

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...

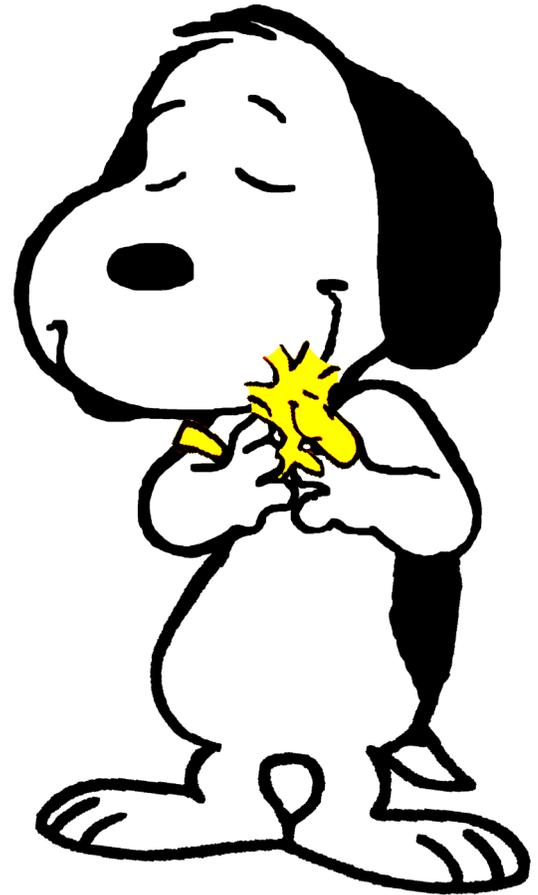
August is going to be a fun time for us in worship. I will be preaching a series called “*A PEANUTS Faith.*” Now, some may think that because *Charles Schulz* has been gone a while and there aren’t any new editions of the PEANUTS cartoons that this could be old and out of date. But friends, I will tell you, there is good wisdom in these panels. Now, I might be a little overexposed, as Snoopy is one of my mom’s favorites, but we watched all the holiday specials growing up – and still try to make time to watch as many of them through the year as I can.

Each week we will look at a different cartoon and see what we might find in the characters and drawings that will help us understand the Scriptures and our faith a little more. I do hope you will join us. I know I will miss you while I’m gone, and I am already looking forward to coming back with a bit more energy and a greater peace in my own faith.

See you soon!

- August 6 Genesis 9:12-17
Sound Theology
Communion
- August 13 1 Samuel 17:1-10, 32
-37, 40-50
Don’t Underestimate
- August 20 Matthew 7:24-27
Life on the Beach?
- August 27 Romans 8:26-30
I Don’t Know How

Pastor Katie Voigt



NO WOE

Many of us have had an occasion to use or at least think of the phrase, “the best laid plans of mice and men...” Sometimes it’s a recurring nightmare like the stepchild of the phrases, “When it rains it pours,” or “waiting for the other shoe to drop.”



My summer so far has been all of that with regards to two years of delays on much needed Wisconsin home repairs, family health issues, and work overloads. Anyone remember *Joe Btfsplik* from *Li'l Abner* cartoons? This is not a “Woe is me” message, far from it.

Through all of this, I recall the image of my six or seven year old granddaughter and me chopping away at the ice on the garage floor. It was our first winter in northern Wisconsin and before insulating and heating it. I told her that I was fizzling out and suggested we quit and finish later. She replied, “Sometimes you just have to keep going, Grandpa. We can’t quit.” Old sage advice we can do well never to forget and from a child, no less.

Mike DeBenedetto

EARLY ADOPTERS

Thank you to everyone who made a donation/bought water, provided for dog visitors, shared wagons, prepared our church literature, or signed up for a shift to help hand out water and our church's information at the *Antioch Taste of Summer* event; your help was greatly appreciated. Although we gave away fewer bottles than we expected, we did have some nice conversations, and the fact that we were right by the *Chamber of Commerce* allowed us to proudly point out our church. Hope you enjoy the pictures and stay tuned for more opportunities to be the best neighbors to our community.



EARLY ADOPTERS, continued



Carol Cichonski

MISSIONS

Open Arms

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the *Open Arms* adult personal items collection. The items were dropped off on June 27th and *Judy* was very grateful as always. There were food donations given at that time, as well. Thank you for helping make a difference to the less fortunate in our community.



LouAnn Holmes & Missions Committee

JOY IN THE HARVEST

Lowell Wertz, missionary in *Tanzania*, wrote in the *Joy of the Harvest* missionary newsletter that they have been distributing Bibles in the prisons. *Joy* also recently donated 65 mattresses to prisoners sleeping on the floor. Due to a fresh outbreak of violence in DR Congo, a new wave of refugees have been arriving in Tanzania.



Due to the Ukraine war, a fresh outbreak of violence in DR Congo, and a new influx of refugees, food rations for refugees have been cut drastically. *Joy in the Harvest* has worked with the refugees for over 30 years. *Joy* is facing the twin challenges of inflation and the division of the United Methodist Church. These things have impacted the mission greatly.



Anyone wishing to send donations may send them to *Joy in the Harvest*, PO box 496, Lansing, Illinois 60438, phone 708/925-6681.

Rebecca Reckamp

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



IN THE GARDEN

The gardeners cleaned up and spread mulch at the parsonage.



At church



OPPORTUNITY

Summer movies at the Antioch Theater:

July 31st: *Elvis*

August 7th: *80 for Brady*

August 28th: *Where the Crawdads Sing*

September 25th: *The Sound of Music*

Sing-Along Movie Mania

You have to sign up for *The Sound of Music*. The cost is \$5.00 for Antioch residents and \$10.00 for non-residents. Doors open at 9:30 and movies start at 10:00 am. We get free popcorn!

Rebecca Reckamp

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

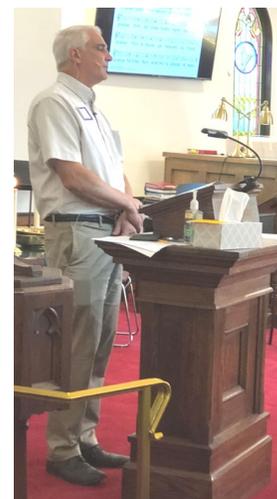
On Wednesday, September 6th at 1:15 pm, the *United Women of Faith of Antioch United Methodist Church* will be presenting a program/seminar from *AAHAA*.

What is AAHAA? *Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance!* It is a referral source and assistive non-for-profit organization for the public that includes the following: local food pantries, doctors, Medicare questions, school physical information, in-home help, network nurse, medical insurance information, problems paying utilities/rent, senior assistance, non-judgemental help with addictions and many other applications. The representatives/presenters of the seminar are *Colleen Lennon*, Executive Director and *Stephanie Young*, Program Director of AAHAA. Please join us in Wesley Hall at 1:15 on September 7th for an informative, helpful means of finding appropriate and needed resources.



Ann Dickson

OUR GUEST PREACHERS



THANK YOU!



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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**