

# 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!"*

Greetings,

*Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices,  
heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.  
Fear of death can no more stop us  
from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us  
to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
On to victory now we go.  
Every day to us is Easter,  
with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See the power of heavenly throngs.*



Do you recognize the lyrics of the hymn above? If not, it's hymn #304, "Easter People Raise Your Voices". This hymn uses the same tune as "Angels, from the Realms of Glory". While, 'Angels, from the Realms of Glory' is perfect for the Christmas season, this song is perfect for Easter morning. While one song celebrates the birth of the savior, the second song celebrates the resurrection of our savior.

How do you feel about Easter? Are you an Easter person? I do not mean the secular Easter holiday. This is filled with Easter egg hunts, family meals and community events. These are all wonderful activities, but not what the hymn is talking about. What is an Easter person? The hymn has clues to what it means to be an Easter person and how to live a life as an Easter person. We are called to raise our voices. There is so much noise in the world, but Easter people are called to shout the joys of a risen Lord so that it breaks through the noise and fills the world.

Easter people live with the boldness of Christ. We no longer fear death. This is not a reckless attitude of living, but living with the assurance of salvation. We walk out of Easter with the joy of victory over the enemies of God, sin and death. No matter what the struggles of the world are, we are empowered by God to triumph spiritually. Easter people can be knocked down, but never destroyed.

We are called to live a life that moves towards God. When we are in trouble, we are tempted to fix it ourselves, but God is always ready to listen and support. Today, I declare that we are Easter people. We are going to celebrate with great joy on April 17, the power of God's love to conquer death, and we are going to walk as people who claim resurrection. Happy Easter and God Bless!!

Pastor Tom Bourke

## Sunday Scriptures & Sermon Series for April

### “Encounters with Jesus”

**April 3** John 11:17-27 ~ Lazarus (Back from the Dead)

**April 10** Mark 11:1-11 ~ The Crowd (Hosanna, Hosanna)

**April 15 Good Friday** Mark 15:21-41 ~ The Reflections of the Event

**April 17** Luke 23:32-43 ~ The Thief (Finding Paradise)

**April 24** 2 Peter 1:16-21 ~ Origin Stories (Leaders in Church History, Susan Wesley)



Contact the church office if you have or know a graduate of 8th grade, High School or College, so they may be honored during Graduation Sunday service, May 15.



**Children's Sunday School,**  
9:00am,  
Sunday mornings.

Check out the

UCS website: [unitedchurchsandwich.org](http://unitedchurchsandwich.org)  
for a link for the Children's Activity Bulletin.  
Age appropriate worksheets may be found.  
If you have any questions call, 815-786-9243

### MISSION OF THE MONTH



## Sager Brown Depot

In 1996, a 48,000sq ft processing/warehousing facility was constructed on the historic property at the Sager Brown Center in Baldwin, LA. Over 3,000 volunteers stay and work each year processing supplies for worldwide disaster relief and working in local outreach programs.  
Thank you, The Missions Committee

## Confirmation Class Meals Sign Up

**A sign up sheet for volunteering a meal for the confirmation class may be found in the narthex. Watch for a day that is convenient for you and provide a meal for approximately 6 people. For any questions contact Pastor Tom.**



### Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)



Administrative Council meets Tuesday, April 12th, at 6:30pm. If you had an ornament on the tree in the narthex please pick it up in the office.

Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, April 19th, at 4:30pm.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee will meet Thursday, April 19th, 6:30pm.

**U'Niter's** meet April 4th, at 1:00pm.

All women of the church are invited to join the meeting in the Friendship Corner.



UWFaith.org

United Methodist Women have a new name, logo, and website!

Along with the new name there will be an array of **new programs and opportunities for women's** spiritual growth, soul care, leadership development, service and advocacy. And to recommit to inclusivity, action, and impact as women of **passion and power, united by God's love in their** mission to help women, children, and youth.

United Women in Faith will meet Monday, April 11th, at 9:30am.

They will be co-hosting the district meeting on April 30 at UMC of Plano, 9a-12p.

Thank Offering Boxes are available in the narthex. Anyone may pick one up to begin collecting for your daily blessings.



## Administrative Council News

Two TV stands and monitors are being enjoyed in the sanctuary. Their use has enhanced the services by lifting our voices and faces while singing hymns and filling the room with praise. Pastor Tom is planning a movie night during Holy Week when **the film "Son of God" will be shown.**

Easter offerings will be designated for **apportionments.** Apportionments are the "tithe" our individual church contributes to the conference church for use.

