



# United Methodist Church of Antioch

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

## PRELUDE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Communion Sunday Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am Church Chat/Choir/ Sunday School, 9:15am
Mon, Dec 5	UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Tues, Dec 6	UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Wed, Dec 7	UMCAP, 9am-2pm UWF, 11:45am/Wesley Hall/Kitchen Madrigal Concert, 1pm/Sanctuary
Thurs, Dec 8	UMCAP, 9am-2pm PC Gatherings, 7pm/Zoom
Friday, Dec 9	Fabry Organ Tuning Cookie Drop-off for Cookie Walk, 4-7pm/Wesley Hall
Sat, Dec 10	Cookie Walk, 9am-1pm/Wesley Hall Organ Concert, 11am/Sanctuary
Sun, Dec 11	Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am Church Chat/Choir/ Sunday School/Youth Group, 9:15am

*~Please note, one worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet. It is usually the second service.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Grief Share: If you, or someone you know, are experiencing grief issues with the upcoming holidays, we hope to provide some help by offering another session of “Surviving the Holidays” on December 14 in the All Saints Room from 1-3 PM. There will be no charge for the session. Please call Judy Degand 847-833-1529 or Barbara Cantrell 847-804-0361 to register for either session.

- 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. 18. Plants will be available to take home following the 7pm Christmas Eve service.



-Gifting yourself new towels this Christmas? Need a reason to? The preschool often needs bath towels or beach towels to clean up potty accidents, spills, etc. Used ones are fine and appreciated! Please put them in a bag with Kim’s name on it in the Kitchen. Thank you.

-CWM would appreciate your help in contributing to and delivering Christmas treats to our homebound seniors. Please bring cookies, hard candy, chocolate, etc. to UMCA on December 19th at 10am. Please find the sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall. Let’s spread some Joy!

-CWM is inviting you to attend a craft session on Friday, December 17th at UMCA from 9-11 am. The materials and brief instruction will be provided for you to make a small

evergreen centerpiece with mini- carnations to take home or give as a gift! A sign-up sheet is in Wesley Hall.

-Found: A pair of hearing aids were found in the parking lot last week. Please contact the church office if you know who they belong to.

-Missions News: Our annual Cookie Walk fundraiser will be on Sat, December 10 from 9am-1pm. All variety of cookies and candy donations are appreciated. Proceeds will go to mission projects. Cookie Walk donations can be brought to the church kitchen on Friday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> between 4-7pm. Please fill out the insert and return it in the basket in Wesley Hall. For more information, contact LouAnn Holmes at 815-675-6552.

-Our Organ Concert Series continues this month on December 10th, at 11:00 am. Kay Sutton will bring us into this holiday season featuring holiday music at the organ. This is the same day as the Cookie Walk, so it will be a great day to invite friends and family for a great festive morning at UMCA.

-All children are invited for fun and pizza on December 10th! The Sunday School is hosting a creative Christmas reading for the second service on December 18th at 10:30 am. This short reading will be learned and rehearsed on December 10th following our organ concert in the sanctuary. We will practice again on Sunday morning, December 18th at 9:15 am before the second service. No prior or future Sunday School attendance is required to participate in this Christmas gift to our congregation. We are planning a pizza party with our noon rehearsal. Come and join in on the fun. Any questions, contact either Miss Elisa, [elisagueffier@gmail.com](mailto:elisagueffier@gmail.com) or Miss Debbie [debbiegillette1@gmail.com](mailto:debbiegillette1@gmail.com).

-The Madrigals will be singing on December 7th at 1pm in the church sanctuary. This will be the last function of the United Women of Faith until we meet again April 5th, 2023.

Please join us as we hear the beautiful voices of our Antioch High School kids.

-Christmas Eve worship will be at 5pm and 7pm. The 5pm service will be family-friendly and the 7pm service will be more traditional with Communion.

-In an effort to save money on stamps, your Christmas Letters are ready for you to pick up in Wesley Hall. Those not picked up will be mailed in a week. Thank you!

The Church Nursery is available at both services for children 4 years and under. Please speak to an usher if you need nursery care or would like a children's activity folder.

## **LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

8:00am service     Leta Sathoff & Judy Degand

10:30am service     Carol Dunn & Robin Kessell

## **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**

L: Every day has a fresh start, including today!

**P: We can start over every time we need to, which is a blessing from God.**

L: Sometimes we mess things up pretty badly and we just want to wipe the slate clean.

**P: Jesus does that for us. He comes to love us and inspire us to live better than we have been.**

L: As we wait for Jesus to come as a baby, and again for his Second Coming, we, are called to open ourselves to a new beginning.

**P: Jesus invites us to follow his lead and live life anew.**

## **\*HYMN Red Hymnal #203**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

## **\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**John the Baptist called out to those around him to repent of their sins, and that even if no one responded, the stones would form a new community. Lord, we ask you to help us hear his call in our lives all these years later. The prophet Isaiah said that a shoot would grow from a dead stump. Both of them are inviting us to be motivated to respond when we hear the call to love God and love our neighbors. 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**

-Isaiah 11:1-10 & Mathew 3:1-12

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will

be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** 10:30am Service

UMCA Choir

*Emmanuel is Coming***MORNING PRAYERS**

Joys/Concerns

Confession &amp; 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****\*DOXOLOGY #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 know that a new beginning is available to them as well because we share out of our gratitude. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #211**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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

**L:** Repenting and living into something new is not always easy, but we will go forth, waiting for Jesus to return.

**P:** **In the meantime, when we stumble, we will fix our eyes on Jesus, and trust in Him.**

**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**

*Red* indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

*Black* indicates "The Faith We Sing" One License # A-739071

**Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday Nov 27, 2022:**

8:00am -44

General Fund: \$3,888

10:30am -42

Building: \$10

Boiler: \$1,100

UM Student: \$100

*Nine people have already returned their Boiler Pledge commitments. Thank you.*

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**Notes:**

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

**Today**

**Dec 11**

### **Greeters**

8:00am

Judy Degand

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Sally Rodgers

Audrey  
VanSlochteren

### **Ushers**

8:00am

Irv Metz

Tammy Johnson

10:30am

Tom Kessel

Jerry Topcik

### **Soundboard**

8:00am

Bob Raukohl

Walt Cichonski

10:30am

Chris Shannon

Phil Georgia

### **Liturgists**

8:00am

Tammy Johnson

Mike DeBenedetto

10:30am

Margaret Zaller

Sue DeRoche

### **Coffee Servers**

8:00am

Ken Graesser  
Mike DeBenedetto

Dave & Dawn  
Vogel

10:30am

Carol Frazier  
Caroline Adams

Sue DeRoche  
Cheryl Collins

### **Church Openers**

Shelby Wais

Walt Cichonski

### **Communion**

8:00am

Heather Menzer  
Wayne Buck

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10:30am

Robin Kessell  
Carol Dunn

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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.*