



The United Methodist Church of Antioch

THE MESSENGER

“The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith, worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and be instruments of God’s love, through the Holy Spirit, as we reach out to our community and the world.”

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FROM PASTOR KATIE’S KEYBOARD...

I want to start by saying Thank You to everyone who made May such a great month of many celebrations. I am so grateful to those who helped plan and then execute those plans so that multiple different groups of people would feel appreciated and loved.

It appears that June will be a busy month for all of us! I will be on vacation with my family for all of us! I will be on vacation with my family

the first two Sundays. Please, however, don’t use this as an excuse to skip worship. There are some great people filling in for me. **Rev. Matthew Mariani** was

here once before, and he will be back and will make sure Communion happens on that first Sunday. Then, the second Sunday, **Dan Holmes**, a musician will be leading us in worship. If you want to get a sneak peak into what his music is like, check out: <https://www.danholmesmusic.com/> Dan has filled in for me in multiple different appointments. I think you’ll enjoy his jovial spirit and the way he listens to God’s leading.

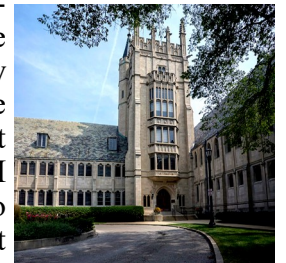
I will be back for Sunday, June 18th and Sunday, June 25th. I’m still coming to terms with the truth of what is being planned for Sunday, June 25th...LOL! We will celebrate that it was 20 years ago I graduated from

seminary and started serving **United Methodist Churches in the Northern Illinois Annual Conference**. A few years ago a scholarship was started in my name at **Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary** to help train additional students to be clergy leaders. The scholarship has not yet been awarded because the money raised hasn’t met the minimum to do that just yet. A current student from **G-ETS** will join us for worship that day and



talk about the current circumstances of students in seminaries and remind us of all the good that comes from our generosity toward future leaders for the church. I am so amazingly grateful to be able to say I have served Jesus Christ in set apart leadership for twenty years (I wasn’t ordained until 2011, so that was only 12 years ago, but I was serving churches as a

Licensed Local Pastor and as a Commissioned Elder leading up to my ordination). The people I have met through the years in so many different places have loved me through some of my happiest times and some of my saddest times, and they have done so with grace. I have truly been blessed by each of the congregations to which I have been appointed, and I am grateful for the lessons learned along the way. I pray you will join us to celebrate!



- June 4 Matthew 28:16-20
I Am With You
Rev. Matthew Mariani Preaches
Holy Communion
- June 11 Psalm 96
Dan Holmes
- June 18 Romans 5:1-8
Accessible
- June 25 Romans 6:1b-11
Wanted: Dead & Alive
Pastor Katie’s 20th Anniversary of
Ministry Celebration

Pastor Katie Voigt

20 YEARS

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Pastor Katie's 20th Anniversary in Ministry

June 25th marks the anniversary of **Pastor Katie Voigt's** 20th year of ministry in service to the church. UMCA has been blessed by Pastor Katie's shepherding, and we will be celebrating on Sunday, June 25th at the 9:15 service with refreshments afterwards. We are encouraging donations to the **Kathleen R. Voigt Endowed Scholarship** at **Garrett-Evangelical Seminary** where Pastor received her **Master of Divinity** degree. If you would like to support this scholarship please make your check out to Garrett-Evangelical Seminary and put in the memo line "For Kathleen Voigt scholarship." Mail your donation to Development Office, Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201.

Thanks for your help in celebrating Pastor Katie.



KEEP GOING

An article entitled, *How to Keep Going, in Five Easy Steps* appeared in the June, 2023 issue of *Sojourners* magazine. In the fifth step, author **Beth Cooper-Chrismon** writes, "Growth means looking for joy, finding it, and feeling it—no matter the state of the world". "Joy," much like "love," "happiness," etc., is difficult to definitively define. How would each of us complete this sentence, Joy is _? There would be as many answers as people asked. Most likely answer might be, "I can't describe it, but I know it when I feel it." And then there's this from *Champagne for the Soul* by **Mike Mason**, 2003, "Joy requires single-mindedness. The world is full of reasons to be sad or distressed, but beauty and goodness also abound. Which to look at? What you see is what you get."

