



United Methodist Church of Antioch

Baptism of the Lord/Epiphany

January 7, 2024

PRELUDE *Breathe*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Communion Sunday Worship, 8am & 10:30am Choir/Sunday School/Youth Group, 9:15am Handbell Choir 11:45am-12:30pm/Rm 101 AA 8-9pm/White Rm
Mon, Jan 8	UMCAP 9am-2pm AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
Tues, Jan 9	UMCAP 9am-2pm AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Wed, Jan 10	UMCAP 9am-2pm AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
Thurs, Jan 11	UMCAP 9am-2pm AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Fri, Jan 12	AA 10-11am AA 6:30-7:30pm; 8:30-9:30pm
Sat, Jan 13	Bob Raukohl Funeral 11:30am AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Sun, Jan 14	Worship, 8am & 10:30am Choir/Sunday School, 9:15am AA 8-9pm/White Rm

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet, and there are large print bulletins and Bibles available. See an usher if you would like one. Additionally, there are handicap accessible restrooms located in Wesley Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The preschool silent auction continues into the new year! Please see the table in Wesley Hall for new listings.

-Bishop's Days on the District. Join Bishop Dan Schwerin for a day of reflection and conversation on your district and to learn about the Bishop's vision for our conference. This free event is Tues, Feb 13 from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information, visit <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/2024-bishops-days-on-the-district>

-NIC UWF Mission U Winter 2024. This virtual event, over the course of three weeks in January, includes an option to take one or two mission studies. Register by Jan 2. We will begin together on Sunday, January 7th with our opening worship & first class and end on Sunday, January 28th with our closing worship & last class. Your registration fee helps cover tech and other behind the scenes support. Class fees help cover the cost of study leader training and class expenses. For first time Mission u (or School of Christian Mission) attendees, we will waive one class fee. For more info, visit <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=771245&>

-NIC MLK Celebration 2024 Jan 14, 3pm at St Mark UMC, Chicago. A worship service with light supper afterwards. For more information, visit <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/nic-mlk-celebration-2024>

-Prairie Central Leadership Training Jan. 27 | 9am-3:45pm |
Barrington UMC | Cost: \$15| Register at
[https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=782361
&#msdyntrid=Je4Hujd1LuNy1WONIr0a2vDauFIGryVriRw
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The Church Nursery is available for children 4 years and under. Please speak to an usher if you need nursery care. We follow our Safe Sanctuary policy, a copy of which is available in the nursery room. Also, children's activity folders are available by the Usher's stand.

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: When we are baptized, we join the family of God – or more accurately, God claims us.

P: It really is a both/and. We publicly affirm our faith in Jesus, and Jesus cleanses us of our sins.

L: Much like Communion, there are many ways for us to deepen our understanding of this sacrament.

P: We want to keep learning and growing in our understanding of Baptism.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #605**

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Holy God, Eternal Spirit, we thank you for baptizing us into one body in Jesus the Christ. Wash over us with your Spirit, that, like Jesus, we may serve you in serving humanity. Baptize us with the fire of your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Red Hymnal #603

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Jesus, you also asked to be baptized. We don't always understand why you did what you did, but we know you often choose solidarity with us. Thank you for journeying ahead of us in every place we might go. As we heard your Scriptures read this morning, help us to grow in our understanding of what our relationship with you asks of us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS -Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION	4 Bar Connection	Rev. Jeffrey Bross
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CHOIR ANTHEM 10:30am Service

UMCA Choir

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Confession & Pardon

Let us together, confess our sins to God.

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.

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!

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

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymns Sung During Receiving

#618 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

#640 *Take Our Bread*

#347 *Spirit Song*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

OFFERTORY *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

God of redemption and new life, we focus once more this day on the greatest gift ever given -- Jesus, our Savior. As he was baptized by John in the Jordan, we were able to share in his baptism and receive the promise of sharing in Jesus' resurrection. As we leave one year behind and look with hope to the new year ahead, help us to live and give of ourselves as those who know every day what a great gift we have been given. May it move us to give our whole selves more freely! In the name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Black Hymnal #2051**

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

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

L: We desire the new relationship we have with Jesus.

P: By water and the Spirit of God, we are blessed to grow and deepen our discipleship.

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** *O Happy Day*

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday Dec 31, 2023

9:15am- 51

~Totals reflect last two

Sunday offerings

General Fund: \$6,846

Missions: \$219

Christmas: \$4,057

Boiler: \$500

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

Jan 14

Greeters

8:00am

Lou Ann Holmes

Judy Degand

10:30am

Jennifer Klingler

Janet & Dan Fluck

Ushers

8:00am

Dawn Vogel

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Dan Fluck

Jerry Topcik

Soundboard

8:00am

Walt Cichonski

Denny Sathoff

10:30am

Mike Lapke

Phil Georgia

Liturgists

8:00am

Denny Sathoff

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Judy Tetour

Jeannine Leonhart

Coffee Servers

8:00am

Lou Ann Holmes

Carol & Walt

Barb Cantrell

Cichonski

10:30am

Nancy Zitkus

Nikki & Phil

Betty Collins

Georgia

Church Openers

Cichonskis

Sathoffs

Communion Stewards

8:00am

Linda Hensgen

Nancy Colby

10:30am

Jennifer Klingler

Nancy Rae

Notes:

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Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-for the FOLLOWING month Send info in Word doc or body of email to editorumca@gmail.com

Next deadline is January 15th for the February newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.