

The Messenger

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The Newsletter of The United Church of Sandwich

"Passionately united to feed all people — body, mind and spirit — to the glory of God!"

Happy New Year!

Christmas was last week? Did you get what you wanted? That is a tricky question. In our family we ask the kids to make lists for what they would like to receive on Christmas morning. It is helpful to know what the kids want so that they can get presents that match their interests. However, they often don't get everything on their lists. They must be careful to not let expectations cause problems of disappointment. Also, sometimes, a person in our family receives a present they wanted, but then realizes it is not what they thought it would be. Christmas day can be such a joyful day, but it can bring a let down if we are not careful.



As we enter the new year it is important to remember and celebrate the gift of Christmas that continues long past December 25. A little over two thousand years ago, Earth got a Savior. To be more precise, the nation of Israel received the Messiah, the savior that had been promised for hundreds of years. They received their big Christmas present. And, they received the exact present they wanted. However, it was not the Savior they wanted. The people wanted a Messiah who would physically lead an army that would overthrow and crush the Roman Empire and any other enemy of Israel. They wanted a Messiah who would recreate the kingdom of David, but larger and greater.

Instead, the present they received was a baby, born to poor humble parents with only shepherds and foreigners as the celebrants of the occasion. It would be easy to understand the disappointment of the people by understanding the expectations they had for their savior. Still, losing sight of the real present of Christmas they lose out on the real power of the gift. We have the potential of falling into the same trap today. We celebrated the birth of our Savior last month on Christmas day. However, we must embrace the power of the gift of Jesus into the new year to enjoy that Christmas present.

I remind you of the immortal words of the Rolling Stones when they said, "You can't always get what you want... but you get what you need." We wanted a Savior to save us, and we got that. But we also got a savior who challenges us and pushes us out of our comfort zone. These aspects weren't on our Christmas list. Jesus calls us to be in service to one another, to help the poor, clothe the naked, visit the sick, and to be servants to those in need. He even challenges us to love our enemies.

As we enter 2023, let's remember that our Christmas present was not just to be saved by Jesus, but to be transformed by Jesus and to be the vessels of others being loved by Christ. As we walk into a new year of promises and challenges, never forget that the gift of Jesus is going to make 2023 a brighter year for us, our family and our community. It won't be perfect or easy, but it will be filled with joy and hope. Let's enjoy the Christmas love and New Year promise this month!

God Bless & Happy New Year!

Pastor Tom Bourke

Sunday Scriptures & Sermons for January

A New Year, A New You:

January 1 Nehemiah 1:4-6 ~ A Different Approach

January 8 Mark 8:34-35 ~ Making A Difference

January 15 1st Corinthians 13:1-3 ~ Faith in Action

The Parables of Jesus:

January 22 Luke 4:4-21 ~ Parable of the Sower

January 29 Luke 13:10-21 ~ Parables of the Kingdom



Adult Bible Study resumes Tuesdays in February. Please let Pastor Tom know if you would like to participate.



Children's Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:00am. They are led in songs, prayers, games and lessons on God's love.

MISSION OF THE MONTH
St. Vincent DePaul Conference
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church



Their motto is "A hand UP, not a hand out."

When a family asks for help, an appointment is set up to complete an intake form. If possible the family is helped one time for the year unless there are circumstances such as an illness or loss of employment then it may be more. Contacts of services are made aware and food may be provided through the DeKalb County Community Gardens and Our Sharing Pantry. In addition, payments may be for rent, utilities, car payments and insurance. No money is ever given to the family but paid directly to the contractor.

Thank you, The Missions Committee



Complete this Bible verse: "The (1)___ (2)___ in the (3)___, and the (3)___ has not overcome it."

- A. (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- B. (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- C. (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns; (3) world
- D. (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines; (3) world
- E. None of the above



Answer: B (See John 1:5)



Finance Corner



Feeding the flock is something our congregation does very well! We have become efficient planners, organizers, and doers when it comes to fundraising. Many of our fundraisers have become part of our General Fund budget while the Fairstand still remains a separate fund. Below is a snapshot of the General Fund including the fundraisers profits shown separately. The Pie of the Month will have its largest donations added in for November and December!



