



United Methodist Church of Antioch

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

PRELUDE

Draw Me Close to You

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Sun, Mar. 16</u>	Worship 8am & 10:30am Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat/Mission Trip Mtg 9:15am Handbells 11:45am Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Mon, Mar. 17</u>	Quilting 9am-12pm/Green Rm 104 AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Tues, Mar. 18</u>	Private Group 9:30am-12pm/White Rm 102 Bible Study 4pm/Wesley Hall AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Wed, Mar. 19</u>	Trustees Mtg 6:30-7:30pm AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Thurs, Mar. 20</u>	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Fri, Mar. 21</u>	AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sat, Mar. 22</u>	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sun, Mar. 23</u>	Worship 8am & 10am UMCOR Sunday
	Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am 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

-The preschool is selling Butter Braids and cookie dough. There is an order form in Wesley Hall. Orders will be delivered on Thursday, April 3 and can be picked up at 2:00pm, or you can retrieve them from the church freezer on Sunday, April 6. Thank you for supporting the preschool.

-Vacation Bible School – All Are Welcome! Join us for a week of faith, fun, and friends as we partner with Lake Villa United Methodist Church and St. Ignatius Episcopal Church for an exciting VBS from June 30 to July 4, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM, with early drop-off available at 8 AM. Open to ages 4 to 14. See the fliers in Wesley Hall for details.

-Our preschool has submitted an art piece to the Antioch Fine Arts Center for display. We also have a piece of art they created in Wesley Hall (near the corner where the chairs are stored and the handicapped restrooms). Please stop by to admire the art work when you are able.

-Missions March Focus: A Safe Place. Please take a wish list in Wesley Hall for needed goods. On Saturday, May 3rd, there will be a run/walk fundraiser at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville. Sign-in is at 7:30am and the walk begins at 9am. There is an entry fee to help raise funds. For more info or to register go to: asafeplaceforhelp.org

-The Missions Committee is collecting Easter decorations for the resale table. Please reach out to Carol Cichonski or put donations in the drop off bin in the hall.

-St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church invited us to their fish boil fundraiser on Friday, March 28 from 4:30-7pm. This is an all you can eat fish boil for \$22. This includes the entrée, sides, and dessert! Vegetarians and 12 years and younger are \$11. See the flyer in Wesley Hall for details!

-The youth group is asking the congregation, family, and friends to collect pennies (or any money, for that matter!) for their collection bucket to save for the summer mission trip expenses. We will be going to Birmingham, Alabama June 8-14! The youth director from Grace UMC will be here **today** to talk about the trip for any one – youth and young at heart who would like to go.

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, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

P: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

L: When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

P: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

L: When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

P: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

L: Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

P: Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.

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

***HYMN Red Hymnal #142**

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Holy God, we wonder how it is only the second Sunday in Lent, when it feels like we have sacrificed forever. We wonder about the pain we see in our world. We wonder about the destruction we see all around us. Teach us how to offer our sadness to you, to share our laments at the state of things with the One who can help us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2112

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Holy Lord, we come to you aware that Lent is probably our most challenging season. We look at all the hardest parts directly and we can't turn away. Be with us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we might know that even in the hardest parts there is love and grace, mercy and hope. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem,

Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Lament

Rev. Katie Voigt

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30am Service)

UMCA Choir

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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

He Giveth More Grace/No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk through this holy season, we come to you with hearts open to your grace. In our giving, may we reflect the love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted, just as you draw near to us in our struggles. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #143 (see insert)**

On Eagle's Wings

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

L: We will tell God the truth about what we are feeling.

P: God can handle our lament. Jesus comes close to listen. The Holy Spirit comforts and reassures us that we are never alone.

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** *Sabbath Prayer*

Howard Geier, Organ

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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**Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday
Ash Wednesday & March 9, 2025**

Ash Wednesday: 6:30pm- 54
March 9, 2025: 8am- 39 10:30am-50

General Fund: \$7,706

Missions: \$45.77

Building: \$580

UMCAP: \$500

Ash Wednesday: \$75

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

March 16

March 23

Greeters

8:00am

Shelby Wais

Vicki Walker

10:30am

Pat Calkins

Nancy Rae

Ushers

8:00am

Jim Menzer

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Jerry Topcik

Chris Shannon

Soundboard

8:00am

Denny Sathoff

Walt Cichonski

10:30am

Phil Georgia

Phil Georgia

Liturgists

8:00am

Leta Sathoff

Linda Hensgen

10:30am

Joanne Rae

Nikki Georgia

Coffee Servers

8:00am

Marty Garrett

Jean Haling

Leta Sathoff

Mary Geier

10:30am

Brian & Chris

Carol Frazier

Hofius-Krampe

Caroline Adams

Openers

Metz Family

Mike DeBenedetto

Prayer Card

8:00am

Shelby Wais

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10:30am

Nancy Rae

(Needed)

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Scan below for March'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 April 15th for the May newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.