



United Methodist Church of Antioch

19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

PRELUDE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun, Sept. 29 Worship 8am & 10:30am -5th Sunday UVC
Choir/Sunday School 9:15am
Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Mon, Sept. 30 AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Tues, Oct. 1 PEO Mtg. 12-3pm/White Rm 102
Bible Study 5-6pm/Wesley Hall
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Wed, Oct. 2 UWF Mtg. 11:45am/Wesley Hall
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Thurs, Oct. 3 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Fri, Oct. 4 AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
- Sat, Oct. 5 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Sun, Oct. 6 Worship 8am & 10:30am
Choir/Sunday School 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 and Bibles available.

See an usher if you would like one. Additionally, there are handicap accessible restrooms located in Wesley Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Raccoon Cleanup Help! Here's a chance to have your donation to the Raccoon Cleanup count TWICE! Any donations to this will be MATCHED by an anonymous donor up to \$400. Any donations received by the end of October will help us move toward our goal quicker.

-Volunteers are needed from both services to help with our Prayer Card Ministry. There is still a need for at least one more person at first service. Please contact Nancy Rae at 847-226-7794 (leave message) for more information. **Just a reminder that if you ask for a prayer card to be mailed to a person who is not active in the church, please, please include the address on the back of the yellow prayer card.

-Volunteers are needed to do some calling for telecare. It is about 2 times a month, for around 2 hours. It's from 9:30-11:30am. If you are interested, please call or text Leta Sathoff at 847-309-3066.

-Sunday Oct. 6th at 12:30pm, UMC of Libertyville will screen the 1-hour movie/documentary "Origin." See Oct. Newsletter or Mike DeBenedetto for details, or for a ride. Registration is required so please decide ASAP.

-The CWM is pleased to announce that the Antioch Walgreens has once again agreed to provide this year's flu and covid vaccines at UMCA on Saturday, October 19th, 10am to 12pm. There will be no charge for the vaccines. The sign-up sheet is in Wesley Hall.

-CROP Hunger Walk: On Oct. 27, 2024 we will gather with others to fight hunger in our community and around the world. Please see Walter Cichonski in Fellowship Hall for more details and to sign up to be a walker, sponsor, or both. Last year we had eight walkers and raised over \$800. Thanks for helping feed the hungry.

-Fall 2024 Study “Radicale Methodism: Back to Our Roots” is a four-part course for anyone interested in the history and heritage of Methodism. It’s a free online course from the General Commission on Archives and History. Rev. Heewon Kim leads the **Tuesday** classes at **7pm** on these dates: 10/1, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 and 11/5. Diana Davis leads the **Wednesday** classes at **2pm** on these dates: 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, and 11/6. For sign-up and a link to more information visit: <https://www.umcnic.org/Discipleship/NICBookClub>

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 spend a lot of time in this world trying to hide the truth.

P: **We can tuck away all sorts of things – personal information, business policies, or even attitudes of public people.**

L: When the truth comes out, it can have a shattering effect.

P: **It is always a good thing for the Light of Christ to shine on all situations.**

L: Knowing the actual circumstances makes wiser decisions possible.

P: **Christ calls us to live as honest people for our world.**

***HYMN Red Hymnal #110** *A Mighty Fortress*

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Amazing God, we thank you for your mercy and grace. When we are too full of ourselves, help us to be humble and hear your correction. When we are full of self-righteous behavior, proving to our neighbor just how terrible they are, help us to humble ourselves and hear your correction. Shine your light, O Lord, on each of our lives, so that we can see the truth. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2146

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Heavenly Lord, in these weeks where we ponder your First Testament, we acknowledge that we don't often spend a lot of time in these books. Open us to hear your teaching, to understand how our lives might be better as we follow you, and direct our steps in response to what we learn. Bless the reading and understanding of your sacred Word. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS –Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be

annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

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| REFLECTION The Truth Comes Out Rev. Katie Voigt |
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CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30 service)

God of Grace and God of Glory

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 *Rock of Ages*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Gracious God, we dedicate these offerings to your service, inspired by Esther's wisdom and courage. Just as she sought deliverance and found grace, may our gifts bring hope and relief to those in need. Guide us to use these resources to promote justice, mercy, and compassion in our community. May we always act with gratitude and wisdom, recognizing your providence in all we do. Bless these gifts and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your love and grace in the world. In Christ, our savior and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #519**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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

L: The truth can turn things upside down – or right-side up, as it were.

P: God's Light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it.

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** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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**Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday September 22,
2024**

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| 8am- 34 | 10:30am- 82 |
| General Fund: \$3,346 | Missions: \$94.73 |
| Building: \$110 | UMCAP: \$52 |

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

September 29

October 6

Greeters

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| 8:00am | LouAnn Holmes | Becky Johnson |
| 10:30am | Caroline Adams | Joanne Rae |

Ushers

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| 8:00am | Dick Paddock | Wayne Buck |
| 10:30am | Tom Kessell | Chris Shannon |

Soundboard

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

Liturgists

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| 8:00am | Mike DeBenedetto | Denny Sathoff |
| 10:30am | Jeannine Leonhart | Carol Dunn |

Coffee Servers

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| 8:00am | Jane Buck | Carol Cichonski |
| | Barbara Cantrell | Walt Cichonski |
| 10:30am | Jennifer Klingler | Chris Hofius-Krampe |
| | Jeannine Leonhart | Margaret Zaller |

Church

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| Cichonski Family | Sathoff Family |
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Openers

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Choir Director-Nicole Heyl

Custodians- Michelle M. & Kelly K.

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Scan below for September's Newsletter



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 October 15th for the November newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.