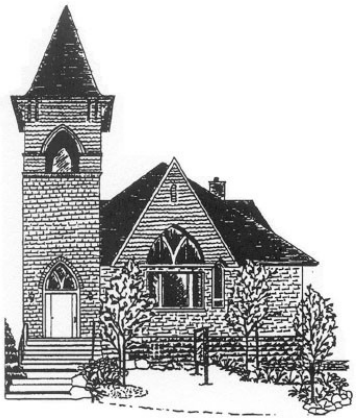

The United Methodist Church of Antioch

THE MESSENGER

"The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith, worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and be instruments of God's love, through the Holy Spirit, as we reach out to our community and the world."

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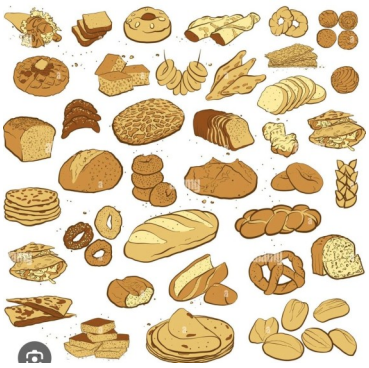
FROM PASTOR KATIE'S KEYBOARD...

I want to start this month's newsletter by thanking ***Sue DeRoche*** for her years of service to this newsletter ministry. It has been a long time that Sue has been making this newsletter happen – and even continuing to do so while she winters in Arizona. We are so grateful for the time she has spent making this happen. Unfortunately, Microsoft is no longer supporting the program that she has used to create the newsletter, so she is retiring. Thank you, Sue! You have earned a good, long rest!

October is a full month, again, around here at the United Methodist Church of Antioch. Check out the mission article for additional details about the ***CROP Walk*** and ***Feed My Starving Children.*** It is great that so many of our folks truly love to help serve the world that God created, helping to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and give drink to the thirsty. Our world needs these demonstrations of love and compassion, now, more than ever.

Worship will have plenty to get excited about, as well. The first Sunday of the month is ***World Communion Sunday.*** This tradition started in a Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933, and grew in scope. In 1940 what is now the ***National Council of Churches*** adopted the observance and began promoting it worldwide. On this day we celebrate Holy Communion and how it ties us together as Christians. We choose to celebrate in our local church with a festival of breads. When we come to the table that day, we will have tortillas, matzo, rye bread, rice cakes, cornbread, banana bread, and the prepackaged communion as options for receiving.



It is one way to remember that Jesus took the bread that was already at the meal – the one that was convenient and normal for their way of life – and made something more out of us. People around the world participate in Holy Communion and this helps us to remember that all cultures are included – even if we don't have all the world's types of breads available!

On October 11th, our mission trip team will take over the worship service and share about their experiences. This is always a great Sunday to hear what they were up to and what they learned along the way. I hope you will be here to support these youth and adults who spent a week sharing their hands and feet with those in need.

The last two Sundays of the month we will start a lectionary-based sermon series titled, ***All Means All.*** Scriptures from both the Old and the New Testaments will point us in the direction of God's all-encompassing love. I hope you will join us for worship!

October 4	Acts 4:5-12 World Communion Sunday ***Jesus Saves*** Baptism of ***John Lenz*** (2nd Service)
October 11	***Mission Trip Sunday***
October 18	Acts 10:34-43 ***All Means All: Worship***
October 25	Acts 10:44-48 ***All Means All: Baptism***

Pastor Katie

ANOTHER CULTURE'S WAY OF RE-MEMBERING

Day of the Dead (Dia de Los Muertos) is a holiday in Latino countries and the USA. It is a multi-day event, November 1st and 2nd, to honor the lives of those who have died in the past year. In some cultures, mostly in Mexico, it begins the last day of October. Following Mexican tradition, I'm sharing this because the October ***Messenger*** comes out on the 1st. and should be read on Day of the Dead this year.

I received this at a funeral service. The deceased died of cancer. We all of know of cancer survivors or victims:

WHAT CANCER CANNOT DO

It cannot: cripple love, shatter hope, corrode faith, or eat away peace.
It cannot: destroy confidence, kill friendships, erase memories, silence courage
It cannot: invade the soul, reduce internal life, quench the spirit, and never ever lessen the power of a risen Christ.

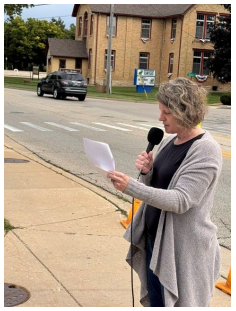
Michael DeBenedetto

FAITHFUL ACTION

Following worship on Sunday, September 13th, a group of 30 people joined together to show love for our immigrant neighbors. We were joined by members of three other United Methodist congregations in the area as we prayed, sang, and reflected on the harm being caused by the ongoing violence against the immigrant community. We were also encouraged by the people honking their horns in support of our ***Faithful Action*** as they drove by on Main Street. Please continue to faithfully act to support our immigrant neighbors across the country and bring an end to the violence and mass deportation without due process.

Nikki Georgia

FAITHFUL ACTION, continued



MISSIONS

Veteran Housing and Recovery Program

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all of our church members who generously provided food and supplies for our veterans. Your kindness, generosity, and willingness to serve are deeply appreciated.

These gifts were a meaningful expression of gratitude and support for those who have served our country. Thank you for helping us honor our veterans and for making them feel appreciated.

May God bless each of you for your generosity and caring hearts.

