

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,

Our church, United Church of Sandwich, is a United Methodist Church. In the Methodist tradition, our connectional system is one of the cornerstones that uphold our faith and mission. At the heart of this system lies our annual conference gatherings, where UM clergy and laity from across our conference come together in unity and purpose. The 184th session of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference is set to take place June 6–8, 2023. We are continuing our theme from last year of being "Connected in Christ". The 2023 theme is specifically "Connected in Christ: Come to the Table." The focus is on one of the core elements of our Christian faith – communion.



Communion is a sacrament in the church and we experience the full and real presence of Christ through communion. We join together at the table to find nourishment from Christ so that we may bring Christ into the world. We form a community. Communion is a reminder to look beyond the temporal issues of the church and world today to see the lasting ministry of God to and through us. The Annual Conference is an important time when representatives from local churches, pastors, and lay members join in fellowship to discern, deliberate, and make decisions that shape the direction of our denomination. We will vote on legislation. We routinely elect representatives to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. We address the issues of the day.

However, this is only a part of the importance of the AC. First and foremost, the gathering provides an opportunity for spiritual renewal. As members come together, we share our stories, worship, and engage in meaningful conversations about our faith. These moments of fellowship and worship rejuvenate our spirits and reignite our passion for God's work within us. It is during these times that we can experience the power of the Holy Spirit moving among us, guiding our collective discernment.

We worship together as we ordain the next class of Clergy to our Conference. We worship together as we grieve the loss of clergy and clergy spouses who have died and joined our Lord in heaven. We worship together to celebrate the ministries of those who are retiring from active ministry in celebration of their impact on the world. The legislation and business of the conference is critical and important. However, it is the worship of the conference that is the lifeblood of the gathering. Our faith begins and ends in meaningful worship to God.

The AC also plays a crucial role in fostering encouragement and accountability within our denomination. We will hear ministry reports from teams and churches throughout our Conference. Through these reports, stories are shared. We celebrate the successes of ministries and reflect on the ways we can improve. For example, conference leaders of United Women in Faith (Formerly United Methodist Women) will be at AC to share their ministry and impact in the region and world. These reports and celebrations are vital for the UMC. We are a relational and connectional church. This fosters a sense of connection and unity beyond our local congregations. By gathering with other United Methodists from neighboring churches, we build relationships and networks that extend beyond our immediate community. This connectional fabric strengthens our bonds as a denomination, enabling us to pool our resources, talents, and wisdom to impact the world in profound ways. Together, we amplify our efforts in mission and service, addressing systemic injustices and advocating for the marginalized.

During the month of June, I will be preaching on the UMC and its role in the Kingdom of God. I will be addressing the strife and struggles the UMC is facing. I will address the impact this could have on our church. However, throughout everything, I remind you of the real value of the AC. It is the same value of the UMC. We are a relational church. We are a connectional Church. We are a community together Loving God and our neighbor. This is the lasting value. Everything else is fleeting. God Bless!

Pastor Tom Bourke

Sunday Scriptures & Sermon Series for June

"#BEUMC"

- June 4 Proverbs 3:29-30 ~
The People of God Who Do No Harm
- June 11 Romans 12:9-11 ~
The People of God Who Do Good
- June 18 1 John 5:1-4 ~ The People of God Who
Attend to the Ordinances of God
- June 25 TBD ~ Guest Preacher
- July 2 Isaiah 2:2-4 ~ The People of God for
Whom the World is Our Parish



June 11th will be Graduation Sunday. Contact the church office or Pastor Tom if you have or know a graduate of 8th grade, High School or College. They will be honored during worship service.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Hesed House PADS

Hesed House is a comprehensive homeless resource center working to end homelessness one person, one family, at a time. Hesed House equips ninety area churches to provide food, shelter and services to its homeless neighbors, provide the opportunity to hope again (job training, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, legal services, **veteran's services, etc.**), and to work for systemic and societal justice on behalf of the least of these. Several United Methodist Churches support both financially and with volunteers. www.hesedhouse.org

Thank you, The Missions Committee



Outdoor Worship Schedule

There will be outdoor worship this summer on the following Sunday's, at 10:00am.

6/04/23 ~ 6/25/23 ~ 7/30/23

This is an opportunity to worship under the sun, in good weather and be surrounded by God's creation.

For inclement weather, worship will be indoors.

Please bring a lawn/camping chair with you and join us in our Summer outdoor worship!



What does God compare to rain "watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater"?

- A. The justice of the nations
- B. The work of God's people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God's word



Answer: D (See Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV.)

