



# United Methodist Church of Antioch

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

*A Time Together*

## PRELUDE

*By Faith*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Today           | Worship, 8am & 10:30am<br>Sunday School/Choir, 9:15am<br>World Communion Sunday                                |
| Tues, Oct. 5    | UMCAP, 9am-2pm<br>Tuesdays at the Table, 10am (CDT)<br>Missions Cmte, 1pm/Wesley Hall<br>SPRC, 6pm/Wesley Hall |
| Wed, Oct. 6     | UMW, 12pm/Wesley Hall<br>Day of Remembrance for Native<br>American Children                                    |
| Thurs, Oct. 7   | UMCAP, 9am-2pm   |
| Sat, Oct. 9     | CWM Flu Clinic, 10am-12pm/<br>Wesley Hall  |
| Sunday, Oct. 10 | Worship, 8am & 10:30am<br>Sunday School/Choir, 9:15am  |

*~Please note, one of the worship services is recorded and streamed to the internet. It is usually the 10:30am service.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Today is World Communion Sunday. One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The UMC. World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. This offering supports a diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduates studying in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training. These funds are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and Global Ministries. When you give generously on World Communion Sunday, you equip talented, qualified students from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be.

Please give online: [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive), make your checks payable to UMCA and write "WCS" in the memo line, or special envelopes are available for cash donations.

**-Justice for Our Children: Call for Remembrance**

The Native American International Caucus of The United Methodist Church is encouraging churches to create a day of remembrance on Oct. 6 for the hundreds of thousands of tribal children who were taken from their families and placed in boarding schools, often violently, between 1869 and the 1960s. In particular, the caucus calls us to remember those who died while at the schools, and whose bodies were buried far from their homes.

**-Church Resale Tables:** The Missions Committee would like to thank you for your donations to the Church Resale Tables. We would also like to thank those for shopping our tables.

If you are dropping off donations, we would like them to be taken to the Sunday school hallway and placed outside the choir room. If possible, send Judy Degand an email ([judydegand@gmail.com](mailto:judydegand@gmail.com)) to let her know about drop-offs, it would be greatly appreciated. Tables are changed monthly or as needed.

-Wesley Afternoon Circle will meet on Thursday October 21 in Wesley Hall at 2:15 p.m. Program and refreshments will be provided by Margaret Zaller and Terry King. If you need a ride, please call Anne Dickson at 224-818-8725.

-Shelby's Knitting and Crochet Group will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. The next meeting will be October 11 in the All Saints Room from 1-3pm.

-Prairie Central District has announced a Fall 2021 Lay Academy hosted by Plainfield UMC on November 6 & 13 from 8am-4pm. Participants can expect four course offerings, which cover Devotional Life, Leading Public Prayer, United Methodist Heritage, and Discovering/Using Spiritual Gifts along with a daily breakfast and lunch. If interested, you can register online through the Northern Illinois Conference website (<https://na.eventscloud.com/pcdla2021>) or mail a check payable to "Prairie Central Lay Academy" to 717 N. Washington St. Wheaton, IL, 60187. **Registration is due by October 25.** Call 630-709-3953 or email [mary.mecker@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mecker@gmail.com) for more information.

-PADS: Last week ended the monthlong Housewarming project that ran all of September. Thank you to everyone who gave time or supplies toward making the project successful. PADS will take October off and resume in November.

-CWM has partnered with Walgreens to host a Flu Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, October 9 from 10am-12pm. You can sign up at a table in Wesley Hall or contact the church office or Carol Frazier for the link to SignUp Genius.

-Tuesdays at the Table: United Methodist theologians are preparing to lead the Tuesdays at the Table discussion series, which begins on October 5 at 10 a.m. CDT. Together, we will explore who we are, what we believe, and how we live as people of God, today and into the future. Join us on [our Facebook page](#), for a 20-30-minute conversation about who we are as the people of The United Methodist Church.

### **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:** We come today thinking about how what we do here today has an impact and an outreach far beyond these walls or the walls of those who livestream with us or watch the video later.

**P:** Today we connect with the power of the Holy Spirit to remember how we are simply one part of the Body of Christ here in Antioch, but the true Body of Christ stretches around the world.

**L:** Working together with the Holy Spirit, anything is possible!

**P: When we open our minds and hearts, and remove the stumbling blocks people put in the path God lays, we might find an exciting road to walk.**

L: Seeing where God is leading our congregation is a constant journey. We are never done with this.

