's great granddaughter
Donna Garver
John Juresic's dad
Justin Kneisel's employee
Jewell, a friend of Cathy Durano
John Hope
Scott Hannon
Protection from Covid & other illness since school has started.

8/20/24

Marilyn Yates, Marc Hartness sister
Hardy Wasson

Send an email to maryr@andoverumc.com to update request if you would like it left in the request box before Tuesdays.

**SYMPATHIES TO FAMILIES/FRIENDS
IN THE PASSING OF:**

Joanne Behrends, Barb Hartness 1st cousin



ANDOVER FOOD BANK

Needs volunteers to help.
To sign up to help for weekly shifts go to:
[https://tinyurl.com/ AndoverFood Bank](https://tinyurl.com/AndoverFoodBank)

**OPEN:
TUES.
10am-1pm
WED.
3-6pm**

ANDOVER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK NEEDS

We are happy to accept any of the following non-expired items:

- Canned Food
- Baking Items
- Toilet Paper
- Cereal
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Oatmeal
- Rice

AUMC Youth Group Thanks Roy Hayden!!!

The AUMC Youth Group would like to offer our deepest appreciation to Roy for his ministry with the youth of our congregation over the past roughly 30 years! Roy has been an integral volunteer on Wednesday nights for lessons, adult leader for various outings and events, mentor to any teen in need of guidance, and the keeper of life stories for learning, or for laughs!

This year, Roy mentioned hoping to “retire” from the Youth Group, however, he has graciously agreed to a promotion to a new volunteer opportunity instead. One of our goals in Youth Group is to bring the skills and knowledge we gain on our mission trips back home. With that in mind, Roy will be the new Local Missions Coordinator for the Youth Group. He will coordinate two (per semester) local mission opportunities for the Youth Group to use those skills we’ve learned on mission trips to connect and support our local community and surrounding area. This is fantastic for the Youth Group and a perfect fit for Roy, as his heart has always been for mission work.

If you feel a tug on your heart to be a part of this exciting new adventure with Roy, the more, the merrier!! That’s true for mission projects and all Youth Ministry, by the way. Reach out to any of us on the Youth Leadership Team and we will get you connected!

Thank you for your support and prayers as we begin the adventure of the new school year!

With excitement for all God has before us,
Youth Leadership Team

Justin Kneisel (785)548-6006
Christie Gannon (316)251-2531 (text preferred)
Sarah Lynch (785)545-6857
Mike DeHass (316)650-9900



September Children Ministry Newsletter



Family Ideas

- Sept 6-National Read a Book Day** Read your favorite children's book as a family
- Sept 18-National Cheeseburger Day** Need an idea for dinner, Cheeseburger!
- Sept 19-International Talk Like a Pirate Day** Ahoy Matey! Have fun talking like a pirate.
- Sept 26- National Family Day** Spending quality time with family and building stronger relationships



Newsletter

School is in full swing! I pray you all have settled into routines and that the children are enjoying school. It is always so exciting to see how the children will learn and grow at school and through Jesus.
Blessings, Erin

HELP NEEDED

Would you prayerfully consider helping on Wednesday once a month? If you are interested, please contact Erin Murray



Upcoming Events

- 10am-Sunday-Sunday School
- 6:30pm-7:30pm-Wednesday-KidsConnect
- Sept 28-GAD parade



IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



September

2nd



September 18th

10:15a—12p

**Volunteer at the Kansas
Foodbank Warehouse**

Signup required



**GAD
Parade**

**September 28th
10—11a**

OUR STAFF

Pastor—Ryan Lynch ryanl@andoverumc.com

Youth Ministry—

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Pianist—Laurel Delimont churchoffice@andoverumc.com

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