



United Methodist Church of Antioch

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

PRELUDE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun, Dec. 1 Worship 8am & 10:30am
Advent Begins Choir/Sunday School 9:15am
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Mon, Dec. 2 Quilters 9-12pm
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Tues, Dec. 3 Private Group 9:30-12pm/White Rm 102
UMCAP Picture Day 9-12pm/Wesley Hall
Bible Study 4-5pm/Wesley Hall
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Wed, Dec. 4 Golden Gems Setup 3-5pm/Wesley Hall
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Thurs, Dec. 5 Golden Gems Luncheon 11:30am
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Fri, Dec. 6 AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
- Sat, Dec. 7 Prairie Central UMM Advent Breakfast &
Worship Service 8am- Batavia, IL
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Sun, Dec. 8 Worship 8am & 10:30am
Choir/Sunday School 9:15am
Handbells 11:45am
Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall
Prairie Advent Concert 3pm- Glen Ellyn, IL
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

-Prairie Central District United Methodist Men has invited our district to celebrate the beginning of Advent at Batavia United Methodist Church on Dec. 7th. They will serve breakfast at 8am and from 9-10am there will be an Advent Service. See the flyer in Wesley Hall for more details or RSVP at <https://forms.gle/Q5ateMUJ7gZQNt4W8>

-We have been invited to participate in the Prairie Central District Advent Concert at First United Methodist Church of Glen Ellyn on Dec. 8th at 3pm! See the flyer in Wesley Hall for more details. If participating isn't for you, please plan to attend. RSVP at <https://www.geumc.org/events>

-Join the United Women in Faith on Dec. 11th for the performance of The Madrigal Singers! Doors open at 12:30pm. The concert begins at 1pm. Refreshments will be served after the concert in Wesley Hall!

-The annual cookie/stocking stuffer fundraiser is on Dec. 14th this year. This is the primary fundraiser that supports all the mission links we donate to annually. Please consider baking or donating to this project. Please turn in a cookie sheet, and let LouAnn know what you are making. Thank you in advance. Please contact LouAnn with any questions, (815) 675-6552.

-Joy Camp Winter Weekend is coming! This weekend camp is for 4th-12th graders on January 3rd-5th in Dixon, IL. The plan includes outdoor activities, arts/crafts, church service on Sunday, and fellowship with other campers. Registration is \$65. To register or learn more visit: <https://www.joycamp.org/>

-Antioch Community Chorus will present the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, Dec. 15th at 7:30pm at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Antioch, IL. This is a free concert, and some of our church choir members are participating. Everyone is welcome!



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

L: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah”

(Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

P: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.

L: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here – the days when God’s kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

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, pay attention! The days are coming when God’s peace will reign and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator.

P: The days are surely coming!

L: Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to recognize God’s reign among us.

P: The days are surely coming and are already here!

L: Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kin-dom on the earth here and now. Will you join in?

P: The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God's call to build the kin-dom of earth as it is in heaven.

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

***HYMN Red Hymnal #202**

People, Look East

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

God of our Expectation, we praise you for surely-coming days when you will execute Shalom: love, peace, health, and well-being for the people who walked in darkness. We await with assurance the surely-coming days when AIDS is cured, when every gun is beaten into tools for rebuilding, when every child has the opportunity to develop God-given gifts, and when every adult sees every child as a gift from God. We desire, O God of our Hope, surely-coming days when no city fears hurricanes, no country fears nuclear bombs, and no tribe fears annihilation by another. We thank you for the surely-coming days when no person fears another because God chose to create all people in the diversity of God's image. We thank you for our hope and for your surely-coming days. Amen.

(Written by Marilyn E. Thornton in *The Africana Worship Book*, Year C (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2008), 162.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2091

The King of Glory Comes

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 – Luke 21:25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30 service)

UMCA Choir

*A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us***MORNING PRAYERS**

Joys/Concerns

Confession & Pardon

Let us together, confess our sins to God.

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.

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!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

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.

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)**

Gracious God, in this season of anticipation, we offer our gifts with hopeful hearts. As we prepare for the fullness of your kingdom, may these offerings be a sign of our readiness and desire to live attentively. Use them to bring justice, righteousness, and joy to our world. Surprise us with your presence and help us to look up, to pay attention, and to embrace the hope you bring. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #196**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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

L: Go from here blessed with a hope that takes root and grows.

P: We will prepare to notice, listen, and join in with God's kin-dom work among us!

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"

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Thank you to Paul Bleadow for filling in for Debbie while she's on vacation!

If you want or will use the communion booklet, feel free to take yours home. If not, please return them to the Usher's Stand for future use. Thank you!

**Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday
November 17, 2024**

8am- 45 10:30am- 52

General Fund: \$6,927 Missions: \$182.53

Building: \$80 Boiler: \$100

UM Student Day: \$166

Advent Readers

December 1

December 8

Readers

8:00am	Leta Sathoff Denny Sathoff	Judy Degand Dawn Vogel
10:30am	Chris Hofius-Krampe Brian Hofius-Krampe	Alvera Morgan Keegan Stack

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

December 1

December 8

Greeters

8:00am	LouAnn Holmes	Becky Johnson
10:30am	Susan Antonelli	Pat Calkins

Ushers

8:00am	Jim Menzer	Irv Metz
10:30am	Tom Kessell	Jerry Topcik

Soundboard

8:00am	Denny Sathoff	Walt Cichonski
10:30am	Chris Shannon	Isaac Platzbecker

Liturgists

8:00am	Linda Hensgen	Jane Buck
10:30am	Judy Tetour	Carol Dunn

Coffee Servers

8:00am	Carol Cichonski	Marty Garrett
	Walt Cichonski	Barb Cantrell
10:30am	Cheryl Collins	Margaret Zaller
	Greg Collins	Caroline Adams

Openers

Mike DeBenedetto	Cichonski Family
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Prayer Card

8:00am	(Needed)	Nancy Colby
10:30am	Rebecca Reckamp	Ardy Lange

Communion

Stewards

8:00am	Wayne Buck	-----
	Nancy Colby	
10:30am	Jennifer Klingler	
	Margaret Zaller	

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Scan below for December'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 December 15th for the January newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.