**P: Sometimes we prefer easy and still, but that isn't the Holy Spirit.**

**\*HYMN Red Hymnal #617**

*I Come with Joy vs. 1,3,5*

**\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**Jesus, our Rock and our Redeemer, we celebrate all that you are doing in our midst. You are walking with us, calling us into a future, and reminding us that nothing ever stays the same. Help us to remember that when we are nervous and anxious. Help us to remember that you are not abandoning us, but calling us forward. 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**

**HYMN Black Hymnal # 2254**

*In Remembrance of Me*

## **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**

– Acts 10:1-48

In Caesarea, there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must

not call profane.” This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon’s house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there.

While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them.” So, Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?” They answered, “Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” So, Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him. The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. On Peter’s arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, “Stand up; I am only a mortal.” And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; and he said to them, “You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. So, when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?” Cornelius replied, “Four days ago at this very hour, at three o’clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. He said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been

heard and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ Therefore, I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.”

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who



have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So, he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

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## **REFLECTION**

Rev. Katie Voigt

Discernment: Co-Creating with the Holy Spirit

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## **Choir Anthem**

*Break the Bread*

## **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

**COMMUNION HYMN #640**

*Take Our Bread*

## **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Receive us as little children open to the wonder of your 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**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

**\*DOXOLOGY Red Hymnal #95**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

**Master of our lives, we come to you now, thanking you for all your many blessings. Use everything we offer, even some of what we tried to hold back, but that you called forth out of our lives anyway, so that others will see that you have changed us. Help people who don't know your love to see it lived out in who we are, how we give, and how we serve. In the name of the ever-generous Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN, Red Hymnal #634**

*Now Let us from This Table Rise*

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

L: New ideas and plans for a future can be frightening. We aren't ever exactly sure where we might end up.

**P: As long as we travel with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we will be just fine!**

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.**

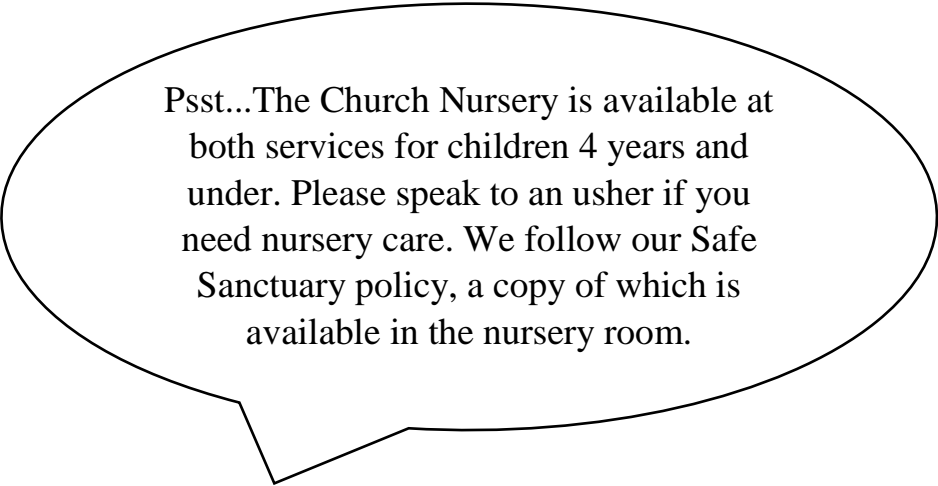
**\*POSTLUDE**

*In Christ Alone*

*Red* indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

*Black* indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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Psst...The Church Nursery is available at both services 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.

***Worship Attendance & Giving for  
Sunday, September 26, 2021***

8:00am 19

10:30am 43

General Fund \$904

Building \$15

Missions \$69.55

Electronic Sign \$126

Memorial Fund \$20

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*Please note: Giving statements  
will be available for you to pick up  
in Wesley Hall through October  
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## *Worship Leadership*

<b>Today</b>	<b>October 10</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	
8:00am Dawn Vogel	Ken Graesser
10:30am Terry King	Janet Fluck
<b>Ushers</b>	
8:00am Jim Menzer	Walt Cichonski
10:30am Dan Fluck	Tom Kessell
<b>Sound Board</b>	
8:00am Bob Raukohl	Bert Kibbler
10:30am Chris Shannon	Phil Georgia
<b>Liturgist</b>	
8:00am Carleen Wurster	Bob Raukohl
10:30am Bert Kibbler	Margaret Zaller
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	
8:00am Linda Hensgen Vi Kluth	Leta & Denny Sathoff
10:30am Phil & Nikki Georgia	Terry King & Family
<b>Communion</b>	
8:00 am Carol & Walt Cichonski	-----
10:30am Margaret Zaller Lisa Shannon	-----

*~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.

*Notes:*



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Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month-**for the FOLLOWING month**

Send info to [editorumca@att.net](mailto:editorumca@att.net) in Word Doc form or body of email.

Next deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup> for the November newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.