



United Methodist Church of Antioch

1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

PRELUDE

Abide with Me

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Sun, Mar. 9</u>	Worship 8am & 10am Choir/Sunday School 9:15am
Daylight	
Savings Time	Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall
Begins	AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Mon, Mar. 10</u>	Missions Mtg 10am/Wesley Hall AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Tues, Mar. 11</u>	UMCAP Board Mtg 2:15pm/Kitchen Bible Study 4pm/Wesley Hall AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Wed, Mar. 12</u>	AA 7-8pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
<u>Thurs, Mar. 13</u>	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Fri, Mar. 14</u>	AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sat, Mar. 15</u>	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
<u>Sun, Mar. 16</u>	Worship 8am & 10am Choir/Sunday School/Mission Trip Mtg 9:15am Handbells 11:45am 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

-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 Fine Arts Center (across from Dairy Queen) 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 fundraisers on Fridays, March 14 & March 28 from 4:30-7pm. This is an all you can eat fish boil for \$22. 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 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 come **March 16** to talk about the trip for any one – youth and young at heart who would like to go.

-The Prairie Central Spring 2025 Lay Academy will be at Barrington UMC on Sundays, March 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 2 to 5pm. See the flyer in Wesley Hall for more details. Contact Mary at mary.mecker@gmail.com with any questions. You can register at: umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-lay-academy-spring-2025

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: On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

P: God, rescue us in the wilderness!

L: Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

P: God, rescue us within the wilderness!

L: Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

P: God, rescue us through the wilderness!

L: Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God’s faithful reply:

P: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

HYMN Green Hymnal #3113

A Wilderness Wandering People

We are a wilderness wandering people on a journey of the soul.

May we find our destination in our longing to be whole.

Our Holy God is calling to us. With Jesus by our side may compassion be our compass; may the Spirit be our guide.

May we cherish all our children, let us heal our family's pain.

Help us cure our city's madness, let love and justice reign.

Reconciled with one another in prayer and praise and song, we're the body of Christ together and we know that we belong,

we belong, we belong, we belong.

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

God, you are our refuge, our strength, and our help in times of trouble. When the days are terrible and beautiful all at once, we don't quite know what to do with it all. Help us to begin to sort all this with you this morning. We long for the hope and peace you bring, we refuse to give on anything less than your Kin-dom in the world, and we trust that you are the shore on which we will rest. As we enter, face, and wander through the wilderness, we call on you to meet us here and stay with us as we go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Based on a prayer found in Cláudio Carvalhaes, *Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020), 40.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2064 *O Lord, You're Beautiful*

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 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not

put the Lord your God to the test.” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Terrible & Beautiful

Rev. Katie Voigt

SERVICE OF BAPTISM (8:00am Service)

Chris Larsen

Sponsor: Arnold Magee

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30am Service)

UMCA Choir

Jesus Walked the Lonesome Valley

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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Black Hymnal #2105**

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

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

L: When life is terrible and beautiful, we will lean into the waiting arms of Jesus Christ.

P: We will trust that God's promises are fulfilled in the One who walks with us in everything.

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** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday

March 2, 2025

9:15am-106

General Fund: \$5,530

Missions: \$30

Building: \$365

Boiler: \$625

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

March 9

March 16

Greeters

8:00am

Leta Sathoff

Shelby Wais

10:30am

Susan Antonelli

Pat Calkins

Ushers

8:00am

Dawn Vogel

Jim Menzer

10:30am

Valerie Lapke

Jerry Topcik

Soundboard

8:00am

Walt Cichonski

Denny Sathoff

10:30am

Mike Lapke

Phil Georgia

Liturgists

8:00am

Wayne Buck

Leta Sathoff

10:30am

Phil Georgia

Keegan Stack

Coffee Servers

8:00am

Jane Buck

Marty Garrett

Barb Cantrell

Leta Sathoff

10:30am

Cheryl Collins

Brian & Chris

Caroline Adams

Hofius-Krampe

Openers

Sathoff Family

Metz Family

Prayer Card

8:00am

Nancy Colby

Shelby Wais

10:30am

Ardy Lange

(Needed)

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Next deadline is March 15th for the April newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.