



United Methodist Church of Antioch

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

A Time Together

PRELUDE *In the Bleak Midwinter*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today Worship, 8am & 10:30am
Sunday School/Choir/
Church Chat, 9:15am

Fri, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Family Friendly Worship, 5pm
Traditional Communion Worship, 7pm

Sat, Dec. 25 Christmas

Sun, Dec. 26 Worship, one service only 9:15am
PADS Sunday

~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

-Pastor Katie will be on vacation from December 25-January 1. The office will be closed during this time. If you need pastoral assistance while Pastor Katie is on vacation, please contact Dawn Vogel or Carol Dunn for the on-call pastor's information. Also know that Pastor Katie turns her cell phone off while on vacation, so she won't receive your phone call, voicemail, text message, or email until she returns.

Merry Christmas to all, and let us rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior!

-PADS: No focus this month, except maybe something that you enjoy, fast food gift cards, travel size personal hygiene products (alcohol free mouthwash), hot or cold cereal, juice boxes, bottled water, soup with pop tops, ramen bowls, chicken or tuna pouches, crackers with cheese or p-nut butter filling, and healthy packaged snacks. Microwaves are available at the hotel but not refrigeration. Please contact Carol Cichonski for help with donation pick-ups or bring them to church by December 26. Thank you.

-Children's activity folders are available once again. Please see an usher if you would like one.

-Missions: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who baked, helped with setting up/cleaning up, and came out in support of the Cookie Walk event. It would not have been a success without you. A special thank you to Christina & Janel for all the behind the scenes help. Please see finance section for how all our hard work paid off!

-The Christmas Resale tables are 1/2 off this Sunday. Hope you can find something to use or give as a gift. On behalf of the Missions Committee, Merry Christmas and God Bless.

-Pastor Katie is going to lead a study on some of Jesus' parables titled, *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. It will meet Wednesdays at 6pm, starting January 5th (skipping Feb. 9). Please sign up in Wesley Hall. Participant books are \$10. Please sign up by December 22, so we can order the books.

-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 & Leta Sathoff

10am service Robin Kessell & Carol Dunn

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: Scripture reminds us that bigger is not always better.

P: Often the smallest character is the one who conquers. They win with God's strength, not their own.

L: We can't count out anyone from serving God, from recognizing God's activity in this world, or from knowing where God is present.

P: Seeing God in each other is one way we can encourage our community every day.

L: We will look high and low for where Jesus might arrive in our world.

P: We also want to leap for joy when we recognize the Lord in our midst.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #214**

Savior of the Nations, Come vs. 1,2,5

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

It can be so easy to dismiss those around us who we deem unworthy of you, Holy God. Yet, you remind us that from the smallest of the clans of Judah, the Savior of the world would come. Your promise found a way through, despite any obstacles. When we wonder if things will ever be made right, we can remember that your promises have held true until now and will always hold. 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 Red Hymnal #215 *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*

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 -Micah 5:26-5a &
Luke 1:39-45**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to

rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION From Small Beginnings Rev. Katie Voigt

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

CHOIR ANTHEM UMCA Choir *Mary Did You Know*
10:30am service

OFFERTORY *Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)*

***DOXOLOGY Red Hymnal #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

As we grow in our discipleship, Lord, we thank you that you don't judge us. You never tell us that we aren't enough. As we offer to you what we put in the offering plates today, as well as what we have given electronically, with our time, in our prayers for our community, and how we willingly share how the stories of Jesus change our lives, we do so with gratitude. Multiply our offerings, no matter the sizes, so that your glory changes everything. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Black Hymnal #2092**

Like a Child

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING**

L: Just a few more sleeps until we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will continue to wait for Jesus to come again.

P: **In our waiting, we will follow Jesus and love more, even those the world tells us are unlovable.**

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**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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<i>Worship Leadership</i>		
Today		December 26
Greeters		9:15am Service Only
8:00am	LouAnn Holmes	Dan & Janet Fluck
10:30am	Audrey VanSlochteren	
Ushers		
8:00am	Irv Metz	Tom Kessell
10:30am	Dan Fluck	
Sound Board		
8:00am	Walt Cichonski	Mike Lapke
10:30am	Kenz Rae	
Liturgist		
8:00am	Bob Raukohl	Sue DeRoche
10:30am	Nikki Georgia	
Coffee Servers		
8:00am	LouAnn Holmes	Dave & Dawn Vogel
10:30am	Terry King & Family	

***Worship Attendance & Giving for
Sunday, December 12, 2021***

8:00am	28
10:30am	59
General Fund	\$4,143
Building	\$120
Cookie Walk -Shophe	\$68.85
-Cookies, dog treats, & stocking stuffers	\$2,164



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Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-**for the FOLLOWING month**

Send info to editorumca@att.net in Word Doc form or body of email.

Next deadline is January 15th for the February newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.