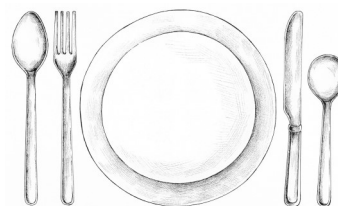


Mike DeBenetto

LUNCHEON FOR OUR GODEN GEMS

Our wonderful church family worked together to host the **Golden Gems** luncheon on May 18th in Wesley Hall. This was the first time in three years that we were able to bring the group of seniors over 80 years of age together for fellowship, food, conversation, and entertainment! Though the turnout was not as many as hoped, a total of 28 joined us; this is a great beginning for what **CWM** hopes will become a regular event. The **UMCA PreSchool** provided music and smiles for our Golden Gems! Thank you to all who donated coffee mugs, money, and desserts! We are so grateful for the many ladies who helped plan, shop, cook, and clean, as well the the gentlemen who moved tables and chairs, took out garbage, etc. It takes a church family to create a memorable event! Yay, UMCA!

Carol Frazier, RN



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CHRISTIAN WELLNESS MINISTRY

Blood Drive

Please consider donating blood on **June 10th in Wesley Hall from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.** *Versiti* is the agency that will be the collecting blood. The **UMCA goal is 15 blood products!** *Versiti* Illinois has been working to save lives since 1943; they provide blood products for 63 hospitals and blood banks in Illinois. Blood is in very low supply following the pandemic. Normally, blood banks have five days supply on hand, but these days they are likely to only have enough for one day! Who needs blood? People who have cancer, major surgery, hemophilia, sickle cell disease, crushing injuries, cesarean sections, etc., may all need blood. You can sign up on line or on the list in Wesley Hall. See the fliers throughout our church and on the UMCA web page and **Facebook**. Donors must be at least 18 years of age. In addition to feeling good about helping your community, you can be entered into a drawing to win a motorcycle, as well as **Summerfest** tickets! We can do this! Help save lives!



Carol Frazier, RN

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

UMCA Preschool

We graduated! During the last days of school we had a picnic on a beautiful day and were even visited by a unicorn!



MORE ON OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

UMCA Preschool, continued

We spent lots of time at the end of the school year creating art “masterpieces” for our upcoming art show. We are so looking forward to this fundraiser next Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00 am — 3:00 pm. We will have **local artists** displaying and selling their work. **Stella the Baby Sloth** will be on hand for pictures (We are asking for a \$10.00 cash donation to have your picture taken with the sloth.) Children can get their faces painted. We are not charging an admittance fee, but we will accept good will donations that will benefit the preschool. We are hoping for a nice turnout as it would be helpful and encouraging for the local artists to want to return next year.



Samples of our Art!



Summer Camp

We will be having Summer Camp this year. However, it will only be for six days.

Kim Dodd, UMCA Preschool Director

Benefitting the United Methodist Church of Antioch Preschool

1ST ANNUAL ART SHOW

Featuring Local Artists

Saturday, June 3rd
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Come take a picture with Stella the Sloth from
10:00-11:00 for a suggested \$10 donation!



Best Preschool Under The SON!

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Our schedule for the summer will have only one service at 9:15 am. We also go live on our **Facebook** page. The link for the recorded service can be found on our website at umcantioch.org. Please join us in person or online for worship!

[Jesus said] “the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.”

John 14: 26

The Holy Spirit embodies the life force of the universe, the power of God, the animating energy present in all things and captured by none. Therefore we pray:

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit bring fire to the earth so that the presence of God may be seen in a new light, in new places, in new ways. May our own hearts burst into flame so that no obstacle, no matter how great, ever obstructs the message of God within each of us. May we come to trust the Word of God in our heart, to speak it with courage, to follow it faithfully and to fan it to flame in others. May the Jesus who filled [all kinds of people] with his Holy Spirit fill the world and the church with new respect for [all people’s value], power, and presence.

Give us, Great God, a sense of the Breath of Spirit within us as we pray for our church, our community, our Christian Education department, and ... (*State the goal in your own life at this time for which you are praying.*) —**Sister Joan Chittister**