



United Methodist Church of Antioch

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

PRELUDE *Some People See Him*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am Church Chat/Choir/ Sunday School/Youth Group, 9:15am
Mon, Dec 12	UMCAP, 9am-2pm Telecare, 12pm/Wesley Hall Book Study, 6:30pm/All Saints Room
Tues, Dec 13	UMCAP, 9am-2pm UMCAP Board Meeting, 2:15pm/ Wesley Hall
Wed, Dec 14	UMCAP, 9am-2pm Griefshare, 1-3pm/All Saints Room Trustees, 6pm/Wesley Hall
Thurs, Dec 15	UMCAP, 9am-2pm
Friday, Dec 16	PADS Lunches, 5pm/Kitchen
Sat, Dec 17	CWM, 9-11am/Wesley Hall
Sun, Dec 18	Worship, 8:00am & 10:30am Church Chat/Choir/ Sunday School, 9:15am Sunday School Christmas Program, 10:30am/Sanctuary PADS Sunday

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet.

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.

-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.

-PADS: Let’s collect new toddler and kids’ winter coats; new women’s underwear and sports bras, S-2XL; new men’s underwear/boxers, M-2XL; men’s and women’s T-shirts, Med-2X; individual bags of chips and cookies. Desserts can be used by our lunch team or delivered to St. Mark. Monthly collections will be delivered to St. Mark and will support their site. Extra supplies will be sent to PADS Main Site in Waukegan. Please contact Carol Cichonski at 847/269-2287 or ccichonski@comcast.net if you need pickup of your donation. 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!

- 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.



-CWM is inviting you to attend a craft session on Saturday, 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.

-The Christmas portion of Handel’s Messiah performed by the Antioch Community chorus is today, Sunday, December 11 at 4pm at St. Benedict Abbey 12605 224th Avenue, Benet Lake, Wisconsin, 53102. The event is free, but there will be a donation box if anyone wants to donate. Proceeds go to the Festival Arts of Antioch. The concert will last around an hour. The parking lot is not well lit, so attendees may want to bring a small flashlight as it will be dark when the concert is over.

-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.

-Please note: There will be only one Christmas Day worship service at **9:15am** on Dec 25 and Jan. 1.

Announcements continued...

-The church office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's. If you are planning to make an end-of-the-year gift, please have it turned in by worship on December 25th to make sure that it is counted in the correct year.

-Thank you to everyone who participated in any way in all the events that happened here yesterday! Between the cookie walk and Christmas Shoppe, the organ concert, and the Sunday School Christmas program rehearsal, we were a hopping place. Thanks for all you do to make things happen around here!

-Laity Convocation 2023: Thinking Outside the Box will take place Sat, Feb. 11 from 9am - 12:30pm. Available online and at three in-person locations (Barrington UMC, Disciples UMC in Mt. Morris, IL, and New Lennox UMC). This year's theme is Thinking outside the Church, Making Community Ministry Happen. The guest speaker is David Teel, Director of Laity & Leadership at Discipleship Ministries. Visit

<https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation-2023>

for more information

-Winter Mission u asks Who can we be together? The United Women in Faith will provide another opportunity to take a look at Luke 13 on Sat., Jan. 8 & Sat, Jan. 29. All are welcome. Winter Mission u will be a virtual-only class. Visit

<https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/winter-2023-mission-u> for

more information.

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 Jane Buck & Wayne Buck

10:30am service Nancy Zitkus & Betty Collins

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: Waiting brings expectations. When we are waiting for something to happen, we expect a certain outcome.

P: Sometimes what we expect to happen will, other times, something else entirely happens.

L: We ask Jesus, "Are you the one for whom we've been preparing?"

P: As we prepare for Jesus, we have to ask ourselves what we expect will happen when he comes again.

L: Our expectations can be large or small. We have to understand where they fit in context.

P: Looking around as new realities happen, we can adjust our expectations to meet Jesus.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #196**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Holy One, we are waiting. We are waiting for you and the new world you promised. Help us to keep our expectations for you high and for us, as followers of yours, not unreasonable. You give us a great goal to reach for and we give thanks that you don't give up on us when we fall short. 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 #198

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

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 1:46b-55 & Matthew 11:2-11

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has

arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION A New Expectation Rev. Katie Voigt

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

CHOIR ANTHEM 10:30am Service

UMCA Choir

Peace, Hope, Light, Love

OFFERTORY *Picardy*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Generous God, as we bring our gifts to you this day, we acknowledge that we have been given so much by your goodness, but we have been slow in giving to help others. In this Advent season of preparation, we ask you to help us live in a new way, to walk a new highway, to set ourselves on the path that leads to a closer walk with Jesus, our example and redeemer. May this be the season when he finds the highways to our hearts prepared for his coming. In the name of Jesus, that is above all others, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #210**

All Earth is Waiting

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

L: We want our expectations to be aspirational. We want to be inspired by Jesus.

P: Jesus will show us the way, teach us how to live, and invite us into some great relationships. We just want to live into his standards.

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**

Silver and Gold

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

Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday Dec 4, 2022:

8:00am -31
10:30am -46

General Fund: \$7,522
Building: \$65
Boiler: \$2,520

Fourteen people have already returned their 3-year Boiler Pledge commitments, and a few of you have given donations ahead of the new year. Thank you for your generous hearts and dedication to take care of this building so God's work can continue through us for many more years.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

Dec 18

Greeters

8:00am Wayne Buck LouAnn Holmes

10:30am Audrey
VanSlochteren Carol Dunn

Ushers

8:00am Tammy Johnson Dawn Vogel

10:30am Jerry Topcik Dan Fluck

Soundboard

8:00am Walt Cichonski Tammy Johnson

10:30am Phil Georgia Mike Lapke

Liturgists

8:00am Mike DeBenedetto Bob Raukohl

10:30am Sue DeRoche Jeannine Leonhart

Coffee Servers

8:00am Dave & Dawn Vogel Denny & Leta Sathoff

10:30am Sue DeRoche Margaret Zaller
Cheryl Collins *Helper needed*

Church Openers

Walt Cichonski Denny & Leta Sathoff

Notes:



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Please Note:

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 December 15th for the January newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.