Administrative Council meets Tuesday, January 10th, at 6:30pm.

Council members please provide a report for your committees by January 6.

Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, January 17, 4:30pm.

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee will meet Tuesday, January 17, 6:30pm

Finance Committee will meet Thursday January 19th, at 6:30pm.

Pledge Cards may still be placed in the offering plate or turned into the office door mailbox.

Giving envelopes for 2023 are in the narthex. If you wish to have envelopes and there is not a box with your name, please let Pat Hallaron or the office know and one will be provided. PLEASE, destroy all old envelopes and only use those assigned to you for 2023. Thank You!

United Women of Faith will not meet in January. Their next meeting is February 9th, 9:30am.

U'Niter's do not meet in January or February.



General Fund

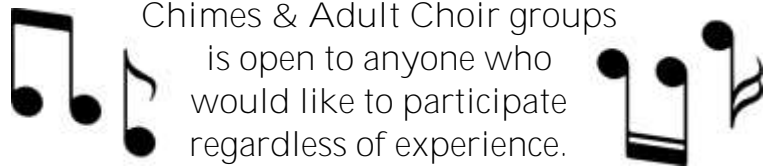
	November 2022	YTD 2022
Brat Fest (net)	\$0.00	\$2,753.21
Pork Chop BBQ (net)	\$0.00	\$6,489.86
Pie of the Month (net)	-\$86.66	\$1,328.38
Giving Income	\$11,473.70	\$133,613.18
Total Income	\$11,387.04	\$144,184.63
Expenses	\$15,828.89	\$159,779.70
Difference	-\$4,441.85	-\$15,595.07
2021 Fairstand Profits Transferred to General Fund		\$23,000.00
Remainder as of 11.30.22		\$7,404.93

	Fair Stand Profits
2022	\$32,260.30
2021	\$24,490.57
2020	\$ 3,202.31
2019	\$21,610.18
2018	\$19,546.53
2017	\$23,972.63

Fundraising plays a large part in balancing our budget and meeting our needs. When you factor in Fairstand profits, 25% of our income comes from fundraising. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please see Pam Nehring or Linda Duy.

4th Weekend Drive

Thank you for your continued support of the 4th Weekend Drives. *"Chili & Soups"* is the request for January 28 & 29. If you are able, please bring accepted items such as, spices, beans, canned chili, a variety of soups, etc. These items may be placed in the blue bin located in the narthex. They will be donated to the Sharing Pantry. Thank you! The Missions Committee



Chimes & Adult Choir groups is open to anyone who would like to participate regardless of experience.

Practices are Wednesday evenings, 6:00pm and 7:00pm, respectively. Both current and traditional selections are enjoyed. Contact Kevin Duy or Pastor Tom for more information about joining.

PIE OF THE MONTH EVENT

January: Pie-Blueberry Order Deadline-January 6 Pickup Date-January 14	April: Pie-Triple Berry (2 crust) Order Deadline-March 31 Pickup Date-April 8
February: Pie-Cherry Order Deadline-February 3 Pickup Date-February 11	May: Pie-Peach Order Deadline-May 5 Pickup Date-May 13
March: Pie-Apple (2 crust) Order Deadline-March 3 Pickup Date-March 11	June: Pie-Strawberry-Rhubarb Order Deadline-June 9 Pickup Date-June 17

PIE OF THE MONTH MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

3 Month Membership - \$55.00 for pies offered January-March or April-June 2023.

6 Month Membership - \$105.00 for all pies January-June 2023.

The Membership gets you the pies at a reduced cost.

Memberships are not required to purchase any pie of the month.

Pies may be purchased baked or frozen (with baking instructions).

Pickup only — no delivery

The Church will be open from 9AM-11AM on the Pickup date.

Please use the south entrance.

Checkout the UCS website:
unitedchurchsandwich.org

or

Call the UCS office to place an order.



Holiday decorations will be taken down on Sunday, January 8th, following worship service. As many people that can stay after to help will be appreciated.