Jane Buck

MISSIONS, continued

World Communion Sunday Oct 4th Special Offering

Fifty (50) percent of this offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the US and other countries. Thirty-five (35) percent supports racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program. Fifteen (15) percent funds ***Ethnic-In-Service Training Grants*** for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodist persons in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry.

CROP Walk Sunday

On October 11th at 1:00pm the ***2026 Northern Lake County CROP Walk*** will take place. There's still time to register to walk or sponsor your favorite walkers! Register or donate in person or on-line at https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/home or use the QR code. Twenty-five (25) precent of the money raised will go directly to ***PADS*** locally. Thank you in advance for making this year's walk a success!

Feed My Starving Children

Sign up at church to serve Saturday, October 17, 11:30am-1:15pm! Jobs for sitting, standing, carrying! Invite friends and family! Remember, leave jewelry at home and wear closed toed shoes. You may want to shop their Marketplace before or after our shift. Turn hunger into hope! To learn more: https://www.fmsc.org/about-us

Kids Above All Holiday Gift Drive

Yikes! We are talking about Christmas gifts already and we haven't gotten to Halloween yet. We're waiting for details, but expect more information soon. The collection deadline is mid-November. Keep watching the bulletin for more details. Get more information at https://www.kidsaboveall.org/

MISSIONS, continued

*Each year, **Kids Above All** holds our **Holiday Gift Drive,** working with generous individuals, as well as our community, corporate and faith partners, to make the holidays special for the children, youth and young adults in our programs–all of whom have experienced trauma.*

Resale Table

Asking for Fall/Holiday decorations

Kringle Time

Yay! It's almost Kringle time. More details about Kringle sales next month, but do you know where collected Missions Funds go?

The Missions Committee selects ***Advance*** projects every year. Advance funds are specifically designated for particular projects or ministries, allowing the Church to "advance" the cause of Christ through new church development, disaster relief, missionary support, health services, and many other programs. The Advance represents "second-mile" mission giving, the "first mile" being apportionment giving. Mission funds are split between these Advance projects. One hundred percent of every gift to the Advance goes to the ministry designated. Here is the list of Advances for 2026.

- Global Advance: ***Solar Oven Partners UMC***
- Missionary Support: ***Belinda Forbes,*** Nicaragua
- ***UMCOR/Emergency Relief Projects:*** UMCOR – Where Most Needed
- US-Based Advances: ***NOMADS*** Mission Volunteers
- NIC Project: ***NIJFON*** (Northern Illinois Justice For Our Neighbors), ***Kids Above All***

NIC District Project: ***Lake County United***

PADS

Next Meeting will be November 9th, 9:30am

BATTERY RECYCLING

Have you been worrying about throwing away batteries in the trash? Tired of trying to find a place to recycle them correctly? There's something new in Wesley Hall. We have a recycling box for batteries. Most common household batteries are acceptable. Check out the guidelines and restrictions.

PRESCHOOL, continued

Preschool is back in session. We opened our doors on Monday, August 24th. The children were met with flower pin wheels, smiley faces and greetings from the teachers as they journeyed up the sidewalk. There were very few tears at drop off time, and yes some of those were from the parents that were leaving their children for the very first time. We are very blessed to be serving thirty-two children and their families this year. We still have several spots open in each of our classrooms. If you know of a family with a two through five year old that may be interested in signing them up for preschool, please have them reach out to me. They can contact me at umcapreschool316@gmail.com or 847/395-1362

In the month of October we are looking forward to having Halloween parties followed by our annual costume parade and trick-or-treating at 1:00pm on Thursday, October 29. You are welcome to join us for trick-or-treating in Wesley Hall. If you plan to join us, I suggest that you bring enough candy for at least 40 children as some of our preschoolers have siblings. In the coming months I will be posting sign up sheets for anyone that may be interested in reading a story or sharing a hobby with the children, so put your thinking caps on. The preschool is always in need of cleaning supplies. Lysol spray, disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, and paper towels are always welcome donations.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the preschool. Your help, interest in, and donations for the preschool go a very long way in helping us to maintain our goals of providing a safe, welcoming Christian environment.

Kim Dodd, Director
UMCAP teachers

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHRISTIAN WELLNESS MINISTRY

Flu and Covid Vaccine Clinic will be on October 3rd from 10:00am to 12 noon in Wesley Hall. There are no appointments; attendees will receive their vaccine/s based on a first come, first served plan. If you have not signed up, please call Carol to see if space is still available.

Golden Gems will be hosting the fourth and last luncheon of the year on December 3rd. Look for invitations in early November!

Carol Frazier, RN

GUEST PREACHER

Kathleen Krostal

SPECIAL MUSIC

OPPORTUNITY

Check the education hallway to see the meals sponsored by Catholic Charities.

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We offer two services, one at 8:00am and one at 10:30am. We also go live on ***YouTube.*** The link for the recorded service can be found on our website at umcantioch.org. Please join us in person or online for worship!

[Jesus said] "the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

John 14: 26

The Holy Spirit embodies the life force of the universe, the power of God, the animating energy present in all things and captured by none. Therefore we pray:

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit bring fire to the earth so that the presence of God may be seen in a new light, in new places, in new ways. May our own hearts burst into flame so that no obstacle, no matter how great, ever obstructs the message of God within each of us. May we come to trust the Word of God in our heart, to speak it with courage, to follow it faithfully and to fan it to flame in others. May the Jesus who filled [all kinds of people] with his Holy Spirit fill the world and the church with new respect for [all people's value], power, and presence.

Give us, Great God, a sense of the Breath of Spirit within us as we pray for our church, our community, our Christian Education department, and … (*State the goal in your own life at this time for which you are praying.*) —***Sister Joan Chittister***