



United Methodist Church of Antioch

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

PRELUDE

It Is Well with My Soul

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Sun, Mar. 23</u>	Worship 8am & 10am
UMCOR	Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
Sunday	AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Mon, Mar. 24</u>	AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Tues, Mar. 25</u>	Bible Study 5pm/Wesley Hall
	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Wed, Mar. 26</u>	AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Thurs, Mar. 27</u>	Golden Gems Mtg 10-11am/Kitchen
	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Fri, Mar. 28</u>	St. Ignatius Fish Boil 4:30-7pm
	AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sat, Mar. 29</u>	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sun, Mar. 30</u>	Worship 8am & 10am
5 th Sunday	Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
UVC	Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall
	AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet, and there are large print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles available. See an usher if you would like one. Additionally, there are handicap accessible restrooms located in Wesley Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-If you owe Butter Braid money for the preschool fundraiser, please turn it into the fundraiser envelope **today**. The envelope is on the table by the order form. Orders can be picked up at 2pm on Thursday, April 3, or from the church freezer on Sunday, April 6.

-Easter lilies have been ordered for our sanctuary. As per tradition, you may make an offering toward the flowers of any amount in honor of a loved one. Flower envelopes are available at the usher's stand. **Please print clearly the name and "in honor of" or "in memory of."** Mark your envelope **"flowers."** The names of those honored will be in our bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please turn your names into the office by **Monday, April 14**. Flowers will be available to take home following the 2nd Easter service.

-Sunday school pretzel day is coming! This year it will be during second service on April 6th. See Elisa Gueffier with questions.

-Join us on Saturday, April 5th from 11:30a-1:15p at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville. We will help package food for others. There are jobs for all. See the sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall! For more info, contact Carol Cichonski (847) 269-2287.

-Vacation Bible School – All Are Welcome! Join us for a week of faith, fun, and friends as we partner with Lake Villa United Methodist Church and St. Ignatius Episcopal Church for an exciting VBS from June 30 to July 4, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM, with early drop-off available at 8 AM. Open to ages 4 to 14. See the fliers in Wesley Hall for details.

-Missions March Focus: A Safe Place. Please take a wish list in Wesley Hall for needed goods. On Saturday, May 3rd, there will be a run/walk fundraiser at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville. There is an entry fee to help raise funds. For more info or to register go to: asafeplaceforhelp.org

-The Missions Committee is collecting Easter decorations for the resale table. Please reach out to Carol Cichonski or put donations in the drop off bin in the hall.

-St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church invited us to their fish boil fundraiser on Friday, March 28 from 4:30-7pm. This is an all you can eat fish boil for \$22. This includes the entrée, sides, and dessert! Vegetarians and 12 years and younger are \$11. See the flyer in Wesley Hall for details!

-The youth group is asking the congregation, family, and friends to collect pennies (or any money, for that matter!) for their collection bucket to save for the summer mission trip expenses. They will be going to Birmingham, Alabama June 8-14! The trip is open to everyone – youth and young at heart who would like to go.

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: Children of God, what has God done for you?

P: **God saves, provides, and holds us in God’s steadfast love.**

L: Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for you?

P: **God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.**

L: When you have been like the fig tree in a story that Jesus’ tells that seems unable to produce and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you?

P: **God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.**

L: Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

P: We come to worship and cling to God, for God's steadfast love never fails!

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.)

***HYMN Red Hymnal #340**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

God of New Beginnings, we need you now, in this season of Lent. We've stopped doing what we said we were going to do, we've practically given up on our attempt to give something up for Lent, and we don't know where to begin. You remind us that every Sunday is a little Easter, a reminder that there is always hope, despite what the world may be telling us. As we gather for worship today, help us to see glimmers of your hope and a new way forward for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Red Hymnal #629

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Holy Lord, we come to you aware that Lent is probably our most challenging season. We look at all the hardest parts directly and we can't turn away. Be with us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we might know that even in the hardest parts there is love and grace, mercy and hope. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Hoping

Rev. Katie Voigt

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30am Service)

UMCA Choir

My Shepherd Knows

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

***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.

OFFERTORY

Nearer, My God, to Thee

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #375**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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

L: We will hope in God.

P: Throughout all the joys and sorrows, the knowns and the unknowns, we know that God's love never fails.

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** *A Shelter in the Time of Storm*

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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**Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday
March 16, 2025**

8am- 37 10:30am-46

General Fund: \$9,158

Missions: \$88.55

Building: \$120

Food Pantry: \$10

Boiler: \$1,000

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

March 23

March 30

Greeters

8:00am	Vicki Walker	Wayne Buck
10:30am	Nancy Rae	Jen Klingler

Ushers

8:00am	Wayne Buck	Irv Metz
10:30am	Chris Shannon	Tom Kessell

Soundboard

8:00am	Walt Cichonski	Denny Sathoff
10:30am	Phil Georgia	Mike Lapke

Liturgists

8:00am	Linda Hensgen	Denny Sathoff
10:30am	Nikki Georgia	Judy TeTour

Coffee Servers

8:00am	Jean Haling	Mike DeBenedetto
	Mary Geier	LouAnn Holmes
10:30am	Carol Frazier	Joanne & Nancy
	Caroline Adams	Rae

Openers

Mike DeBenedetto	Cichonski Family
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Prayer Card

8:00am	Shelby Wais	Nancy Colby
10:30am	(Needed)	(Needed)

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Scan below for March's Newsletter



Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-for the FOLLOWING month Send info in Word doc or body of email to editorumca@gmail.com

Next deadline is April 15th for the May newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.