

THE MESSENGER

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NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK!

Welcome to 2026! As we greet the new year, join us in celebrating our new monthly newsletter. We are excited to announce that **The Messenger** will be our new way of communicating the exciting things going on in the life of our church. Keep informed with the missions we support, a note from one of our pastors, the calendar of events, our attendance and finances, our prayer concerns, and much more.

For those of you who still desire the weekly communication, we've got you covered. We will be sending a weekly email called **ACC Connect** each Wednesday. Look for important reminders, times and dates of events, and more.

If you'd like to receive our weekly email (and we don't already have your email address on file), please let the office know. We want everyone to be informed about what's happening here at Antioch Community Church. God is good, and He is on the move. Don't miss out.

MISSION MOMENT



One of the many outreach efforts our church supports is the Northland Clothing Center (formerly Clay County Clothes Closet). We donate coats, make financial contributions, and give them space in our lower level to store clothing items. This organization exists to meet a basic human need: adequate clothing for every person in our community. Serving individuals and families in the Kansas City Northland, they provide free clothing that helps protect from the elements, boost confidence, and open doors to education and employment.

They believe what we wear affects how we see ourselves and how others see us. By offering clean, well-fitting clothes—from everyday essentials to work and school attire—Northland Clothing Center restores dignity, supports independence, and helps people succeed in life's next steps.

Whether it's a child headed to school, a job seeker preparing for interviews, or a family getting back on their feet, the Center is a place of hope, respect, and community care. We're grateful for what they do here in the Northland and proud to partner with them.

PASTOR'S POINT

As we turn the calendar to 2026, we stand at the edge of a new chapter—much like the Israelites at the banks of the Jordan River, facing the unknown with both excitement and uncertainty. Their story, recorded in Joshua 3, reminds us that God's promises, power, and presence are with us as we move forward.

The Israelites faced daunting obstacles: a river at flood stage, overwhelming odds, and the weight of their past. Yet, God called them to step out in faith, promising to lead them into the land He had prepared. The priests carrying the ark of the covenant had to get their feet wet first—trusting that God would make a way where there seemed to be none. Their faith was not passive; it was active, bold, and expectant.

In our own lives and as a church, we encounter obstacles—fear of change, holding on to the past, doubts, and challenges of all kinds. But God's invitation remains: "Get ready, get prepared, get excited, because tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."

This new year brings opportunities for growth and transformation. We're planning to hire a contemporary music worship leader for our Saturday night service, we want to strengthen our ministry partnerships, we will strive to improve communication, and we will seek to reach our community in fresh ways. These changes may feel intimidating, but together, by faith, we can step into God's future for us.

Let's be a congregation with "yes" faces and "yes" faith—willing to move forward, get our feet wet, and trust God to lead us. By faith, we overcome. By faith, we lean into God's promises, power, and presence. Join me in stepping boldly into this new season, trusting that God will guide us every step of the way.

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Beth Armstrong



THIS MONTH AT ANTIOCH

Saturday, January 3

8am Men's Breakfast @ Corner Cafe
4:15pm Worship Team Practice
4:30pm Coffee Fellowship
5:00pm Worship and Holy Communion

Sunday, January 4

9am Sunday School
10am Worship Team Practice
10:30am Worship and Holy Communion

Monday, January 5

6-8:30pm Scouts

Thursday, January 8

12:00pm Daughters Luncheon in the library
6:15pm Elder Meeting
7:00pm Church Council

Saturday, January 10

4:15pm Worship Team Practice
4:30pm Coffee Fellowship
5:00pm Worship

Sunday, January 11

9am Sunday School
10am Worship Team Practice
10:30am Worship

Monday, January 12

6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, January 13

10am Bible Study with Beth
11:15am Missions Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

8:30am Life Line Screening Event

Saturday, January 17

4:15pm Worship Team Practice
4:30pm Coffee Fellowship
5:00pm Worship
6:00pm Dinner and Bingo in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 18

9am Sunday School
10am Worship Team Practice
10:30am Worship

Monday, January 19

6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, January 20

10am Bible Study with Beth
11:15am Social Life Team Meeting
5:00pm Finance Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 21

8am Men's Breakfast @ Big Biscuit

Saturday, January 24

4:15pm Worship Team Practice
4:30pm Coffee Fellowship
5:00pm Worship

Sunday, January 25

9am Sunday School
10am Worship Team Practice
10:30am Worship

Monday, January 26

6-8:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, January 27

10am Bible Study with Beth

Wednesday, January 28

10:30am Property Team Meeting
6:30pm Game Night in the library

Saturday, January 31

4:15pm Worship Team Practice
4:30pm Coffee Fellowship
5:00pm Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Donna Rhodes 5th

Brian Himes 13th

Julia Saunders 13th

Rick Turner 21st

Tami Camlin 24th

Cheryl McGuire 25th

BY THE NUMBERS

Monthly Giving

December 6-7	\$4075
December 13-14	\$3680
December 20-21	\$14062
December 27-28	<u>\$3386</u>
Total December	\$25,203
Year To Date	\$236,014.16

Monthly Attendance

		<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Total</u>
December 6-7		49	28	77
December 13-14		47	32	79
December 20-21		53	31	84
December 27-28		<u>35</u>	18	53
Total December		184	109	293

LET'S PRAY

- Julia Saunders - recovery from back surgery
- Betty McCanna - continued health concerns
- Pray for a contemporary worship leader for Antioch's Saturday evening service
- Pray that God would bless our congregation with new folks, new families, & new faces in 2026

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NEWS & NOTES

The Property Team would like to acknowledge the work of the Scouts regarding a project that required attention for the church grounds. The fire pit area has been neglected for some time. Sticks and limbs had accumulated in the area and provided burning material for the homeless. Often left unattended, the fires created legitimate concerns for neighbors and unsafe conditions for our own facilities. The firewood is now secured. Additionally, junk had accumulated around the area that needed to be disposed of and the pavers within the fire pit required alignment. The Scouts, and specifically Steve and Michelle Steinkamp and son, Patrick, were largely responsible for completing this work. Thank you, Steinkamps! ACC is extremely grateful for your efforts!



Prayer
is earthly
permission
for heavenly
interference.

--Tony Evans