



United Methodist Church of Antioch

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

PRELUDE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am Church Chat/Choir/ Sunday School, 9:15am Sunday School Christmas Program, 10:30am/Sanctuary PADS Sunday
Mon, Dec 19	UMCAP, 9am-2pm Brearley Visitation 10am Brearley Funeral 11am/Sanctuary CWM, 10-11:30am/White Room
Tues, Dec 20	UMCAP, 9am-2pm UMCAP Christmas Party, 12:30pm- 2pm/Wesley Hall
Wed, Dec 21	UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Thurs, Dec 22	Office & UMCAP Closed
Sat, Dec 24	Christmas Eve Family Friendly Service, 5pm Traditional Communion Service, 7pm
Sun, Dec 25	Christmas Day One service only, 9:15am Pajama Worship Service

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-There will be two Christmas Eve worship services, one at 5pm and another at 7pm. The 5pm service will be family-friendly and the 7pm service will be more traditional with Communion.

-Please note: There will be only one worship service at **9:15am** on Dec 25 and Jan. 1.

-The church office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's. If you are planning to make an end-of-the-year gift, please have it turned in by worship on December 25th to make sure that it is counted in the correct year.

- "Socks for the Soul" The Missions Team will be collecting sock donations for Open Arms again. Men's and women's socks only. You can place your socks in the designated cart in Wesley Hall. The Missions Team will deliver them to Open Arms mid-January. Thank you for your support.

-CWM would appreciate your help in contributing to and delivering Christmas treats to our homebound seniors. Please bring cookies, hard candy, chocolate, etc. to UMCA on December 19th at 10am. Please find the sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall. Let's spread some Joy!

-If you haven't already, please turn in your flower donation names into the office today. Thank you!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:00am service Walt & Carol Cichonski

10:30am service Ron & Mary Kay Giebelhaus

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: We are ever so close to being able to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

P: Yes, but close is still not here.

L: And, we don't know exactly when Jesus will return, so we will keep waiting.

P: We will celebrate and wait. We will find a new life in Jesus' new life.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #202**

People Look East

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

We are just days away from Christmas now, and we are tired of waiting. Holy Lord, how about we just light that center white candle in the Advent wreath? Don't you think that would work? Maybe not, since it isn't even out, yet. Well, maybe things that come in your time and your way give life that we couldn't have imagined any other way. Help us to hold tight to you while we wait. 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 (8:00am as needed)/
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & PRESENTATION OF
BIBLES (10:30am)**

HYMN Red Hymnal #214

Savior of the Nations, Come

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

**Holy Child, the One for whom we are preparing, 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 7:10-16 & Matthew 1:18-25

Again, the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION	A New Life	Rev. Katie Voigt
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MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

CHOIR ANTHEM 10:30am Service

UMCA Choir

Carol for Advent

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)

Holy God of hope and promise: when the children were in deep despair, you promised them a sign, the indication of a Savior coming into their midst. As we bring you our tithes and offerings this day, so many of us are discouraged, trying to find our way. We need your sign, we need your Son, not as simply a reminder of history but as a new direction, a revolution of love that starts in our hearts, a resurrection of compassion that looks beyond self and the accumulation of more and more things that don't satisfy. We need what only a Savior can give us. Guide us by your signs on this day and as we continue the journey to Bethlehem once again. In the Savior's name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #215

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

*WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING (Responsively)

L: We go forth today with a glimpse of the new life that is to come.

P: We will wait for new life with new expectations and a new way of being so that we can find a new beginning.

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

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday Dec 4, 2022:

8:00am -28
10:30am -51

General Fund: \$7,098
Building: \$1,045
Missions: \$2,875
Boiler: \$1,000

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

Dec 25

Greeters

9:15 only

8:00am

LouAnn Holmes

Shelby Wais

10:30am

Ushers

8:00am

Dawn Vogel

Tom Kessell

10:30am

Dan Fluck

Soundboard

8:00am

Tammy Johnson

Mike Lapke

10:30am

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Liturgists

8:00am

Bob Raukohl

Denny Sathoff

10:30am

Jeannine Leonhart

Coffee Servers

8:00am

Denny & Leta
Sathoff

No coffee today

10:30am

Margaret Zaller
Alvera Morgan

Church Openers

Sathoffs

Tom Kessell



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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 January 15th for the February newsletter.

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