



# United Methodist Church of Antioch

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025

## PRELUDE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Sun, Feb. 23</u>	Worship 8am & 10:30am Choir/Sunday School 9:15am
Winter Sport: Wrestling!	Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Mon, Feb. 24</u>	Bible Study w/ The Bishop- Zoom 6:30-8pm AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Tues, Feb. 25</u>	Bible Study 4pm/Wesley Hall AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Wed, Feb. 26</u>	AA 7-8pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Thurs, Feb. 27</u>	UMCAP Open House 6-7pm AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Fri, Feb. 28</u>	AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sat, Mar. 1</u>	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sun, Mar. 2</u>	Worship 9:15am Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
Mardi Gras Service!	

*~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

-Remember: Next Sunday, March 2, we will only have **one worship service** at 9:15am for Mardi Gras! The Dixie Dudes will perform live music during service, and afterwards we will have fellowship hour with coffee and king cake!

-Volunteers are needed for the Mardi Gras service set-up Saturday, March 1 at 10am in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please reach out to Debbie Gillette.

-The youth group is asking the congregation, family, and friends to collect pennies for their collection bucket to save for the summer mission trip expenses. They don't know where the trip will be to yet, but the dates will be June 8-14. The youth director from Grace UMC will come and talk about the trip for any one – youth and young at heart who would like to go. Keep your eyes open for a date!

-We're looking for volunteers to be guests/mystery readers for our preschoolers! A signup sheet is in Wesley Hall for Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:30-11am. If you have any special talents or hobbies you would like to share with our preschoolers, please contact Kim Dodd or Linda Hensgen!

-The Lakes Area Community Band will have their Spring Concert at our church Saturday, March 8 at 2pm. They welcome us, friends, and family to enjoy this free concert. There will be refreshments following the concert.

-The Prairie Central Spring 2025 Lay Academy will be at Barrington UMC on Saturdays, March 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 2 to 5pm. See the flyer in Wesley Hall for more details. Contact Mary at [mary.mecker@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mecker@gmail.com) with any questions. You can register at: [umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-lay-academy-spring-2025](http://umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-lay-academy-spring-2025)

-Scholarship opportunities through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry are open! You can submit one application, and it will be screened for all eligible programs on their list. Apply by March 31, 2025. For more details and to submit visit: <https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/>

-Scholarships through the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation are open! Apply by April 1, 2025. For more details and to submit visit: <https://umhgef.org/2025-scholarship-applications/>

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### **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: I don't know about you, but I'm pretty tired this morning.

**P: Not just this morning – maybe for the last few years!**

L: When we are tired, it is easy to start thinking that things around us don't matter, that surrender is an option.

**P: In the wrestling of life, we come to find out that when God is in the fight, we are held forever.**

L: God is persistent and determined.

**P: God does not walk away from us in the midst of our battles.**

### **\*HYMN Red Hymnal #386**

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

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

**Holy One who will not let us go, we pause now to gather our thoughts. When life feels out of control, we come to you because you have never let go of us. Your hold on us is steadfast and sure. Use this time of worship to renew our hold on you. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **HYMN Red Hymnal #349**

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (sing twice)*

### **WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)**

**O God, we often categorize sports as being something about which you really don't care. And, that's probably true, concerning who wins. But, we also know that we can see you in anything if we just look hard enough. As we look at some sports this winter, open our eyes to your presence in all the places – including in the reading and hearing of your word today. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – Genesis 32:22-31**

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall

no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTION**

Wrestling: Never Give Up

Rev. Katie Voigt

**CHORAL ANTHEM** (10:30 service)

UMCA Choir

*Abide With Me*

**MORNING PRAYERS**

**Joys/Concerns**

**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.**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

**Jesus Christ, you have blessed us in many ways. We pray that what we offer today, the fruit of the labor we've lived in the world, would be multiplied to serve your Kingdom here on earth. May it help others who are wrestling to know that you will never let them go, that you are keeping them safe, and that you will ensure a victory that will last forever. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #451**

*Be Thou My Vision*

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

**L:** We will trust that God is with us when things are challenging.

**P:** **We will trust that God will never leave us abandoned.**

**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!*

# Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday

February 16, 2025

8am- 32    10:30am- 56

General Fund: \$2,749

Missions: \$56.25

Building: \$112.50

Boiler: \$130

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

February 23

March 2

### Greeters

8:00am

Vi Kluth

Jane Buck

10:30am

Joanne Rae

### Ushers

8:00am

Wayne Buck

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Chris Shannon

### Soundboard

8:00am

Walt Cichonski

Phil Georgia

10:30am

Phil Georgia

### Liturgists

8:00am

Jane Buck

Mary Geier

10:30am

Judy Tetour

### Coffee Servers

8:00am

Pat Metz

Carol Cichonski

LouAnn Holmes

Margaret Zaller

10:30am

Andrea Zachotina

Caroline Adams

### Openers

Cichonski Family

Cichonski Family

### Prayer Card

8:00am

Carleen Wurster

Mardi Gras service-

10:30am

(Needed)

No cards sent

### Communion

9:15am

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Jennifer Klingler

Nancy Rae

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**Please Note:**

**Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month-for the FOLLOWING month Send info in Word doc or body of email to [editorumca@gmail.com](mailto:editorumca@gmail.com)**

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

*Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.*