



United Methodist Church of Antioch

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

A Time Together

PRELUDE

By Faith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship, 8:30am & 10am Communion
Mon, Sept. 6	Office Closed
Tues, Sept. 7	UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Wed, Sept. 8	Lay Leadership Development & Nominations, 6:30pm/Wesley Hall
Thurs, Sept. 9	UMCAP, 9am-2pm GriefShare, 12:30-2pm/Zoom PCD Lay Leadership Mtg, 7pm/Zoom
Sunday, Sept. 12	Worship, 8am & 10:30am Sunday School & Choir, 9:15am Rally Day Picnic, after 2 nd service/church premises

~Please note, the 10am service is recorded and streamed to the internet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-GriefShare has been scheduled to start September 9th and will run for 13 weeks. Meetings will be every Thursday from 12:30pm-2pm via Zoom. Anyone interested can contact Ken Graesser or Barbara Cantrell.

-Prairie Central District (PCD) invites all lay church members to a Lay Leadership Zoom series for a time of encouragement and strengthening. Meetings will be held every 2nd Thurs, Sept. 9-May 12 at 7pm. Contact the church office for the Zoom link.

-Wesley Afternoon Circle will begin meeting again Wed, Sept. 16 at 2pm in Wesley Hall. Please bring the most prized religious item you own and be prepared to share why it brings happiness and spiritual reflection for you. Please contact Anne Dickson if you need a ride.

-PADS will have a monthlong Housewarming project this month. We will help individuals and families who have been living in shelters and are now moving into their new homes. There is a long list of needs and the space below will only allow for a partial list. A detailed list will be displayed prominently in Wesley Hall and take away tags in the shape of houses will help you remember what you would like to donate.

- **Kitchen:** Dishes, glasses, silverware, pot & pans, cooking utensils, kitchen towels, Ziploc bags
- **Bedroom:** Full-sized bedding & blankets, table lamp, bedbug mattress protector, hangers
- **Misc.:** Light bulbs, calendar, pens, fan, rubber gloves
- **Cleaning Supplies:** Bucket & mop, Toilet brush, sponges, cleaners, dish soap
- **Personal:** Tissues, toilet paper, bar soap, toothbrush & paste, nail clippers,
- **Bathroom:** Hair dryer, bath towels, wash cloths, non-slip bath mats, shower curtains.

~Please call the church office or call/email Carol Cichonski 847/265-1214/ccichonski@comcast.net with re-quests for

donation pick-ups if you are unable to bring your donation to church.

-The Early Adopters team invites you to a Rally Day picnic Sept. 12 following the 2nd service to kick off the new worship times and the return of Sunday School and Choir. There will be both inside and outside seating (weather permitting). If you plan on sitting outside, please bring your own chair. Italian beef, chicken, and hot dogs will be on the menu. Volunteer servers will glove and mask up to keep in line with safety practices. Please sign up in Wesley Hall, or contact the church office to RSVP for the lunch by Sept. 7th so we can ensure there is enough food.

-Christian Wellness Ministries are coming back! Please take a copy of the hand out that will be on a table in Wesley Hall and hopefully join us once again. We would love to see you!

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: Thank goodness that when we gather for worship there aren't assigned seats based on what our incomes are or what we are wearing!

P: We gather together as one body. We all bring something worthy to offer to God.

L: Sometimes unconsciously we end up judging people by all sorts of outward signs.

P: Jesus tells us that the fruit of our faith will be seen in our actions. Our faith and service must match.

L: Each week we come to worship seeking this reminder.

P: Somehow it is easy to forget that our words and conduct should agree for our witness to the world to be effective.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #577**

God of Grace and God of Glory

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Jesus, we see in your life how your words and your life agreed. Your faith was lived out in every action you took. We want to be like that. We really do, but Lord, have you seen all the things of this world? There are so many distractions! Help us to let go of the many thoughts that are running through our heads that turn us away from you. Teach us something today, and always. 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

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

We will stand...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done

We'll walk by faith and not by sight (repeat)

Source: Musixmatch

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

As we come today asking for help seeing where your path leads, Lord, use the Scriptures that are about to be read and proclaimed as a lamp to our paths. Move our path from the shadows and into your glorious light because you help us to understand. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

– James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery

but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So, speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

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

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May our good works be a sign of our faith. 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

Step by Step

***DOXOLOGY Red Hymnal #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Jesus, our Chief Cornerstone, we build our whole lives on you. Your generosity teaches us to give out of whatever we have. Whatever our resources, be they large or small, your example is to share so that others will have. Take what we offer here today in the plates, as well as what we offer online, in addition to what we have given in time, service, and witness throughout our days. Multiply our offerings so that there is always enough. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN, Red Hymnal #664**

Sent Forth by God's Blessings

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

L: Keep our eyes turned in the direction you would have us look. May we never look away from those you direct us to love.

P: Show us who to serve and how to serve them best. Help us to listen to what others teach us about the help that they need.

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**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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***Worship Attendance & Giving for
Sunday, August 29, 2021***

8:30am 20

10:00am 36

General Fund \$984

Building \$35

Electronic Sign \$45

PADS \$100

Worship Leadership

Today		September 12
Greeters		<i>~See Note Below~</i>
8:30am	Ken Graesser	Shelby Wais
10am	Audrey VanSlochteren	Laura Weckler
Ushers		
8:30am	Jim Menzer	Dawn Vogel
10am	Tom Kessell	Dan Fluck
Sound Board		
8:30am	Bert Kibbler	Walt Cichonski
10am	Nancy Rae	Phil Georgia
Liturgist		
8:30am	Bob Raukohl	Mike DeBenedetto
10am	Margaret Zaller	Nikki Georgia
Coffee Servers		
8:30am	Pat Metz & Dawn Vogel	Lou Ann Holmes & Christina Swanson
10am	Becky Reckamp & Joanne Rae	Early Adopters Team (Rally Day Picnic)
Communion Stewards		
8:30am	Heather Menzer	-----
10am	Carol Dunn	-----

~If you are serving Sunday, September 12, please remember worship times will be 8am & 10:30am.

*Thank you to everyone who
served in worship today!!!*

COVID-19 Information

Importantly, we need to ensure that safety guidelines continue to be followed by everyone to help minimize risk and maximize safety for all of our members.

These guidelines include the following:

- 1) We encourage you to stay home if you are not feeling well. (And let us know how we can pray for you!)
- 2) Lake County has now moved up to “Substantial” community transmission of COVID; therefore, face masks will be worn in the building by vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals until further advised. If you desire to get vaccinated and haven’t yet, please reach out to the church office, and we will connect you with some resources to help. The ReTurn Team encourages everyone eligible to get a vaccination against COVID-19 to do so.
- 3) Choir or congregational singing is still allowed! IDPH advises unvaccinated people to refrain from participating in singing, however.
- 4) Responsible distancing should still be practiced by all.

Finally, we are continuing to monitor COVID metrics in the community and may adjust guidelines or cancel live Sunday worship if we see a significant increase in our local risk level.

As always, we thank you for your continued patience.



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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 September 15th for the October newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.