Newsletter Deadline

January 17

Please send any joys, concerns, photos, thoughts or informational articles to the church office. 815-786-9243

THE UNITED CHURCH OF SANDWICH
Leadership Team for 2023 - 2025
Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee Report

Administrative Council

Discipline, 244.1-3; 252.1-6

Chairperson	Sarah Stevens
Recording Secretary	Chris Bagwill
Lay Leader	Jim Bernhardt
Staff/Parish Relations	Jerry Brown
Finance/Stewardship	Pam Nehring
Treasurer	Linda Duy
Payroll	Pam Nehring
Financial Secretary	Pat Hallaron
Memorials/Endowments	Bonnie Miller
Trustees Chair	Gary Anderson
Missions/Evangelism	Phyllis Whitehead/Bonnie Bernhardt
Fair Stand Chairperson	Reid Heinekamp
Worship and Music	Deb Seymour
Coop. Youth Ministry:	Joanna Olson
UMW President	Marilyn Steenwyk
UMM President	
Lay Member AC	Ken Young
Alt. LMAC	Sarah Stevens

**** Asterisks preceding a name indicate the Chairperson:**

Pastor-Staff / Parish Relations Committee

2025: Gwen Fox, Reid Heinekamp, Christine McMahon
2024: Carole Strock, Marilyn Steenwyk, **Jerry Brown
2023: John Hallaron
Ex Officio: Lay Leader, Jim Bernhardt; LMAC Ken Young

Board of Trustees

2025: Connie Mitchell
2024: **Gary Anderson, John Jerabek
2023: Matt Olson, Jim Mitchell, Lynn Reeder
On Call List for: Parsonage
Outside/grounds, Gary Anderson; Supplies
Inside building, John Jerabek, Lynn Reeder;
Ex-Officio: Pastor

Finance / Stewardship Committee

2025: Judy Anderson, Debby Hill
2024: Doug Reiners, Sandy Gustafson
2023: Bill McMahon, Linda Alvarez
Treasurer: Linda Duy; Payroll: **Pam Nehring
Financial Sec: Pat Hallaron
Ex-Officio: Pastor; Lay Leader, Jim Bernhardt
Ad.C. Chair Sarah Stevens
LMAC Ken Young, may also include Trustee Rep; S/PRC Rep

Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee

2025: Jim Bernhardt, Gwen Fox
2024: Sarah Stevens, Judy Anderson
2023: Pam Nehring, Ron Henrich
**Pastor is Chairperson.

Ex-officio: Lay Leader Jim Bernhardt

Elections to Nominations can be "from the floor of Charge Conference or through the recommendation of Nominations" (247.7; 249; 258.1, 259.1d).

Memorials & Endowments

2025: **Bonnie Miller, Etta Stahl, Nancy Brown
2024: Kim Henrich, Chris Bagwill
2023: Carole Strock, Bonnie Bernhardt
Ex-Officio: Pastor; Trustee Rep

Fair Stand Committee

**Reid Heinekamp, Pam Nehring, Sarah Stevens,
Jim Bernhardt, Earl Shaffer, Judy Anderson,
Tom Bourke

Worship Committee

2025: Deb Clason, Susan Benson, Steve Carlson
2024: Diane Salisbury, Deb Heinekamp, Connie Mitchell,
Sandy Gillette
2023: **Deb Seymour, Betty Reiners, Phyllis Davis,
Carole Strock
Music Staff: Kevin Duy, Choir
Ex-Officio: Pastor

Missions Committee

2025: **Phyllis Whitehead, **Bonnie Bernhardt, Earl Shaffer
2024: Myrtie Warren, Phyllis Davis, Judy Brandow
2023: Lynn Reeder, Connie Kirby
Ex-Officio: Pastor

Prayer Ministry

– (for Nurture, Outreach and Witness, 252.2-e)
**Myrtie Warren, Phyllis Davis, Pam Nehring,
Sandy Whiteis, Pastor

Prayer Group Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Our purpose, according to the Discipline, 252.2-e is to encourage: "(1) the election of a Prayer Coordinator to promote prayer and mobilize the church to pray; (2) the establishment of a prayer room or designated place for prayer; and (3) encourage intentional prayer for the pastoral leadership..."





