



United Methodist Church of Antioch

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

A Time Together

PRELUDE *Compassion Hymn*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship, 8:15am & 10:00am
Mon, Aug 29	UMCAP, 9-2pm
Tues, Aug 30	UMCAP, 9-2pm
Wed, Aug 31	UMCAP, 9-2pm
Thurs, Sept 1	UMCAP, 9-2pm
Sun, Sept 4	Worship, 8:15am & 10:00am Communion Service

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet. Also, we follow Lake County Covid Guidelines, which encourages mask wearing for greater protection per personal discretion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Do you enjoy singing? Join the UMCA Choir and use your talent in this melodious ministry to lead others in worship! Rehearsals start September 11. Please contact Nicole Heyl for more information.

-If you are interested in your children joining Sunday School this Fall, please contact Elisa Gueffier for a registration form or grab one from Wesley Hall.

-Church Chat: Adults, please mark your calendars for some grown-up fellowship and spiritual food. We'll begin meeting again in the All Saints Room on Sept. 11 at 9:15am. Please see Nancy Rae for more information.

-Youth Group: Feeling left out of the previous announcement for adult only fellowship? No worries. You can head over to the youth room on Sept. 11 at 9:15am for your own fellowship, and bring some ideas for your monthly meetings. Please contact Beth Stahl with any questions.

-RALLY DAY: September 11th

Can you believe that it's almost September and time to go back to the fall/winter/spring worship schedule? Where did the summer go? To get back into the groove of 8:00am and 10:30am worship, along with choir practice and Sunday School and **most** importantly to keep summer going a little longer, let's gather after 2nd service for a good “*old fashioned*” United Methodist Potluck. We will provide the main dish/meat and beverages, and the rest is up to you. You will have a chance to sign up to bring your favorite “go-to” dish in Wesley Hall. We also need a head count of who you are bringing with you. Tables will be set up inside. Oh boy, remember the bees last year?! It is always great to get us all together at the same time. Contact LouAnn Holmes or Carol Cichonski if you want to help serve or need more information. **Please note: September 11 will be the first Sunday back to our regular worship times of 8am & 10:30am.**

Announcements cont..

-Christian Wellness Ministry Rebuild Meeting: September 12th. Our ministries have decreased significantly due to COVID. In order to survive, we need to adapt and change. It is true that our focus has been on helping seniors, but we could expand if there is interest. All ideas are welcome! If you are interested in helping us rebuild CWM, please bring your ideas and energy to a meeting on September 12th in Wesley Hall at 6:30pm. Please call Carol Frazier if you have ideas but are unable to attend this meeting.

-Prairie Central Gatherings (titled PCD Lay Leadership last year) will resume Zoom meetings the 2nd Thursday of every month with the first meeting on Sept 8 and will run through May 11. “We want to continue the connection that we made last year through our Zoom gatherings. Clergy meet together and lay persons meet at a different time. They are intended to be informal gatherings where I (D.S. Jeffry Bross) will share news from the district. We can ask questions or bring up concerns and then share resources and ideas of things that are working in your setting with your colleagues and friends. No attendance will be taken. The meetings are intended to support you, give you fresh ideas, keep you informed and stay connected to colleagues, so you know that you are not alone. This is NOT for Lay Leaders only. It is intended for all lay persons who want to know more about what is going on and be connected.” Please contact the church office for the Zoom link.

-The NIC is offering an additional, free Safe Sanctuary session on Sat, August 27 at 12 noon. To register, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSccV02hZ6P-xw8U52t8yZ4Pn8jnwyfqZ_uJCjceoTyKO4ykjg/viewform

Announcements cont..

-Adult Book Study: We will resume reading *White Fragility* in September. There is still time to join as we have only read chapters 1-2. If we get first-time participants, we can review those chapters for our first meeting. There is some interest in meeting in person rather than via zoom. If that's what is decided, time and place will be sent to all. Thanks to all and please feel free to contact Mike DeBenedetto with your questions.

-Mark your calendars for the special event "View from Behind the Badge" with Detective Matthew Thornton on Sunday August 28 6-8pm at UMC Libertyville.

