



United Methodist Church of Antioch

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

PRELUDE *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun, Feb. 8 Worship 8am & 10:30am
Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
Handbells 11:45am
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Mon, Feb. 9 AA 6-7pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Tues, Feb. 10 **Office Hours – Hannah Out of Office**
Bible Study 4-5pm/Wesley Hall
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Wed, Feb. 11 Finance Committee Mtg. 6:30pm/Wesley Hall
AA 6-7pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Thurs, Feb. 12 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Fri, Feb. 13 AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
- Sat, Feb. 14 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Sun, Feb. 15 Worship **9:15am**
Mardi Gras AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
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

-Please note: Next Sunday, Feb. 15th, will be our Mardi Gras worship service! We will only have one service at 9:15am.

-Missions February focus: The *Veterans Closet* needs our help! Keep an eye out for our February calendars and poster in Wesley Hall for items from the *Veteran's Closet* wish list. There will be carts labeled in Wesley Hall for collecting donations.

-A New Members Class is starting soon! The classes will be on February 22nd, and March 1st, 8th, and 15th at 2pm. Please talk to Pastor Katie if you are interested!

-Our Lenten plan for this year includes opportunities to participate in weekly dramas. Some parts are reoccurring each week, while others only happen one Sunday. If you would be interested in participating, please let Nicole know your interest, weekly availability, and if you would be willing to participate at both services.

-A Special Church Conference has been called for Wednesday, February 25 at 6:30pm (our regularly scheduled Church Council night) for the purpose of amending the resolution that established our Endowment Fund.

-You can help shape the future of The United Methodist Church! The Council of Bishops is preparing for their 2026 Leadership Gathering. They have released denomination-wide surveys and webinars to help them discern our Wesleyan identity and new vision. **The survey is open until Feb. 15th.** For more information, see the letter in Wesley Hall, and feel free to grab a copy. Visit this link or scan this QR code to fill out the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UMCLG2026>



-Join us on Sat., Feb. 28th from 11:30a-1:15p at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville. There are jobs for all. See the sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall! For more info, contact Carol Cichonski.

-Interested in applying for scholarships from The United Methodist Church? Many scholarship deadlines are the first week in March. You can explore scholarship options with this link:

<https://www.umcnic.org/grants>

- If you are interested in being a mystery reader for our preschool, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in Wesley Hall!

-Please let the church office know of anyone that would like to have the Upper Room devotional magazine sent to them if they are a shut in. We send a bi-monthly letter and the magazine to anyone in need. Thanks.

-The Northern Illinois Conference is launching the #BeUMC Awards for the upcoming Annual Conference! NIC will present #BeUMC Awards in 3 categories: an outstanding layperson, an outstanding clergy member, and an outstanding congregation. The deadline to submit a nomination is April 15th. For more information and access to nomination forms visit:

<https://www.umcnic.org/news/announcing-the-beumc-awards>

-The most recent Bishop's Letter is on the table in Wesley Hall if you are interested in reading it.

-The Northern Illinois Conference Advocacy Partners Immigration Committee is hosting an event called "Immigration 101: Welcoming the Stranger" at Our Saviour's United Methodist Church in Schaumburg on Sunday, Feb. 15th from 12:30-3pm. For more information and to register visit:

<https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/immigration-101-welcoming-the-stranger>

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: People of God, why are you here?

P: We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

L: People of God, who do you worship?

P: We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

L: People of God, how do you worship?

P: We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

L: People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

P: May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.)

***HYMN Black Hymnal #2236**

Gather Us In

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly. So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives. Glory and honor be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Written by Rev. Iona MacLean, First Presbyterian Church, Pictou, Nova Scotia, in *Change is Happening*, <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/opening-prayer-worshiping-with-our-lives.html>.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2237

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Oh Lord, we are in the middle of the toughest parts of winter. It feels like the sun might never shine again, although we do know how seasons work, and we are holding on to the hope that those long, warm days are

coming. Even still, we can feel the brightness of your Light in this place. As we hear your word read and proclaimed, we ask you to help us focus and open ourselves to what you want us to learn. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS— Matthew 5:13-20

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Our Purpose is to Shine

Rev. Katie Voigt

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 Service)

UMCA Choir

*Let Your Light Shine***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*The Light of the World Is Jesus****DOXOLOGY #95***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow****WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

Liberating God, You call us to a fast not of silence, but of service; not of hiding, but of healing. You ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice,

to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Black Hymnal #2173**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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

L: We will shine the light of God to our world!

P: We will live lives that reflect the love of Jesus!

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** *Send the Light*

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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**Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday
February 1, 2026**

8:00am- 32 10:30am- 50

General Fund: \$7,980.41

Missions: \$23.13

Building: \$910

Food Pantry: \$50

Boiler: \$100

January Open Arms: \$70

Air Conditioner: \$250

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

February 8

**February 15
(9:15am ONLY)**

Greeters

8:00am	Vi Kluth	Denny Sathoff
10:30am	Nancy Rae	

Ushers

8:00am	Jake Young	Valerie Lapke
10:30am	Jerry Topcik	

Soundboard

8:00am	Denny Sathoff	Chris Shannon
10:30am	Mike Lapke	

Liturgists

8:00am	Dick Schlake	Tom Reilly
10:30am	Caroline Adams	

Coffee Servers

8:00am	Leta & Denny Sathoff	Barb Cantrell Nikki & Phil
10:30am	Cathy & Tom Reilly Cheryl Collins	Georgia

Openers

	Sathoff Family	Cichonski Family
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Prayer Card

8:00am	Shelby Wais	Shelby Wais
10:30am	(Needed)	

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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 February 15th for the March newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.