



United Methodist Church of Antioch

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

PRELUDE *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun, Mar. 1 Worship 8am & 10:30am
Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
Handbells 11:45am
New Members Class 2pm/Wesley Hall
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Mon, Mar. 2 Quilting 9am-12pm/Green Rm 104
AA 6-7pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Tues, Mar. 3 Private Group 9am-12pm/White Rm 102
Bible Study 4-5pm/Wesley Hall
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Wed, Mar. 4 AA 6-7pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Thurs, Mar. 5 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Fri, Mar. 6 AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
- Sat, Mar. 7 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Sun, Mar. 8 Worship 8am & 10:30am
Daylight Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
Savings Time New Members Class 2pm/Wesley Hall
Begins 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

- Daylight Savings begins next Sunday, March 8. Remember to set your clocks **forward** an hour Saturday night before going to bed.
- Mission Focus for March is PADS of Lake County. There are two opportunities to help this month. We'll be collecting single meal, shelf stable, pop-top meals/dinners/soups and preparing 40 lunches for the main office site in Waukegan. Lunch preparation is March 25th at 6:30pm in the church kitchen.
- UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Sunday is March 15th, this special collection supports the administrative costs, allowing 100% of specified donations to go to the directed need.
- The next CROP Walk meeting is coming up on Tuesday, March 10th at 4pm if you are interested in attending.
- A New Members Class is starting today! The classes will be on March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 2pm. Please talk to Pastor Katie if you are interested!
- The Christian Wellness Ministry will be hosting a free 2-hour training program to inform participants about dementia. The training is provided by a member of Right at Home, a local home healthcare company, and is open to all! A short questionnaire is available on the table in Wesley Hall from **Feb. 29-Mar. 15** to help us schedule the best day and time to host the event. We will be posting more information once a date is determined!
- We still have one part available (non-speaking!) for our weekly Lenten skits. Please see Nicole if you can help.
- The Northern Illinois Conference of United Methodist Men invite the men in our congregation to join their 2026 Annual Meeting and Communion Service from 8:30-11am on Saturday, March 7th, at First Church Crystal Lake. For more information, please see the flyer on the table in Wesley Hall!
- 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>

-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>

-Mark your calendars for the Prairie Central Training, “Culture Shift: Cultivating Healthy Congregations **Part 2!**” This is a free follow-up training that builds on the training from January 31st. This event will be on Sunday, May 3rd, from 2-5:30pm at Barrington UMC. For more details, see the flyer on the table in Wesley Hall or visit: <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-training-culture-shift-part-2>

-Kids Above All did a wonderful tribute article to our church in their monthly newsletter. This is available in Wesley Hall if you would like to read it.

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: Following Jesus alone would be the hardest thing to do. Once we fell short, it would be so easy to never restart.

P: **This is why we gather for worship. We are reminded that, no matter what our faces may look like on the outside, we all have our struggles to obey Jesus.**

L: So, we gather for worship. We look around this morning, knowing that none in this space is perfect. We are all sinners.

P: And we all receive forgiveness from the One who offers it. We accept it, sometimes easily, sometimes after years of work, but it is a gift that is ours to accept.

L: God so loved the world, that Jesus Christ came so we would know forgiveness and second chances.

P: Even if our Lenten disciplines have gone off the rails, we can start again today. We will start again today.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #121**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Lord Jesus, we pause before you today, grateful for your presence in our lives. The freedom you offer has changed our lives forever. Some of us don't remember life before you, and for some of us, well, that was just yesterday. Open our eyes to the new life we have in you. Focus us during this time of worship on you and what you would have us learn. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2167 *More Like You*

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Almighty God, we pause now, knowing that the next section of worship will challenge us. We struggle with justice and mercy. We struggle with forgiveness. May the Scriptures we read and the skit we engage with open us to your teaching. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

—Romans 2:1-4 & Matthew 26:3-16

Therefore you are without excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others, for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things. We know that God's judgment on those who do such things is in accordance with truth. Do you imagine, whoever you are, that when you judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself, you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience? Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?



Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the courtyard of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION <i>The People Vs. Judas Iscariot</i> <i>Act II</i>
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CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 Service)

UMCA Choir

Forgive 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

Hymns Sung During Receiving

#2266 *Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine*

#377 *It Is Well with My Soul*

#629 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. May we hear your words and live your teaching in the world. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY *I Am Not Skilled to Understand*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

We know that it takes all of us coming together to change the world for the sake of your Kin-dom, O God. Bless what we offer here this day, as well as what we offer every day of our lives, and multiply it so that more people come to know you and your love. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #428**

For the Healing of the Nations

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

L: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

P: We repent and will work to start anew.

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** *A Shelter in the Time of Storm*

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday

February 22, 2026

8am- 36 10:30am- 53

General Fund: \$2,664.38

Missions: \$25.86

Building: \$255

Air Conditioner: \$3,100

Veteran’s Closet: \$25

Ash Wednesday: \$209

The People Vs. Judas Iscariot: the punishment phase

by Wm. Clayton McCord

“I have always wondered about the eternal fate of Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus. Was he beyond forgiveness? How is our sinfulness different?”

“The story of his betrayal and confession holds in tension the judgment of God on the one hand and the free grace of God on the other. In this tension I saw a connection to the theme of Lent: an honest accounting of our own guilt and need for salvation and renewal. The result was *The People vs. Judas Iscariot*, a five-part series for Lenten worship or group discussion.

“I wanted a series that would honor the theme of Lent and beckon introspection. I wanted to keep it Christ-centered...”

“The goal of *The People vs. Judas Iscariot* is based upon the Ash Wednesday reading of Joel 2:13 ‘Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...’ The series is guided by three objectives: 1) to revisit the passion narrative, hearing details through key witnesses in ways we might not have considered before now; 2) to prompt reflection upon our own need for forgiveness; and 3) to focus on the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and his suffering for the sins of the world.

“In this series Judas undergoes the punishment phase of his trial. He has already plead guilty to a crime against Jesus. Now the question is: ‘Is anything serious enough to merit God’s abandonment?’ Does Judas receive mercy or eternal punishment?” (p. 9).

Each Sunday will build on the last, so you will want to do everything you can to be present for every Sunday – or at least, as many as you can! After the last presentation, you, the congregation, will vote on whether Judas receives mercy or eternal punishment. This doesn't mean that this is what God has done, but it certainly gives us an indication of what we've been thinking about during this season of Lent and how we see Judas in the aftermath of hearing the witness testimony.

Last Week:

The congregation was sworn in as the jury. The Judge addressed the congregation, outlining their duty to determine the punishment of Judas. Within that context, the Judge stated that we were *NOT* attempting to hold our judgment above God's judgment; rather, the congregation was to 'prayerfully consider' the justice of God's law which exposes our sin, and the extent of God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ which saves us – the theme of Lent. The prosecution attorney Justice and the defense attorney Grace made their opening statements.

The prosecution began its case with the testimony of the disciple John. Through John's testimony, the prosecution attempted to verify that Jesus knew Judas was "evil" and "unclean" from the very beginning. Under cross-examination by the defense, John revealed that he, too, was a sinner; he was once known as a "Son of Thunder" for his temper, and he had desires for glory to be at the right side of Jesus in the kingdom. That nothing is hidden from God convicted us all. Court was in recess (p. 15).

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

March 1

March 8

Greeters

8:00am

Vicki Walker

Jane Buck

10:30am

Pat Calkins

Nancy Rae

Ushers

8:00am

Wayne Buck

Jim Menzer

10:30am

Tom Kessell

Valerie Lapke

Soundboard

8:00am

Denny Sathoff

Walt Cichonski

10:30am

Chris Shannon

Mike Lapke

Liturgists

8:00am

Linda Hensgen

Denny Sathoff

10:30am

Judy Tetour

Nikki Georgia

Coffee Servers

8:00am

LouAnn Holmes

Pat Metz

Joe Rossdeutcher

Barb Cantrell

10:30am

Ardy Lange

Brian Hofius-Krampe

Margaret Zaller

Carol Frazier

Sathoff Family

Metz Family

Openers

Prayer Card

8:00am

Nancy Colby

(Needed)

10:30am

(Needed)

Ardy Lange

Communion

8:00am

Carol & Walt

Cichonski

10:30am

Joanna & Rick

Carlberg

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