Detective Thornton, a police officer in Zion, Illinois, will tell his personal stories from becoming a police officer to mental health, suicide, community outreach, community interactions with local police, policing in Lake County, and his work with youth. Matt founded My Father's Business, a non-profit that serves youth in the Zion/Waukegan area. For more information, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/118984938124234/photos/a.153388468017214/5601708609851812/>

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: Where we sit at someone's fancy dinner isn't a topic that we usually associate with Jesus.

P: This is another one of those strange roads Scripture takes us down, isn't it?

L: Well, not so unfamiliar, and yet, still unusual enough a topic for us to take a look at.

P: Why does Jesus care about where we sit at dinner?

L: Is it the seating chart, or the ego of the person who decides they are better able to choose than their host?

P: Oh... It is really about relationships; that's why Jesus cares!

***HYMN Black Hymnal #2176**

Made Me a Servant

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

O Jesus, who is the mediator between us and God, we wondered why a seating chart caught your attention. When the topic isn't really seating, but more how we think of ourselves and others, we understand why you took some time to teach about it. May we be trained by you to not think higher or lower of ourselves than we ought. And now, O God, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us ...

***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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Red Hymnal #339

Come Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

God of Power and Glory, we ask you to be with us in these moments of our worship. We are about to hear a Scripture lesson and then meet someone from that story. Open our minds to learn whatever you have in store for us today. As we meet these people, may they move from strangers in far off lands, to people who we know. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

-Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in

return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION Seating Arrangement Rev. Katie Voigt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Wayfaring Stranger

Harmonica Solo: Mike Lapke

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

OFFERTORY *Humble Thyselfes in the Sight of the Lord*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Renewing and refreshing God, fill our thirsty souls with your living water! As Jesus promised to the woman at the well, and as Jeremiah reminded the prophets, this water is ours if we keep our focus on you and don't chase after other gods. May the offering we make this day mark our commitment to keeping our eyes and our hearts set on a closer walk with you. We pray in the name of Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #581**

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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

L: Sometimes our egos play out in all sorts of ways. We want to be people who choose Jesus' humble path.

P: We will walk with Jesus on the path he places in front of us, and we will sit in the seat he gives.

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** *In Christ Alone*

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday August 21, 2022:

8:15am -31	General Fund \$4,268	UMCOR \$230
10:00am -45	Building \$2,925	Purifiers \$155

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP		
	Today	Sept 4
Greeters		
8:15am	Jane Buck	Judy Degand
10:00am	Terry King	Joanne Rae
Ushers		
8:15am	Walt Cichonski	
10:00am	Jerry Topcik	Tom Kessell
Soundboard		
8:15am	Bob Raukohl	Walt Cichonski
10:00am	Kenz Rae	Phil Georgia
Liturgists		
8:15am	Denny Sathoff	Wayne Buck
10:00am	Nikki Georgia	Margaret Zaller
Coffee Servers		
8:15am	Carol & Walt Cichonski	Barb Cantrell Pat Metz
10:00am	Nancy & Joanne Rae	Margaret Zaller Rebecca Reckamp
Church Openers		
	Walt & Carol Cichonski	Shelby Wais
Communion		
8:15am	-----	Carol & Walt Cichonski
10:00am	-----	Robin Kessell

Thank you for using your gifts to serve in God's church!

-1 Peter 4:10-11

Notes:

School's Back in Session
And other Exciting Happenings!



UMCA Preschool started back Monday, 8/22

“God, please be with me at school this year as I grow and learn and play. Help me to know you are with me each and every day. May I be patient & kind as I learn with my mind!” -Traci Smith



Our Children & Youth are Back in School

We pray for God's protection over our children and youth throughout this school year, that God will lead them with integrity and righteousness, and that our children and youth will have a safe, joyful year!



Rally Day is in Two Weeks!

Mark your calendars for September 11. We will rally together for worship at **8am & 10:30am** followed by a potluck! Sunday School, Church Chat, Youth Group, and Choir will meet at **9:15am**.



Take Note:

The annual CROP Walk is October 30
Church Conference is November 15 -watch your inbox for an email in early September



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Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-**for the FOLLOWING month**

Send info to editorumca@att.net in Word Doc form or body of email.

Next deadline is September 15th for the October newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.