



United Methodist Church of Antioch

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2024

PRELUDE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Communion Sunday Worship, 8am & 10:30am Choir/Sunday School/Youth Group, 9:15am AA 8-9pm/White Rm
Mon, Feb 5	UMCAP 9am-2pm AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
Tues, Feb 6	UMCAP 9am-2pm AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Wed, Feb 7	UMCAP 9am-2pm Church Council Mtg 6:30pm AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
Thurs, Feb 8	UMCAP 9am-2pm AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Fri, Feb 9	AA 10-11am AA 6:30-7:30pm; 8:30-9:30pm
Sat, Feb 10	AA 6-7pm/White Rm Organ Concert 11am
Sun, Feb 11	Mardi Gras Sunday Worship, 9:15am, 1 Service Only Handbell Choir 10:45am-11:30pm/Rm 101 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

-Our final organ concert for the school year will be Saturday, February 10 with our very own, super-talented Paul Bleadow at the pipes. Paul is planning a program around the most-loved hymns. So, text/call a friend, bring your listening ears, and even your singing voice if you want, and come to this fun morning. The free concert begins at 11:00am and is followed by refreshments and fellowship. Please spread the word!

-February Missions Focus: Open Arms – Socks for the Soul and Souper Bowl of Caring are well known events that focus on local food banks, like Open Arms. This Feb, we will collect new, warm socks in all sizes for men, women, children, and infants in addition to packaged/canned soups, chili, crackers, and any other shelf-stable food item. We encourage you to wear crazy socks on Feb 11th, too!

-Please note: There is no handbell practice today. That practice has been moved to Sunday, Feb 11 at 10:45am. The next regularly scheduled practice will take place as usual on Feb 18 at 11:45am.

-Calling all quilters: Our first meeting of the year will be Mon, Feb. 5 from 9am-12pm in the Green Room. We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Please see Mary Geier, if you have questions.

-The preschool will continue to offer silent auction items each month through the end of the school year. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser. Additionally, the

preschool is collecting empty bread bags. There is a bag in Wesley Hall for them. Thank you.

-Our Lent study will be a little different this year. Using *Lent & Easter with John & Charles Wesley: A Devotional Guide* by Steven W. Manskar, you are invited to join Pastor Katie on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm where we will do that day's devotion together and then discuss how the rest of the week's readings have been challenging or interesting. Please purchase your own copy of the book (\$14.99 Amazon) before Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) as the readings do start that day. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Katie. Class will start Tuesday, Feb. 20.

-New Members Class: If you are interested in joining the church as an adult, Pastor Katie has a new members class planned for Sundays February 18, 25, March 3, 10. Each session will start at 2:00pm and last about an hour. After the class is complete, we will try to find a date that works for the people who have taken the class to join the church – either by baptism, profession of faith, or transfer of membership from a different church. Please sign up on the sheet in Wesley Hall to indicate your interest!

-The Prairie Central Spring 2024 Lay Academy will be at Plainfield UMC. Dates are February 18 & 25 and March 3, 10, & 17. All five Sundays must be attended to receive credit. Contact Mary at mary.mecker@gmail.com with any questions. You can register at

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=786457>
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-Bishop's Day 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>

-Laity Convocation 2024 Saturday, February 10 | 9am-12:30pm | Belvidere: First UMC, 610 Bonus Ave. Belvidere. Theme: Growing Together in Love: Learning to Have Courageous/Respectful Conversations

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 want to be made right with God, it is God who can do that for us.

P: Our own strength is not enough to overcome all human sin, but God in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit forgives and invites us to move forward.

L: Many people talk about one moment with Jesus, that we have to have this date to look back on when we were saved.

P: Not everyone's experience of salvation is the same. Some have just always known, others have a specific moment to look to. Either way, it is the justifying grace of God that covers us.

***HYMN Green Hymnal #3110**

By Grace We Have Been Saved

By grace, we have been saved through faith
and not by keeping law.

God's saints believed by what they heard
and not by what they saw, and not by what they saw.

For all have sinned and fallen short.

God's plan not one obeyed.

Christ has for all fulfilled the law.

Believe, confess, be saved; believe, confess, be saved.

God gave to earth a perfect love
through Jesus on the cross.

While we were foes, Christ died for us.

We gained by God's own loss, we gained by God's own
loss.

We know the wage of sin is death;

thank God we shall revive.

For just as Jesus rose again,

we too are made alive, we too are made alive.

Set free, we now have peace with God.

Salvation is secured.

How beautiful the feet of those

who share the gospel word, who share the gospel word.

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Almighty God, we want to follow you in all the ways we can. Help us use this time of worship this morning to communicate our love for you and to inspire us to continue to serve you and the people you love in this world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Red Hymnal #363

And Can It Be that I Should Gain vs. 1,3,4

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Oh, Lord, we are grateful that you share your grace in amazing ways. Thank you for helping us to learn and grow in you. As we think about how your grace goes before, justifies, and sanctifies, help us to understand and respond as best we can. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS -Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

Justifying Grace

CHOIR ANTHEM 10:30am Service

UMCA Choir

Give Us This Day

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 PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Let us be all things to all people that they might know your redeeming love. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

God of power and patience, we gather in worship to wait on your presence and to be filled with your power. Jesus healed with a touch and taught us that you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing: of body, of spirit, of broken relationships; healing of a planet that is groaning under our carelessness and greed; healing of a world community that is deeply divided by distrust and self-interest. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #385**

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING**

L: When our relationship with Jesus is broken and out of sorts, we trust that the grace of God will make it right.

P: The prevenient grace of God calls us back to Christ, and when we return, the justifying grace of God restores us to wholeness with Christ. We never want to leave.

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 January 28, 2024

8:00am-31

10:30am-49

General Fund: \$11,159

Missions: \$20

Building: \$550

Boiler: \$3000

Raccoon Cleanup: \$120

Notes:

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

Feb 11

Greeters

9:15am only

8:00am	Jane Buck	Jane Buck
10:30am	Susan Antonelli	

Ushers

8:00am	Dawn Vogel	Irv Metz
10:30am	Jerry Topcik	

Soundboard

8:00am	Denny Sathoff	Chris Shannon
10:30am	Chris Shannon	

Liturgists

8:00am	Denny Sathoff	Jane Buck
10:30am	Carol Dunn	

Coffee Servers

8:00am	Barb Cantrell	LouAnn Holmes
	Metz Family	Carol Dunn
10:30am	Jeannine Leonhart	
	Chris H-Krampe	

Church Openers

	Metz Family	Cichonski Family
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Communion

8:00am	Cichonski Family	-----
10:30am	Robin Kessell	-----
	Carol Dunn	

~ Thank you to Paul Bleadow for filling in for Debbie today.

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Next deadline is February 15th for the March newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.