



United Methodist Church of Antioch

4th Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

PRELUDE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun, Mar. 30 Worship 8am & 10:30am
5th Sunday Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
UVC Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Mon, Mar. 31 AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Tues, April 1 Private Group 9:30a-12p/White Rm 102
PEO 12-3p/White Rm. 102
Bible Study 5pm/Wesley Hall
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Wed, April 2 UWF Mtg 11:45a/Wesley Hall & Kitchen
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Thurs, April 3 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Fri, April 4 AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
- Sat, April 5 Feed My Starving Children
11:30a-1:15p/Libertyville
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Sun, April 6 Worship 8am & 10:30am- Pretzel Sunday
@10:30am service!
Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
Handbells 11:45a
Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall
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

- If you ordered from the preschool Butter Braid Fundraiser, don't forget to pick them up **this week!** Orders can be picked up at 2pm on Thursday, April 3, or from the church freezer on next Sunday.
- 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 **Monday, April 14**. Flowers will be available to take home following the 2nd Easter service.
- Sunday school pretzel day is coming! It will be next week during second service. See Elisa Gueffier with questions.
- Missions Committee: Thank you to all who have donated to A Safe Place- a shelter for abused and trafficked women, our focus for this month. Donations have been abundant, and we will accept donations until tomorrow, Monday, March 31. Wishlists are still on the table in Wesley Hall!
- Join us on Saturday, April 5th from 11:30a-1:15p at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville. We will help package food for others. There are jobs for all. See the sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall! Please sign up by **April 1**. For more info, contact Carol Cichonski.
- 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.
- 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. They will be going to Birmingham, Alabama June 8-14! The trip is open to everyone – 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: When we struggle to live as you teach us, and we fail to answer your call...

P: God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

L: When the truth clogs up in our throat, and we fear what will happen if we speak and if we keep silent...

P: God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

L: When we open our hearts and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely...

P: God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

L: When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience...

P: God, your steadfast love surrounds us today and every day. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

***HYMN Black Hymnal #2083** *My Song Is Love Unknown*

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Oh, Jesus, who is our Good Shepherd, we lean on you for all wisdom and knowledge. You have gifted each of us with important skills and abilities. Help us to learn more about you and our world each and every day. As we gather for worship, we want to be people who learn and grow, who are ambassadors for you, and who offer our whole lives in your service. All this we pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Red Hymnal #507 *Through It All*

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 – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Wisdom

Rev. Katie Voigt

My Vision, My Shepherd

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)**

Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. Like a prodigal child, we long to feel your embrace and live in the light of your grace. As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. Clear the clogs in our lives that separate us from you and one another and help us see the rainbow of your promise even in our struggles. Bless these gifts and our lives so that we may share your steadfast love with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Black Hymnal #2212**

My Life Flows On

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

L: We will take advantage of all the learning opportunities life gives us.

P: God's wisdom will guide our entire lives.

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

March 23, 2025

8am- 43

10:30am- 56

General Fund: \$2,454

Missions: \$26.76

Building: \$105

Youth Trip: \$50

UMCOR: \$772

Easter Flowers: \$175

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

March 30

April 6

Greeters

8:00am

Wayne Buck

Dawn Vogel

10:30am

Jen Klingler

Sally Rodgers

Ushers

8:00am

Irv Metz

Jim Menzer

10:30am

Tom Kessell

Jerry Topcik

Soundboard

8:00am

Denny Sathoff

Walt Cichonski

10:30am

Mike Lapke

Chris Shannon

Liturgists

8:00am

Denny Sathoff

Mike DeBenedetto

10:30am

Judy TeTour

Margaret Zaller

Coffee Servers

8:00am

Mike DeBenedetto

Dawn & Dave

LouAnn Holmes

Vogel

10:30am

Joanne & Nancy Rae

Ardy Lange

Andrea Zachotina

Openers

Cichonski Family

Metz Family

Prayer Card

8:00am

Nancy Colby

(Needed)

10:30am

(Needed)

(Needed)

Communion

Stewards

8:00am

Linda Hensgen

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Nancy Rae

Lisa Shannon

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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.