



United Methodist Church of Antioch

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

PRELUDE *The Power of the Cross (Oh to See the Dawn)*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun, Apr. 26 Worship 8am & 10:30am
Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
Handbells 11:45am
Walt's 80th Birthday 1-5pm/Anastasia's
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Mon, Apr. 27 AA 6-7pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Tues, Apr. 28 Bible Study 4pm/Wesley Hall
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Wed, Apr. 29 New Members Class 4:15pm/Wesley Hall
AA 6-7pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Thurs, Apr. 30 Hannah Out of Office
District Book Group 12-1:30pm/Wesley Hall
CROP Walk Mtg. 4pm/Wesley Hall
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Fri, May 1 AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
- Sat, May 2 A Safe Place Run/Walk 9am
-Independence Grove Forest Preserve
AA 8-9am & 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Sun, May 3 Worship 8am & 10:30am
United Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
Methodist Handbells 11:45am
Student Day Private Group 6-8pm/Green Rm. 104
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 have lost a purse, please contact Hannah in the church office.

-Mission Focus for April is A Safe Place. We will collect items from the poster in Wesley Hall, as well as gift cards for Target, Walmart, Aldi, and gas stations. Learn more about A Safe Place at: <https://asafeplaceforhelp.org>

-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.

-The Prairie Central Training, “Culture Shift: Cultivating Healthy Congregations **Part 2**” is right around the corner! This is a free follow-up training that builds on the training from January 31st. This event will be 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>

-Kingswood UMC in Buffalo Grove is hosting the “Caring Congregations Workshop” led by The Caring Congregation Team of the Church of the Resurrection. This seminar covers theological grounding, healthy boundaries, confidentiality, congregational care teams, partnerships with clergy, home visits, death and dying, hospice, hospital visits, and overall pastoral issues. This workshop costs \$30 and takes place on Friday, May 8th from 1pm-7pm and Saturday, May 9th from 9am-3pm. To find out more information about this workshop and to register visit: <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/caring-congregations-workshop>

-The 2026 Bishop’s Appeal will benefit education for central conferences by supporting the construction of a high school in Tanzania and the endowment fund for theological education within the central conferences. We will be collecting donations for the Bishop’s Appeal on Miracle Sunday, May 17th. If you would like to donate, please state “**Bishop’s Appeal**” on your envelopes.

-You are all invited to Walt’s 80th birthday bash! Check out the invitation on the table in Wesley Hall.

-It is the time for Spring Cleaning! Missions is looking for **Spring and Summer donations** for the resale table. Please put donations in the bin in the hallway by the choir room. See Marty Garrett and Jane Buck if you have any questions.

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: Leading courageously is our call from Christ.

P: Sometimes we lead easily and with courage, and other times we lead reluctantly.

L: Finding the courage to lead in a world of followers is a challenge.

P: Most days we don't want to lead at all, let alone do it in situations that require courage.

L: When we lead courageously, we choose the path of Christ.

P: We will choose the courageous path to lead as God teaches.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #436** *The Voice of God Is Calling*

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

God of truth and compassion, you call your people to stand firm in love when fear tempts silence. Give strength and resilience to lead courageously. Clothe us with your Spirit to speak truth where lies prevail, seek justice where dignity is denied, and bring light where darkness wounds your beloved. Give courage in word and action to defend

the vulnerable, challenge harmful systems, and walk humbly with those who suffer. Make The United Methodist Church a community where prayer becomes justice, worship becomes compassion, and leadership becomes service shaped by grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Written By: Rev. Albert Andersen Gjøstøl, District Superintendent, Norway)

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Green Hymnal #3031 (see insert)

God Leads Us Along

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

God of Love, Service, and Leadership, we pause this morning to set ourselves in a position to hear your challenge and your comfort. Open us to hear your teaching in the words that are shared this day. Help us to grow in our discipleship. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

– Joshua 1:9 & Ephesians 6:10

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power;

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

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Lead Courageously

Rev. Katie Voigt

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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 Leadeth Me*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Faithful Shepherd who calls us by name, you invite us into a life that is rich in meaning, deep in joy, and bold in compassion. You speak, and we long to follow – although the world is noisy and the path unclear. In this moment of offering, we quiet our hearts to listen again. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. May they be used to bring abundance to others, to feed the hungry, to strengthen the lost, and to proclaim your voice of love. In coming and going, in worship and service, make us more like Christ, in whose name we give and pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #583** *You Are the Seed*

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

L: As we continue to celebrate Easter, we will do so by leading courageously in our world today.

P: We will choose courageous leadership whenever we can.

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

April 19, 2026

8am- 36 10:30am- 56

General Fund: \$2,792.54 Missions: \$51.13

Building: \$285.29 AC: \$10.29

UMCAP: \$100 Food Pantry: \$50

Golden Gems: \$100 Native American Ministries Sunday:
\$266.29

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

April 26

May 3

Greeters

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| 8:00am | Shelby Wais | Dawn Vogel |
| 10:30am | Pat Calkins | Nancy Rae |

Ushers

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

Soundboard

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| 8:00am | Walt Cichonski | Walt Cichonski |
| 10:30am | Isaac Platzbecker | Phil Georgia |

Liturgists

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| 8:00am | Leta Sathoff | Denny Sathoff |
| 10:30am | Caroline Adams | Judy Tetour |

Coffee Servers

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| 8:00am | Jean Haling | Barb Cantrell |
| | Mary Geier | Mike DeBenedetto |
| 10:30am | Caroline Adams | Carol Frazier |
| | Brian Hofius-Krampe | Cheryl Collins |
| | Cichonski family | LouAnn Holmes |

Openers

Prayer Card

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| 8:00am | Nancy Colby | Nancy Colby |
| 10:30am | (Needed) | (Needed) |

Communion

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| 8:00am | ----- | Wayne Buck |
| | | Becky Johnson |
| 10:30am | | Cathy & Tom Reilly |

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give electronically!



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 May 15th for the June newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.