Liturgists

- 01/01 Pam Nehring
- 01/08 John Hallaron
- 01/15 Marilyn Steenwyk
- 01/22 Sandy Whiteis
- 01/29 Sarah Stevens

Greeters/Ushers

- 01/01 John & Pat Hallaron
- 01/08 Gary & Judy Anderson
- 01/15 Carole Strock & Earl Shaffer
- 01/22 Ron & Kim Henrich
- 01/29 Monty & Betty Reiners

Did you know your purchases on Amazon can now help UCS! All you need to do is login at <https://smile.amazon.com/> with your normal username and password. When prompted to choose a charity of your choice, type "The United Church of Sandwich" in the search box, it will automatically save as your charity of choice! It's that easy!!! Once a quarter, Amazon donates back to the church 0.55% of all your purchases. It may not sound like a lot, but when everyone does it together, we can add to our revenue. What a great time to tell your family and friends!

Northern Illinois Conference *Reporter*

United Church of Sandwich is a United Methodist Church and the connectional nature of our denomination is vital to our identity. Below is a link to the Northern IL Conference newspaper. Our Newsletter will begin to share the news of the UMC with you to give you the opportunity to learn and discover the events and opportunities of the UMC at large. Please contact Pastor Tom if you have any questions on any topic you read. He would be happy and honored to connect with you.

<https://www.umcnic.org/media/files/Reporter/DecJan2023.pdf>



If you would like to be added to the church email prayer list please contact the church office or Pastor Tom. If you are unable or uncomfortable leaving your home we have church members who are able to make necessary trips to pick up basic home and food staples. We want to be in support for you and let you know that you are family and are not alone. If you are one able to make short shopping trips for members, please let Pastor Tom know and you will be added to the resource list of people to call. Thank You!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 01/04 Danielle Bedford
- 01/05 Bryce Breon
- 01/06 Lori Updike
- 01/07 Judy Anderson
- 01/13 Mary Leach
- 01/14 Nancy Brown
- Jason Heinekamp
- 01/19 Amanda Anderson
- Scott Hallaron
- 01/25 Robert Henrich
- 01/26 James Mitchell
- 01/29 Phil Tuggle
- 01/31 Diane Pearson

01/14 Ron & Bonnie Miller

If anyone's birthday or anniversary has been missed please contact the church office. Thank You

Marlene Cook
Cedarhurst of Yorkville Unit #20
4040 Cannonball Trail
Yorkville, IL 60560

David Seymour
422 Deerfield Dr
Oswego, IL 60543

Please send any email, phone number, and address updates such as winter addresses to the church office. Thank you!



January 2022



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	2	3	4	5 7:00 Al-Anon Mtg	6 Blueberry Pie Order Deadline	7
8 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	9	10 6:30 Administra- tive Council Mtg	11	12 7:00 Al-Anon Mtg	13	14 9:00 ~ 11:00 Pie P/U 
15 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	16 	17  4:30 Board of Trustees Mtg 6:30 SPRC Mtg	18	19 6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg 7:00 Al-Anon Mtg	20	21
22 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	23	24	25	26 7:00 Al-Anon Mtg	27	28 
29 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	30	31 				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE MESSENGER — JANUARY 2023

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website: www.unitedchurchsandwich.org

Worship Schedule

Sunday, 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School, 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study, Tuesdays, 10:00 am

Church Office Hours

Monday — Friday, 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

Pastor: Rev. Tom Bourke

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday

9:00 am — 1:00 pm

or by appointment

Email: tombourkejr@gmail.com

Mobile: 630-699-2474

Church Staff

Secretary: Donna Reiss

Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

Choir and Chimes Director: Kevin Duy

Organist/Pianist: Abi Mogge

Ministers and Missionaries: All Members

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	Bonnie Bernhardt
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United Methodist Women	Marilyn Steenwyk
Fair Stand Chair	Reid Heinekamp
Worship & Music Chair	Deb Seymour

United Church of Sandwich's New Website

We invite you to view the new website for
contact information and to learn more
about United Church of Sandwich

www.unitedchurchsandwich.org