United Methodist Church of Antioch

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

PRELUDE *Compassion Hymn*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Sep. 13	Worship 8am & 10:30am
	Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
	Faithful Action 12pm
	AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
Mon, Sep. 14	Missions Mtg. 9:30am/Wesley Hall
	AA 6-7pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
Tues, Sep. 15	Private Mtg. 9:30am/All Saints Room
	Bible Study 4pm/Wesley Hall
	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
Wed, Sep. 16	Trustees Mtg. 6:30pm/Wesley Hall
	AA 6-7pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
Thurs, Sep. 17	AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
Fri, Sep. 18	AA 6:30-7:30pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
Sat, Sep. 19	AA 8-9am & 6-7pm/White Rm 102
Sun, Sep. 20	Worship 8am & 10:30am
	Choir/Sunday School/Church Chat 9:15am
	Handbells 11:45am
	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

-You are invited to join the Northern IL Conference **Faithful Action** taking place ***today*** at noon in front of the church. The purpose is to bear witness to God's commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself" and acknowledge the humanity and dignity of our immigrant siblings. Gather with us for a time of prayer, singing, and reflection. Signs are welcome and should reflect our UM values. Questions? Talk to Nikki Georgia.

-Thank you to all who signed up to walk or donate for the Northern Lake County CROP Hunger Walk occurring on 10/11/26. Registration continues at the table in Wesley Hall and we need walkers and donors for those walkers. Please make checks out to CWS/CROP.

-The Christian Wellness Ministry will be hosting a flu and covid vaccine clinic again this year! Please bring your insurance/Medicare/Medicaid card to the clinic on Oct. 3rd from 10am to 12pm in Wesley Hall. Please sign up ahead of time so that we have enough vaccines on hand. Walgreens will charge your insurance for the cost of the vaccine; there is no administration fee. All participants should be 18yrs or older. Persons 65yrs and older will receive the high dose flu vaccine. You may choose to receive both vaccines that morning; one in each arm. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Frazier.

-The "Men of God" retreat is coming up on October 30th - November 1st at St. Benedict's Retreat Center. The theme for the retreat is "God, Make Me a Better Man" and will focus on family, church, and the community. Registration forms are available on the table in Wesley Hall. These can be turned in to the church office, and will be held until Tom returns. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to Tom Reilly.

-If you are interested in submitting an uncommon fact or tidbit for "Who's Who," forms are on the table in Wesley Hall!

-The Lake County Human Trafficking Task Force is hosting their 2026 Annual Open Task Force Meeting. Join professionals from across Lake County for a day of learning, collaboration, and candid conversation about the issues of Human Trafficking in our world.

This is a free event on September 24 from 9am-4pm at the College of Lake County Grayslake Campus, but registration is required. For more information, please see the flyer on the table in Wesley Hall.

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: We are people of God, created to love.
P: We will love the Lord our God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.
L: We are people of God, determined to love.
P: We will love our neighbors and treat them as we would be treated.
L: We love neither from a sense of obligation nor to gain popularity of favor.
P: We choose to love both the lovely and the unlovable because love imitates God's nature. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Galatians 5:14 NRSV).
(Safiyah Fosua, Africana Worship Book for Year B, Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua, eds., (Discipleship Resources, 2007), 73. Accessed at https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/not-far-from-the-kingdom/twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/twenty-third-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-liturgical-resources)

***HYMN Red Hymnal #560** *Help Us Accept Each Other*

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**
O God Who Changes Everything, we come to worship this morning distracted and distraught. Life is not the way we would choose. Things feel out of sorts. Shape our thoughts and imaginations in the direction of what life could be if we set your priorities as our priorities. Teach us as a community how to show up for one another, how to love our neighbors, and how to be honorable. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2171
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)
Almighty God, we come this morning to focus on some of the less read books of the Bible. We know that there are still good teachings in them, but we don't know much about them and we aren't sure we always like what we hear. Open us to hear your teaching, your challenge, your comfort, and your reminders in our lesson for today. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS
–Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, 33-36

The Lord said to Moses, Say to the whole community of the Israelites: You must be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy. Each of you must respect your mother and father, and you must keep my sabbaths; I am the Lord your God. Do not turn to idols or make gods of cast metal for yourselves; I am the Lord your God. …

When you harvest your land's produce, you must not harvest all the way to the edge of your field; and don't gather up every remaining bit of your harvest. Also do not pick your vineyard clean or gather up all the grapes that have fallen there. Leave these items for the poor and the immigrant; I am the Lord your God.

You must not steal nor deceive nor lie to each other. You must not swear falsely by my name, desecrating your God's name in doing so; I am the Lord. You must not oppress your neighbors or rob them. Do not withhold a hired laborer's pay overnight. You must not insult a deaf person or put some obstacle in front of a blind person that would cause them to trip. Instead, fear your God; I am the Lord.

You must not act unjustly in a legal case. Do not show favoritism to the poor or deference to the great; you must judge your fellow Israelites fairly. Do not go around slandering your people. Do not stand by while your neighbor's blood is shed; I am the Lord. You must not hate your fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your fellow Israelite strongly, so you don't become responsible for his sin. You must not take revenge nor hold a grudge against any of your people; instead, you must love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them. Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God. You must not act unjustly in a legal case involving measures of length, weight, or volume. You must have accurate scales and accurate weights, an accurate ephah and an accurate hin. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

L: The word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION Rev. Katie Voigt
Books I've Not Preached on Before:
Fleshing Out the Commandments

SPECIAL MUSIC Nicole Heyl

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 *I Am His and He Is Mine*

***DOXOLOGY #95**
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**
Lord, You are the source of righteousness and compassion. We lift up every person who suffers from injustice, exclusion, or oppression. Give us the courage to speak truth when silence seems easier, and strength to

stand with those whose voices go unheard. Let our faith not be words alone, but living, intentional action that brings justice near. Bless this offering that we bring this morning, bless our intentions, bless our attitudes, and bless our work so that it bears the fruit of fairness, dignity, and peace for all. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #390**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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

L: We will go from here to honor God with our words and actions.

P: We will love who God teaches us to love.

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** *Ye Servants of God*

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"
Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"
Green indicates "Worship and Song"
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"Who's Who" fact for Sep. 13th:

In high school, I spent my summer vacation picking corn.

Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday
September 6, 2026

9:15am- 69

General Fund: $7,157.98	Missions: $62
Building: $595	UMCOR Disaster Response: $20
Air Conditioning: $50	Food Pantry: $50
UMCAP: $15	UVC: $50

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

	September 13	**September 20**
Greeters		
8:00am	Wayne Buck	LouAnn Holmes
10:30am	Susan Stansfield	Carleen Wurster
Ushers		
8:00am	Jake Young	Rich Paddock
10:30am	Jerry Topcik	Valerie Lapke
		Ricky Lane
Soundboard		
8:00am	Walt Cichonski	Denny Sathoff
10:30am	Isaac Platzbecker	Chris Shannon
Liturgists		
8:00am	Dick Schlake	Jane Buck
10:30am	Carol Dunn	Caroline Adams
Coffee Servers		
8:00am	Pat Metz	Leta & Denny Sathoff
	Dawn Vogel	
10:30am	Cheryl Collins	Joanna & Rick Carlberg
	Hayley & Ricky Lane	
Openers	Cichonski Family	Metz Family
Prayer Card		
8:00am	**(Needed)**	**(Needed)**
10:30am	Ron & Mary Kay Giebelhaus	Ardy Lange

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Next deadline is September 15th for the October newsletter.

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