



United Methodist Church of Antioch

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

PRELUDE

Revelation Song

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun, Aug. 25 Worship 9:15am
Sport: Baseball
International Potluck after worship/Wesley
Hall & Kitchen
Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Mon, Aug. 26 UMCAP- 1st day of school!
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Tues, Aug. 27 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
Bible Study 6:30pm/Wesley Hall
- Wed, Aug. 28 Nominations Mtg 6pm/Wesley Hall
AA 8pm-9pm/White Rm 102
- Thurs, Aug. 29 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Fri, Aug. 30 AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
- Sat, Aug. 31 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Sun, Sept. 1 Worship 9:15am
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 and Bibles available. See an usher if you would like one. Additionally, there are handicap accessible restrooms located in Wesley Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Thank you to everyone who helped with the Preschool Playground last Sunday. It took a lot of time and effort, but it looks beautiful for the first day of school!

-Missions Cmte August Focus: Open Arms Back to School. This year Open Arms is asking for \$20 Walmart Gift Cards. The Mission Cmte will purchase the gift cards if a cash donation is easier for you. These clearly labeled donations can be turned into the church office. Thank you for your gift card donations, and thank you for your continued donations of food and personal products. Donations are still coming in, we will have an official total soon!

-UWF: The summer is almost over and UWF is preparing to meet in Wesley Hall on Wednesday, September 4th. "Bring your own lunch" starts at 11:45am and the meeting begins at 12:15pm. All women of UMCA are invited to attend for fellowship and ideas for the slate of officers.

-Feed My Starving Children: Saturday, Sept 7th, from 2 – 3:45pm. We will meet and/or caravan to Feed My Starving Children at 742 East Park Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048. There is a sign-up sheet in Wesley Hall, it's not too late to sign up! We'll hand-pack a variety of necessities into bags. Which will then be sealed, boxed, and shipped around the world to children in need. There are jobs for all, including labeling which requires sitting with gusto! Learn more about Feed My Starving Children at <https://www.fmssc.org>.

-The NICUMM is inviting the men in our congregation to join the 2024 Spiritual Congress. This will be held September 13th-15th at Conference Point in Williams Bay, WI. This year's theme is "A Thousand Roads- Every Man's Journey of Faith." Register online and see more details at www.nicum.org. Register by September 6th if you would like to attend. If you have any questions, see Ken Graesser.

-The Resale Table is looking for fall decorations, please let Judy Degand, Jane Buck, Sue Antonelli, or Carol Cichonski know. We'll be happy to help get your donations to church.

-Sunday, Sept. 8th, we return to the following Fall/Winter worship schedule – 8am Worship; 9:15am Choir/Sunday School; 10:30am Worship.

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 are young, a lot of time and energy is invested in helping us to become independent so that we might eventually move out of our parents' home.

P: When we are little, we dream of being able to make all our own decisions and set our own schedules.

L: When we finally have this privilege, we discover it is not all it was cracked up to be.

P: There are some days and nights, sometimes long after our parents no longer walk this earth with us, that we wish we could just go back to being a child.

L: Our independence can challenge us, as well as those around us.

P: Thankfully, God who created us, waits for us to come to our senses and return home to the arms of the One who loves us most.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #714** *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Turning away from you, God, and turning back seems to be the human way of it. Forgive us for the times when we wander, thinking that you don't care. Help us to see your open arms waiting for us to realize that you have loved us all along – even when we were behaving foolishly. Open our eyes and ears to see your arms spread wide and to hear your voice calling our names. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Red Hymnal #349 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

O God, we often categorize sports as being something about which you really don't care. And, that's probably true, concerning who wins. But, we also know that we can see you in anything if we just look hard enough. As we look at some sports this summer, open our eyes to your presence in all the places – including in the reading and hearing of your word today. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS – Luke 15:12-24

The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled

himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION Baseball: Always Heading Toward Home Rev. Katie Voigt
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SPECIAL MUSIC *Fairest Lord Jesus*
Handbell Choir

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 *Life is a Ball Game*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Lord Jesus, we humbly ask that you would take the gifts that we have offered today and use them to call someone else to your side. Take our lives and let them be lived communicating your desire to welcome everyone home. What an honor it would be for us to be a part of even just one person arriving safe in your embrace, but we are bold in prayer, so we ask you to use this offering of money and lives to reach everyone we come into contact with. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #701**

When We All Get to Heaven

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

L: We are always heading toward our heavenly home.

P: Jesus awaits us with open arms!

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**

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday August 18, 2024

9:15am- 69

General Fund: \$3,961

Missions: \$22.86

Building: \$375

Raccoon: \$1,300

UMCAP: \$228

Repair the Harm: \$25

Memorial Fund: \$300

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

August 25

September 1

Greeters

Vicki Walker

Jane Buck

Ushers

Jim Menzer

Wayne Buck

Soundboard

Phil Georgia

Mike Lapke

Liturgists

Phil Georgia

Mike DeBenedetto

Coffee Servers

International

Jean Haling

Lunch

Nancy Zitkus

Church Openers

Sathoff Family

Mike DeBenedetto

Communion

Nancy Rae

Stewards

Nancy Colby

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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 September 15th for the October newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.