



# United Methodist Church of Antioch

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

**PRELUDE**      *My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Mar. 29

Palm Sunday &      Worship 8am & 10:30am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday      Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am  
UVC      AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102

Mon, Mar. 30      AA 6-7pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102

Tues, Mar. 31      Bible Study 4-5pm/Wesley Hall  
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102

Wed, Apr. 1      AA 6-7pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102

Thurs, Apr. 2      Private Event 1-2pm/Wesley Hall  
Holy Thursday      Holy Thursday Worship 6:30pm

AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102

Fri, Apr. 3      Good Friday Worship 6:30pm

Good Friday      AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102

Sat, Apr. 4      Private Group 3-5pm/Green Rm 104  
AA 8-9am & 6-7pm/White Rm 102

Sun, Apr. 5      Worship 8am & 10:30am

Easter 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

-It's Holy Week! Join us for our Holy Thursday and Good Friday Worship Services! The services will be this Thursday, April 2, and this Friday, April 3, both at 6:30pm.

-Following Easter Sunday, the church office will be closed Monday, April 21.

-Easter lilies have been ordered for our sanctuary. As per tradition, you may make an offering toward the flowers of any amount in honor of a loved one. Flower envelopes are available at the usher's stand. **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 Easter Sunday. Please turn your names into the office by ***TOMORROW Monday, March 30.*** Flowers will be available to take home following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter service.

-The preschool is doing their annual butter braid fundraiser! If you are interested in ordering, see the order form on the table in Wesley Hall. Please put your payment in the envelope next to the order form. **The last day to pay is today.** If payment is not received, the order will not be able to be placed.

-Our church will be one of the groups hosting the Prairie Central District Book Discussion Groups of Spring 2026! Join together with clergy and laity across the district to read and discuss the book *Innovating for Love* by Kenda Creasy Dean. It will be at 12pm every Thursday starting April 9 through May 14. For more details, see the poster on the table in Wesley Hall.

-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, as well as collecting the items for the Housewarming Baskets. If you have taken a slip, please put your item in the PADS basket by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all who have helped this month!

-The Northern Illinois Conference is launching the *#BeUMC Awards* for the upcoming Annual Conference! **The deadline to**

**submit a nomination has moved up to April 10<sup>th</sup>.** For more information and access to nomination forms visit:

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

-The Lakes Area Community Band will have their Spring Concert at our church on Sunday, April 12 at 2:30pm. They welcome us, friends, and family to enjoy this free concert. There will be refreshments following the concert. See the flyers on the table in Wesley Hall for more details.

-VBS 2026 will be held June 22–26 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We are currently seeking volunteers! If you are interested in helping, please contact Valerie Lapke or the church office.

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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:** Morning after morning, God grants us a new day. Wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

**P:** **This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**L:** God equips us to face whatever the day may hold. Watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

**P:** **We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God. We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

**L:** See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us. Enter to praise God’s marvelous works.

**P:** **God’s steadfast love endures forever! Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name.**

*(Written by Lavon Bayler in *Gathered By Love*)*

**\*HYMN Red Hymnal #278**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**We stand together, mighty God, for you have sustained us through weary days and anguished nights. We join the shouts of welcome, “Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” This is a day of celebration. There is joy in the air. We have witnessed the transforming power of Jesus’ compassion. But there are ominous overtones. There are voices that say peace is a mirage and love will not endure. We cling to our faith that your steadfast love embraces life and death, that we are surrounded and upheld by your goodness. Amen.**

*(Written by Lavon Bayler in *Gathered By Love*)*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**HYMN Black Hymnal #2165**

*Cry of My Heart*

**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— Luke 19:28-40**

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are

you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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

**P:** **Thanks be to God.**

<p><b>REFLECTION</b>    A Visit from Sarah    Rev. Katie Voigt Written by Rev. Suzanne Parker</p>
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**CHORAL ANTHEM** (10:30am Service)

UMCA Choir

*Who Comes Riding?*

**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**      *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

**Humble Savior, you ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation – calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don’t always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim your kin-dom – where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #280**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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

**L:** We will share the Good News of Jesus.

**P:** The stones won’t have to shout!

**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**      *Lead On, O King Eternal*

**Red** indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

**Black** indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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**Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday**

**March 22, 2026**

8am- 35	10:30am- 54
General Fund: \$11,504.03	Missions: \$43.28
Building: \$305	Easter: \$30
Flowers: \$270	AC: \$2,000

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

**April 2**  
**(Holy Thursday)**

**April 3**  
**(Good Friday)**

**Greeters**

6:30pm                      Leta Sathoff                      Jane Buck

**Ushers**

6:30pm                      Tom Kessell                      Tom Reilly

**Soundboard**

6:30pm                      Phil Georgia                      Chris Shannon

**Communion**

6:30pm                      Carol & Walt Cichonski                      -----

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

March 29

April 5

### **Greeters**

8:00am	Wayne Buck	Becky Johnson
10:30am	Pat Calkins	Nancy Rae

### **Ushers**

8:00am	Jim Menzer	Wayne Buck
10:30am	Tom Kessell	Jerry Topcik

### **Soundboard**

8:00am	Denny Sathoff	Walt Cichonski
10:30am	Chris Shannon	Isaac Platzbecker

### **Liturgists**

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

### **Coffee Servers**

8:00am	Marty Garrett	LouAnn Holmes
	Jean Haling	Joe Rossdeutcher
10:30am	Joanna & Rick Carlberg	Cathy & Tom Reilly

### **Openers**

Sathoff Family	LouAnn Holmes
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### **Prayer Card**

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

### **Communion**

8:00am		Nancy Colby
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10:30am		Nancy Rae
		Margaret Zaller

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

*Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.*