



United Methodist Church of Antioch

Epiphany Sunday

January 2, 2022

PRELUDE

We Three Kings of Orient Are/ Für Elise

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship, 9:15am Communion
Mon, Jan. 3	Christmas Decoration Removal, 10am
Tues, Jan. 4	UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Wed, Jan.5	<i>Short Stories by Jesus</i> , 6pm/ All Saints Room
Thurs, Jan. 6	UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Sun, Jan. 9	Worship, 8am & 10:30am Sunday School/Choir/ Church Chat/Youth Group, 9:15am

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet. Also, we follow Lake County Covid Guidelines which include wearing a mask indoors and allowing for proper distancing. If you would like a copy of our guidelines, please see an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Happy New Year to UMCA! The ReTurn team has been watching the positivity rate in Lake County and keeping track of the CDC recommendations. If you have not been vaccinated, please talk with one of us to share any concerns and questions you might have. If we don't know the answer, we will contact someone that does. We want to highly encourage you to be vaccinated now. It is imperative to get the

booster vaccine as well to deter serious illness and hospitalization due to the new Omicron variant. We are aware that steps will have to be taken if the positivity rate continues to climb. Please do your part to help us all be able to continue worshiping in person. Sincerely, The ReTurn Team

-Tomorrow, January 3, at 10am we are meeting to take the Christmas decorations down and pack them away. Granted, this isn't as much fun as putting them up, but many hands make light work. Join us if you can. Thanks!

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith; to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

** Invites you to stand as you are able, or to sit with gusto!*

***WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: Most of us have put away our Christmas decorations, but Christmas isn't over!

P: **All those Magi in our Nativity scenes haven't even arrived on the scene, yet.**

L: Scholars estimate that they traveled for years to reach the toddler Jesus, bringing him priceless gifts from a foreign land.

P: **A caravan of travelers must have been a sight to behold. The sign in the sky told them to go.**

L: No matter the obstacle, they wouldn't let anything or anyone stand between them and Jesus.

P: **We won't let anything stand in the way of our worshiping Jesus.**

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Lord God, you sent Jesus to earth to know what this experience was like. Jesus came to those who would know him, who would recognize the signs. And then, you called the Magi to come and see, as well. Those who were beyond the community were invited in to learn and worship, as well. The community of those who love God grew and grew. Help us to focus our hearts so that nothing distracts us from our purpose of loving you. And now, O God, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us ...

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Red Hymnal # 254

We Three Kings

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Holy Child, the One for whom we have been preparing, we celebrate your arrival. We ask you to guide our thinking, our praying, and our hoping. Focus our eyes and ears in these moments as we hear your Scriptures read and interpreted so that we might have a greater understanding. May our time together with you help us all to be more prepared for your coming. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

– Isaiah 60:1-6 &
Mathew 2:1-12

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION From Far Away Rev. Katie Voigt

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Virgin's Slumber Song*
Rebecca Reckamp

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Confession & Pardon

(Unison): Most merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Pastor): Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(Unison): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *See Booklet*
PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING *See Booklet*

OFFERTORY *What Child is This? Mary, Did You Know?*

***DOXOLOGY Red Hymnal #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, today we are one of the Magi who come bearing gifts. We give our gifts in honor of Jesus Christ who came to earth to change lives. Please use what we add to the gold, frankincense, and myrrh to help us continue to tell the stories of life-changing redemption. In the name of the One who changes everything, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Black Hymnal #2095** *Star-Child*

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING (Responsively)**

L: No matter how far we have to travel, we will continue to seek Jesus wherever we can.

P: We will look for the signs and find Jesus in our midst.

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also, with you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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<i>Worship Leadership</i>	
Today 9:15 Service Only	January 9
Greeters	
Vi Kluth	8:00am Karen Kuechle
Terry King	10:30am Sally Rodgers
Ushers	
Jim Menzer	8:00am Bob Raukohl
	10:30am Dan Fluck
Sound Board	
Chris Shannon	8:00am Walt Cichonski
	10:30am Kenz Rae
Liturgist	
Shelby Wais	8:00am Denny Sathoff
	10:30am Margaret Zaller
Coffee Servers	
LouAnn Homes	8:00am Pat Metz Dawn Vogel
Cheryl Collins	10:30am Nikki & Phil Georgia
Communion	
Heather Menzer	
Robin Kessell	

*Worship Attendance & Giving for
Sunday, December 26, 2021*

9:15am 41
 General Fund 2,833
 Building 15
 Christmas 4,095



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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.