A Pork Chop Drive Thru meal will be on Sunday, May 1, 4-6pm. There has been stupendous results when presale tickets are sold ahead of the event to better be able to plan on the groceries and supplies. Please say yes to selling tickets and working the event when asked.

Ways to participate in a community effort to support the Ukrainian refugees are being explored. In the mean time, contributions may be given through our church, UMCOR— the United Methodist Committee of Relief, or United Women of Faith. Those organizations will use 100% of funds received to support emergency needs.



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.



**Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 10 ~ 10:00am

**Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 14 ~ 6:00pm

Movie “Son of God”  
will be shown.

Description at right.

**Good Friday**

Friday, April 15 ~ 6:30pm

Community Service  
here at UCS.

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 17 ~ 10:00am

Coffee Hour Gathering  
before service in  
the Chapel, 9:15am.



In the Holy Land, the Roman occupation has produced a cauldron of oppression, anxiety and excessive taxes levied upon the Jewish people. Fearing the wrath of Roman governor Pontius Pilate (Greg Hicks), Jewish high priest Caiaphas (Adrian Schiller) tries to keep control of his people. That control is

threatened when Jesus arrives in Jerusalem, performing miracles and spreading messages of love and hope. Those who fear that Jesus will inspire a revolution decide that he must die.

**PIE OF THE MONTH EVENT**

*Our expert pie bakers are ready to bake some delicious pies just for you!*

*Preorders and prepayment will be required.*



April: Triple Berry Pie (2 crust)

Order Deadline-April 8

Pickup Date-April 16

May: Peach Pie

Order Deadline-April 29

Pickup Date-May 7

June: Strawberry Rhubarb P

Order Deadline-June 10

Pickup Date-June 18

**PIE OF THE MONTH MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE**

3 Month Membership - \$55.00 for pies offered April-June 2022.

The Membership gets you the pies at a reduced cost.

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

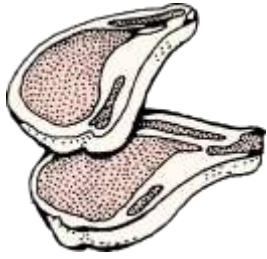
Pies may be purchased baked or frozen (with baking instructions).

Pickup only — no delivery

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

Please use south entrance.

Checkout the UCS website: [unitedchurchsandwich.org](http://unitedchurchsandwich.org)



Oink Oink!!

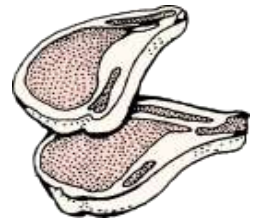
Can you smell those Pork Chops Cooking!

United Church of Sandwich's 3rd Annual,  
Pork Chop Drive Thru Dinner Fund-Raiser  
will be Sunday, May 1, 4:00-6:00 PM.

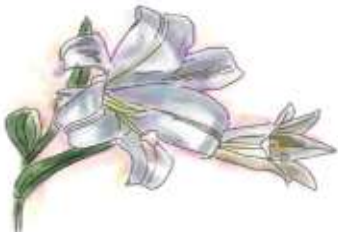
2 Pork Chops, Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce & a Roll  
will be the menu at the low price of \$15.00.

Judy Anderson will be calling to ask for volunteer workers.  
Many hands make light work for everyone and we always have  
a great group working who have great fellowship time with each  
other and the community.

**Presale tickets have been handed out.  
6 Free Pies will be given away from presale tickets!  
Purchase yours now!!**



## Spring Plants



Lilies

7" with pot cover  
\$12.00

Azaleas

6-1/2" with pot cover  
\$18.00



Orders are due no later than April 4, 2022.

Please make checks payable to: The United Church of Sandwich.

Orders may be dropped off or called into the church office, 815-786-9243.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# of Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$12.00 per plant)

# of Azaleas: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$18.00 per plant)

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment must be included with order form.

# CHURCH WEEK

Rural King is hosting *Church Week*, Thursday, April 7 thru Wednesday, April 20.

After making your purchases go to [www.ruralking.com/churchweek](http://www.ruralking.com/churchweek) by May 6, 2022, choose United Church of Sandwich as the registered participating organization and upload your receipts. Receipts must be dated between April 7-20 to qualify. Rural King will donate 10% of each valid receipt's total after sales tax to United Church of Sandwich. Thank you for any and all purchases that will help support UCS!



## 4th Weekend Drive

A load of *Thanks* for your continued support of the 4th Weekend Drives.

Catch the next one

April 23 & 24 to donate Pantry items.

*Requesting "Something Yellow!"*

If you are able, please bring accepted items such as, canned corn, pineapple, peaches, etc.

