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**OCTOBER
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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

Happy October Andover! If you have ever searched for scripture for people struggling you may have come across this from Romans:

³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Affliction or suffering produces endurance? I see how endurance produces character. Daily practices install a routine that strengthens our identity. If I run every day so I am a runner or I ride my bike every day so therefor I am a biker. If we have a routine that is built in faith and gratitude those become our identity. By practicing the faith, we hope to have we end up possessing this faith. Yes, it is a little more complicated and we benefit from having a faith community to help, but essentially through the endurance or discipline of practicing we build our faith. This faith or character produces hope as we experience the changes in our physical, mental, and spiritual self. Through daily practices we become the person God has called us to be.

But why does all of it need to start with affliction? Why is this good news for people struggling? First, the wrong answer is that God has caused the struggle for us to grow in our faith. This does not follow any example we have of Jesus and is detrimental for people to think God desires to let people struggle. I believe what Paul is doing in this scripture is to break the connection that God is only present when things are going well. In the passages before Paul lifts up how we praise God in all the great things that are happening. As we experience blessings from God we should tell others about the goodness God has for them. Yet, there are many people who are struggling and would have a hard time naming a blessing they have experienced. Paul is stating that even in these moments of affliction, suffering or difficulty God is present. We are not alone and even though we may be struggling we can rejoice that God is with us. It is this knowledge that can help us continue daily faith practices connecting us to God and to other people. Through the daily connection even in the most difficult times we can find hope.

If you know someone who is struggling, I invite you this month to send a message or phone call to them. Let them know you are thinking about them. If you are struggling, I want you to know that while it may be hard to see God is with you. Reach out to family, friends, a neighbor, to me. Everyone goes through struggles. Through our connection to each other and God we can find hope through it.

Blessings, Pastor Ryan

➤➤➤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION



October 12, from 11:00-noon at Envision Art Gallery, 801 E. Douglas, Suite 106. We have a service opportunity with Envision, the service provider for the blind and visually impaired in our region. It is "White Cane Day" and they need guides for the blind on a short walk. You don't have to have experience working with people who are blind, Envision will tell you what needs to be done.

Registration is required through this link:

<http://bit.ly/EnvisionWichitaWhiteCaneDay24>



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Pastor Appreciation Sunday is October 13th. And the whole month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month! This month is set aside to honor those who minister to us and celebrate the impact they have in our lives. The entire Lynch family is a part of ministry at Andover UMC. In recognition of all Pastor Ryan and his family do for our church, the Unified Board is asking everyone to send them a card of appreciation during the month of October. We encourage you to include a monetary gift, if you're so inclined.

Thank you

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Tuesday Coffee at 9-10a at Dunkin Donuts in Andover

Wednesday Study Dinner at 5:30-6:30p
Studying the book of Mark.

Light & Lamp Women's Bible Study 6:30-7:30p
Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in Parlor.



THE LORD'S DINER
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The Lord's Diner

October 19th at 5-7:30p
South Hillside Lord's Diner

Help serve meals to those less fortunate.
If you would like to volunteer to help serve meals, contact Dan Eilert for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES— 10a

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.

2025 Stewardship Campaign Watering the Roots of our faith



*They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper. Psalm 1:3*

October ministry notes

Our 2025 stewardship campaign is going to look at how when we water the roots of our faith it leads to growth. We will be talking about watering our faith comes in two forms. The first is through spiritual practices. Through prayer, scripture reading, fellowship, small groups, and giving we grow our faith. It is through these gifts that we are able to grow the ministry and missions of Andover UMC which leads to bearing fruit. New people accepting Jesus, people in need receiving help, all people knowing they are not alone.

The second is through dreaming, excitement, and hope. You will have the opportunity each Sunday to write a hope, idea, or dream you have for AUMC on a green leaf. This can be a new ministry you think would be great for AUMC to do. It could be a group of people you would like us to reach out to with both evangelism and service. It might be a feeling or emotion you hope we will have in 2025.

A tree has many roots. It is only through the growth and nourishment of the roots can the tree grow a strong trunk, many branches, and numerous leaves and fruits. I invite you to join us as look to water and grow our faith in 2025.

CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Nadine Hayden	14 Larry Hamm
03 Kathryn Halfman	14 Austin Delmont
07 Kinze Kneisel	15 Kelli Martin
09 Irene Martin	26 Payton Olsen
10 Nancy West	27 Alex Menke
10 Joey Jackson	18 Jay smith
10 Andrew Coym	20 Ron Hole
11 Brian Eidem	22 Irene Gagnon
12 Tim Souders	24 David Beaver
13 Arie Smith	27 Brian Slack
13 Amanda Mangels	27 Sammy Hole
13 Willa Edwards	29 Cathy Harmon
13 Debbie Shields	30 Kaitlyn Eilert

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

06 Brian & Leslie Eidem
10 Justin & Sherame Kneisel
13 Cody & Scarlett Childress
18 Dan & Tammy Eilert
22 Charlie & Mary Carson

PRAISES

Sarah Lynch's grandmother had her 100th birthday

Thank the Lord for the rain.

AUMC Staff opening for Financial Secretary:
12 hour work week
Work week is Monday & Tuesday

If you are interested, send an email to Ryan Lynch, Pastor @
ryanl@andoverumc.com.

If you know someone who is interested have them send an email to Ryan Lynch, Pastor.

PRAYER REQUEST

- 9/22/24** Donna Garver
John Hope
Al Gagnon
Nancy Carol
Blaze family, friends of Durano's
Dave Wall
John Juresic's dad
- 9/16/24** Valeta Hole
Shirley McDonald
Rain
- 9/3/24** Dave Reader, Bob West's B-I-L
Scott Hannon



ANDOVER FOOD BANK

OPEN:

TUES. 10am-1pm

WED. 3-6pm

Volunteer needs:

Help for weekly shifts Contact:

[https://tinyurl.com/ AndoverFood Bank](https://tinyurl.com/AndoverFoodBank)

Need people to be a part of the rotation to pick up Saturday bread.

Contact: email: acfvolunteer1@gmail.com

ANDOVER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK NEEDS

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

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Oatmeal
- Rice
- Canned food
- Baking items
- Toilet Paper
- Cereal

Join Us At AUMC Youth Group!

Every week:

Sunday School at 10am
Crossfit on Wednesdays 6-8pm

Special events in October:

Mini mission trip to Open Door Ministries
Saturday, Oct 12 from 9am-12pm
Meet at AUMC at 9am so we can ride together.

Game Night
Sunday, Oct 27 — 5:30-7pm

If you have not yet turned in your information sheet/release form, please do so asap so you don't miss out on the fun!



OCTOBER CHILDREN MINISTRY NEWSLETTER



Fall is here. Cooler weather, Leaves changing. Time to start thinking about friends, family and what we like about pumpkins!

Blessings,
Erin

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOCUS: Faith in God

PROMISE BUILDER: God Keeps His

Promises

BIBLE VERSE: The LORD carried out just what he promised (Genesis 21:1)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays - 10am - Sunday School

Wednesdays - 6:30pm-7:30pm
- KidsConnect

October 31 - 4p-6p -
Safe Halloween at
Andover Central Park



Happy fall



FAMILY IDEAS

October 1 - National Pumpkin Spice Day

What a better way to kick off October?

Mix up your own pumpkin spice blend using cinnamon, ginger, cloves, allspice, and nutmeg.

Bake a pumpkin pie

October 4 - World Smile Day

Use a smiley face emoji on every text you send.

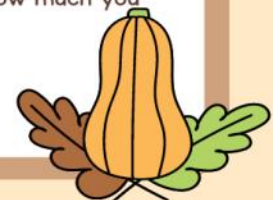
October 8 - National Hero Day

Bake some cookies or write them a letter. Let them know how much they inspire you, how much you appreciate them.

October 21 - National Apple Day

Go apple picking

Taste different types of apples



IMPORTANT EVENTS TO NOTE



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Wed. 3-6p
Volunteer to help serve
our community

OUR STAFF

Pastor—Ryan Lynch ryanl@andoverumc.com

Youth Ministry—

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