



United Methodist Church of Antioch

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

PRELUDE *Be Exalted, O God*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am Church Chat/Choir/ Sunday School, 9:15am 5 th Sunday Appeal: UVC
Mon, Jan 30	UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Tues, Jan 31	UMCAP, 9am-2pm Confirmation Class, 4-6pm/ All Saints Room Early Adopters, 6:30pm/Zoom
Wed, Feb 1	UMCAP, 9am-2pm AA Mtg/White Room Worship Planning, 10am/Choir Room
Thurs, Feb 2	UMCAP, 9am-2pm UMCAP Open House, 6-7pm
Fri, Feb 3	Toddler Time, 9-11am
Sat, Feb 4	Prairie Central Leadership Training, 8:30am-12:30pm/Wheaton Gary UMC
Sun, Feb 5	Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am Church Chat/Choir/ Sunday School, 9:15am

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Please note: The old fob door entry system will be disconnected on March 1. If you would like to get the free App on your smart phone for a digital key to enter the building, please put your name, email, and reason for needing a key on the list in Wesley Hall. Someone will be in contact with you regarding access. Please contact the church office or Greg Collins if you have questions.

- Missions News: Socks for the Soul with Open Arms
Thank you to everyone who donated men's and women's socks to support our winter mission to Open Arms. We collected 54 pairs of men's socks, 9 pairs of men's underwear, 3 men's t-shirts, 4 hats, 40 pairs of women's socks and multiple food items.

-End-of-year statements are available for you to pick up in Wesley Hall. Today is the last day to pick them up.

-Mike Lapke has graciously offered to train anyone interested in learning how to run the sound booth. He is also going show how to record the worship service and upload it to Facebook. Please contact Mike or the office to get your name on the list.

-If you are new here or have been coming for a while and would like to make UMCA your home, please see Pastor Katie about becoming a member. A new member's class will be offered soon!

-Bishop Schwerin will visit our Prairie Central District on Thursday, February 9. You are personally invited to join in a time of introduction, reflection, and conversation with our Bishop. Clergy and laity will meet separately for these conversations. Laity will meet at 7pm at Elgin: Journey of Hope UMC (37W040 Highland Avenue, Elgin, IL). The Bishop looks forward to meeting as many brothers and sisters as possible as he travels through the different districts. Registration is not needed for the laity gathering.

-Save the Date! The District Leadership Training Event will be Saturday, February 4 (8:30am -12:30pm – lunch is at 12:30pm) at Gary United Methodist Church in Wheaton. The cost to register is \$15. Online registration will be available soon. You will be able to choose 2 classes from 5 options. All classes are held at both workshop times, so there is a lot of flexibility. Your options are: Staff Parish Relations Committee Workshop - Rev. Arlene Christopherson; Connecting Money to Mission - Rev. Tammy Scott; Don't Give Up on Evangelism and Outreach but Don't Invite Them to Church - Rev. Jeffry Bross; The New Landscape of Christian Education - Rev. Sherry Steele; Loving God and Loving Ministry: Things I Wish Someone Had Told Me Earlier - Rev Mary Zajac and Rev. Cynthia Anderson

-Laity Convocation 2023: Thinking Outside the Box will take place **Sat, Feb. 11 from 9am - 12:30pm. Available online and at three in-person locations (Barrington UMC, Disciples UMC in Mt. Morris, IL, and New Lennox UMC).** This year's theme is **Thinking outside the Church, Making Community Ministry Happen. For more information, visit <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation-2023>**

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**

L: Praying seems to be one of those things that we read about and think, "I should do more of that," but rarely actually get to.

P: **Some among us are truly prayer warriors. They will take everything to God and pray as if the world depends on it.**

L: Some have found the way to a deeper relationship with Jesus is through talking to him.

P: **What? You mean like talking to our friends? It doesn't feel like it should be this hard, but it sometimes is.**

***HYMN Red Hymnal #496**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Our culture tells us that at the beginning of the month of January, we should make and keep all of these amazing habits. The reality is that we can hardly keep the resolution to continue to do what we've always done.

Help us, O God, to see how much more we could learn from you simply by talking to you on a regular basis. Teach us how to do that – and show us that time with you matters. 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 #433

All Who Love and Serve Your City

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

God who is Parent of All, it is so easy to stop practicing our faith. Whether it is because we’ve started letting the skills slip, or whether it is because we think we have them all mastered, we are starting to come to terms with the fact that we might need a refresher course. Show us how to love you with our whole lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

– Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

Be Consistent in Prayer

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30am Service)

UMCA Choir

10,000 Reasons

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

OFFERTORY *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

God of all blessings, your beloved son teaches all we need to know to claim the life you've hoped for us. In spite of that, we live like the rest of the world that is eager to accumulate and reluctant to give, showering adoration on the rich and powerful and pushing the poor and powerless away. As we bring to you our gifts, which are the result of your blessings, help us to remember who Jesus called truly blessed! We pray all this in the name of our teacher and savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #526** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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

L: We will pray for the persistence to pray without ceasing.

P: We will practice our praying every day.

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** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday Jan 22, 2022:

8:00am -30
10:30am -41

General Fund: \$2,219
Building: \$120

Notes:

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

Feb 5

Greeters

8:00am	Wayne Buck	Judy Degand
10:30am	Audrey VanSlochteren	Janet Fluck

Ushers

8:00am	Tammy Johnson	Bob Raukohl
10:30am	Dan Fluck	Jerry Topcik

Soundboard

8:00am	Walt Cichonski	Denny Sathoff
10:30am	Mike Lapke	Mike Lapke

Liturgists

8:00am	Mike DeBenedetto	Bob Raukohl
10:30am	Phil Georgia	Nikki Georgia

Coffee Servers

8:00am	Pat Metz Leta Sathoff	Dawn & Dave Vogel
10:30am	Phil & Nikki Georgia	Cheryl Collins Carol Frazier

Church Openers

	Mike DeBenedetto	Carol & Walt Cichonski
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Communion

8:00am	-----	Cichonskis
10:30am	-----	Nancy Rae Carol Dunn



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Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-**for the FOLLOWING month**

Send info to editorumca@att.net in Word Doc form or body of email.

Next deadline is February 15th for the March newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.