These items are donated to the Sharing Pantry and the local schools. Thank you! The Missions Committee

## Historical Thoughts from Pastor Bob Dell



**Three Buildings** ~As you may remember, the Congregational Church of Sandwich began, in 1853, in Little Rock and with the railroad moved to Sandwich. While in Little Rock worship was held in a school house. After the move south they met first "at the residence of Deacon John Hubbard; his residence then being a newly finished barn which he occupied with his family whilst erecting his dwelling. In 1857, a small chapel was built and enlarged in 1860. The congregation thrived to the extent that a new building was built in 1865. The chapel had been sold to a Lutheran congregation and moved. (It was in use until becoming the site for the Walgreen's present store.) That second building, as seen in the top photo, was quite a structure, but by 1910 it too proved too small and it was demolished to make room for the third and present building on the corner of Third and Eddy Streets, bottom photo. It may be of interest to note that this building was built during the 40 year Pastorate of James Lewis. Some readers will remember Lorene Stinson who worked at the then Sandwich State Bank. In her church history (quoted above), she wrote "I have a vague memory of putting a trowel of mortar in for the laying of the cornerstone; my grandfather and great grandmother being two of the charter members of the church". Currently it is the home of the Apostolic Church. Somewhere down the line the top section of the tower was removed. It was gone when I began my pastorate in 1962. You can see it in the picture.

Of course the Congregational history survives in the merger with the United Methodist Church with yet another new building built in 1974.



All About *Apportionments*: United Church of Sandwich is a part of the United Methodist Church, an interconnected and relational global denomination. Apportionments are given each month to the greater UMC. What are apportionments? Apportionment giving is based upon the desire to meet the needs of God's family NOT just in our neighborhoods, but around the world. They are also based on our need to give in order to be spiritually healthy, complete children of God. Apportionments provide avenues for giving so that we can be strong local churches & annual conferences and a strong connection throughout the world as we seek to be in mission and ministry together.

Our apportionments demonstrate our connectedness to one another, to God and to the body of Christ. Apportionments are used to fund the global mission and witness of our church, to help provide the necessary structure to respond in moments of crisis locally, nationally, internationally, and to develop and nurture the leaders we need today and tomorrow. UCS has been steady and consistent in our appointment giving, even through the pandemic. However, we are giving about 57% of the amount designated as our apportionment goals. Our church would like to intentionally and prayerfully improve on this amount and increase our church's tithing to the greater UMC ministries. Let's work together to make that happen!

Through Christ all things are possible!



The Earth Day 2022 Theme is  
"Invest In Our Planet. What Will You Do?"

Check out the website to find information on Earth Day events, activities, and what individuals and organizations can do to make a difference.

For Earth Day 2022, together, for everyone, everything, every day...

**#InvestInOurPlanet**

As individuals, we have the simple yet effective power to make our voices heard through our choices, our civic actions, and our personal interactions. What each of us does, and how we do it, has a huge ripple effect on our ecosystems, and on the pace of corporate and government action. Today's the day to **TAKE ACTION** not just because you care about the natural world, but because we all live on it. Every one of us needs a healthy Earth to support our jobs, livelihoods, health & survival, and happiness. A healthy planet is not an option - it is a necessity.

- Join a cleanup
- Take civic action
- Take individual action
- Take community action
- Support initiatives

Did you know your purchases on Amazon can now help the United Church of Sandwich! 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/March%202022%20Reporter.pdf>



04/01	Barb Bark
04/02	Katelyn Bedford Matthew Olson
04/03	Lori Davis
04/05	Jenna Henrich
04/12	Deb Seymour
04/13	Gwen Fox
04/17	Nate Heiman Mark Jerabek
04/18	McKenna Scott Bedford
04/20	Paul Pearson
04/21	Carole Strock
04/22	Laura Olson
04/23	Ed Reeder
04/27	Pat Hallaron
04/28	Christine McMahon
04/16	Marilyn & Louis Steenwyk

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



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

### Prayer List



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!





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3 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion) 6:00 Confirmation Class	4 Easter Flower Orders Due 1:00 U'Niter's Mtg	5 10:00 Adult Bible Study	6 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	7 7:00 AA Mtg	8 Triple Berry Pie Order Deadline	9
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24 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online 6:00 Confirmation Class	25	26	27 6:00 Chimes Practice	28 7:00 AA Mtg	29 10:30 Newsletter Assembly Peach Pie Order Deadline	30 9-12 United Women in Faith Prairie South District Mtg at United Methodist of Plano

The United Church  
of Sandwich

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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](mailto: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:*

*Ministers and Missionaries:* All Members

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Leadership Team 2022

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Pam Nehring

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Pam Nehring

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**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](http://www.unitedchurchsandwich.org)