



# United Methodist Church of Antioch

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

A Time Together

## PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Today                      Worship, 8am & 10:30am  
Sunday School/Choir/  
Church Chat/Youth Group, 9:15am  
Communion Sunday
- Tues, Dec. 7                UMCAP, 9am-2pm  
PEO, 11:30-3pm/  
Wesley Hall
- Thurs, Dec. 9             UMCAP, 9am-2pm  
PCD Lay Leadership Mtg,  
7pm/Zoom
- Fri, Dec. 10              Cookie Drop-Off, 4-7pm, Wesley  
Hall
- Sat, Dec. 11              Cookie Walk & Christmas Resale  
Shoppe, 9-1pm/Wesley Hall  
Antioch Garden Club Mtg,  
2pm/White Room
- Sun, Dec. 12              Worship, 8am & 10:30am  
Sunday School/Choir/  
Church Chat, 9:15am  
Lakes Area Community Band  
Christmas Concert, 2pm/Wesley  
Hall

*~Please note, one of the worship services is recorded and streamed to the internet. It is usually the 10:30am service. Also, we follow Lake County Covid Guidelines which include wearing a mask indoors and allowing for proper distancing. If you would like a copy of our guidelines, please see an usher.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-We welcome our District Superintendent, Rev. Jeffrey Bross, to worship today. We invite you to greet him during fellowship time after each service.

-We would appreciate your help in returning the Christmas Carol Communion booklets to the usher's stand after the worship service; however, you are welcome to keep it if you want a personal copy.

-Wesley Afternoon Circle will be caroling on Thursday, December 16 at 3:00 pm. If anyone needs a ride, please call Anne Dickson at 224-818-8725.

-Advent has begun, and we are still in need of readers for the December 19, **8am service** to light the Advent candles. There is a sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall. The office will contact you with your reading so you can have it ahead of time. Thanks for helping!

-Missions News: Our annual cookie/stocking stuffer and Christmas Resale Shoppe is Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-1pm. There is still time to sign up to bring your favorite cookies. All proceeds from this sale go to mission projects, so be sure to invite your family and friends. Thank you!

-Tri-M Coat Drive: **Last Day!** Alex Young has been collecting new and gently used coats on behalf of Tri-M, a

music organization in which he is involved, and will be taking the donated coats after today. Please see Alex for details.

-Please note the following worship service times: There will be a 5pm family-friendly Christmas Eve service on December 24 followed by a 7pm traditional service. There will be **only 1 service** Sunday, December 26 at 9:15am.

- Christmas Eve poinsettias have been ordered for our sanctuary. As per tradition, you may make an offering towards the flowers of any amount in honor of a loved one. 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 Christmas Eve. Please turn your names into the office by Dec. 19. Plants will be available to take home following the 7pm Christmas Eve service.

-Save the date for upcoming District learning opportunities! The District Lay Academy has been rescheduled for January 8 & 15. For more information there are posters around or see Pastor Katie. The District Leadership Training Event will be January 29 – more details to come.



## **LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

8:00am service	Denny Sathoff & Dawn Vogel
10am service	Dan & Janet Fluck

## **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: This morning it feels like we've been waiting forever, and it is only the second Sunday of Advent. How does that math work?

**P: It is hard to wait for the good things we know are coming. The world rushes us forward at a rapid pace.**

L: When we know that someone is coming to visit, we prepare our homes. We might set the table if we're having them for a meal or make sure the guest room has clean sheets if they are spending the night.

**P: Yes, when we know guests are coming, we make a way for them to be comfortable in our homes and in our lives.**

L: As we wait for Jesus to come as a baby, and again for his Second Coming, we, too are called to prepare for his arrival.

**P: We gather for worship to make room in our hearts for Jesus.**

**\*HYMN Red Hymnal #209**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

**\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**John the Baptist called out to those around him to repent of their sins and forgive others of their sins. Lord, we ask you to help us hear his call in our lives all these years later. The prophet Malachi said that a refiner would come among us. Both of them are inviting us to be ready for our lives to be changed because of Jesus. Use this time of our faithful gathering to flatten the hills and mountains in us and to smooth out the rough paths so that all will see your salvation. 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 # 2089**

*Wild & Lone the Prophet's Voice*

**WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)**

**Holy Child, the One for whom we are preparing, we ask you to guide our thinking, our praying, and our hoping. Focus our eyes and ears in these moments as we hear your Scriptures read and interpreted so that we might have a greater understanding. May our time together with you help us all to be more prepared for your coming. Amen.**

**WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS**      – Malachi 3:1-4 &  
Luke 3:1-6

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

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**REFLECTION**

Prepare the Way

Rev. Katie Voigt

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## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*I Hear the Prophet Calling*      UMCA Choir

## **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** *See Booklet*  
**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING** *See Booklet*

**OFFERTORY**     *Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
                      *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

**\*DOXOLOGY** *Red Hymnal #95*  
                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

**As we prepare the way for Jesus to come and to come again, Lord, help us to prepare our whole lives. Multiply what we offer today in these offering plates, what we have given electronically, what we have given in time and energy, what we give as we journey with each other through life, what we give when we tell others the Good News about this One who is to come, so that you receive all the glory. May others receive love and mercy because we share out of our gratitude. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #206**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**SPECIAL MUSIC ACCOMPANIMENT**

**UMCA Youth Group**

Ben Georgia- Trumpet

Alex Young- Trumpet

Quentin Gueffier- Clarinet

Vivian Gueffier- Violin

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jeffry Bross

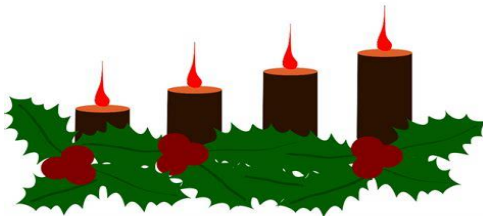
**\*POSTLUDE**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*Red* indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

*Black* indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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*Worship Attendance & Giving for  
Sunday, November 28, 2021*

8:00am 27

10:30am 50

General Fund \$2,298

Building \$215

Memorial \$500

United Methodist \$108

Student Day

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 Leadership*

<b>Today</b>	<b>December 12</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	
8:00am Anne Dickson	Ken Graesser
10:30am Joanne Rae	Sally Rodgers
<b>Ushers</b>	
8:00am Jim Menzer	Dawn Vogel
10:30am Tom Kessell	Jerry Topcik
<b>Sound Board</b>	
8:00am Walt Cichonski	Bob Raukohl
10:30am Chris Shannon	Phil Georgia
<b>Liturgist</b>	
8:00am Denny Sathoff	Carleen Wurster
10:30am Joanne Rae	Margaret Zaller
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	
8:00am Mike DeBenedetto Ken Graesser	Leta & Denny Sathoff
10:30am Sue DeRoche Ashleigh Greene	Nancy & Joanne Rae
<b>Communion</b>	
8:00am Carol & Walt Cichonski	
10:03am Robin Kessell	

Thank you to everyone who served in worship today and to the youth who used their musical talents to honor God by serving in worship as well!

Notes:



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

Next deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup> for the January newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.