June

ACTIVITIES



Administrative Council meets Tuesday, June 13th, at 6:30pm.

Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, June 20th, at 4:30pm.



United Women in Faith & U'Niter's meet Monday, June 26th, for an outing to Grace Coffee & Wine, in Yorkville.

The World Thank Offering is a way for persons to show gratitude for God's blessings and to raise funds to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. Some drop a coin in a box each day to give thanks for their daily blessings, while others add coins and dollars on special occasions in their lives. Through the World Thank Offering, you support the total program of mission carried on through United Women in Faith in the US and around the world. Boxes are available in the narthex. Pick one up to begin collecting your daily blessings.



Assistive listening devices for the sanctuary have been ordered and are due to arrive shortly.

Watch for a notice!

If you are one who is in need of assistance let Pastor Tom know and you will be set up soon.

Finance Corner



Praise God from whom all blessings flow! April was quite the month in the life of our church. Thank you for your generous tithes and Easter offerings! We ended the month with a very successful Drive-thru Pork Chop Dinner. Next month will reflect the profits since the monies were deposited in May. As of April 30, we have \$27,141.82 remaining from our 2022 Fair Stand profits! As summer approaches, help us stay financially healthy by continuing with your pledges, tithes, & offerings! If you have questions or would like to learn more contact Pam Nehring or Linda Duy

General Fund

	April 2023	YTD 2023
Pork Chop Dinner	\$(3,068.36)	\$ (3,152.36)
Pie of the Month (net)	40.00	528.25
Giving Income	29,702.60	62,315.94
Christmas Offering	0.00	375.00
Expenses	\$ (18,451.48)	\$ (64,925.01)
Difference	\$ 8,222.76	\$ (4,858.18)
2022 Fair Stand Transfer		\$ 32,000.00
Balance 04.30.23		\$ 27,141.82

PIE OF THE MONTH EVENT

Our expert pie bakers have been busy baking delicious pies for you! Preorders and prepayment are required.



June: Strawberry Rhubarb Pie
Order Deadline-June 9
Pickup Date-June 17

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. Use south entrance

UCS website: unitedchurchsandwich.org

CALLING ALL PIE MAKERS!



It will soon be time to start making Fair Pies!
Please consider volunteering on one of the upcoming dates in July!
All days begin at **8am**.

Monday, July 10 & 17
Dough Making

Tuesday, July 11 & 18
Pie Making

Monday, August 7 & 14
Dough Making

Tuesday, August 8 & 15
Pie Making



Sign Up For the Sandwich Fair Log Cabin

It is time to start thinking about the
Sandwich Fair, September 6-10.
The sign-up process again may be done
online and in-person.
Go to the church website
to volunteer and sign up.
The early bird gets the worm and the
best volunteer spots!!

Once you click on the link. You will see every work shift and position available for sign up. If a position has a number beside it, that position requires that many people for that shift. Select the number of shifts you want then hit submit at the bottom. You will be taken to the webpage that will show you the shifts you signed up for and be asked your:

Name, Phone Number & Email

If you commit to a complete 5-5 1/2-hour shift for 3 different days throughout the week, a pass will be purchased for your use. For questions, call or email the church.

You may also call the church and have the office sign you up for your shifts. Thank you!



The *United Kids After School* program will begin for the school year 2023-24. Advertising the program to potential families in the area several have already registered their children.

For those who are interested in volunteering and helping out, there will be two orientation meetings. Both meetings will be the same. Anyone interested will only need to attend one meeting. There are sign-ups for both meetings in the narthex. Also, the full after-school plan is available to any member who wishes to have a copy. Contact Pastor Tom to request one or ask any questions. The first orientation is on Sunday, June 4, at 11:00am.

The second orientation is Monday, June 12, at 6:30pm.

HOT DOGS!
GET YOUR FREE HOT DOGS HERE!

UCS will host a 4th Annual, Drive-Thru,
FREE Hot Dog Lunch Event.

Served by our Congregation,
to our Community!

(11:30AM-12:30PM)

Saturday, June 17

&

Saturday, July 15

Our Scheduling Rock Star,
Judy Anderson, will be calling
to ask for volunteers to work.

Your help would be greatly
appreciated!

Showing our Community that
we care about them is part of
our way to extend the
Hand of God to others.



Board of Trustees
would like to
"Thank"
Ron Henrich for
spraying the church
yard for weeds.

*~A Great Big "Thank You" ~
to everyone involved in making
the Pork Chop Dinner a big success.
Our congregation was so generous
that we were successful with our
"Gift From God" Challenge making
us able to distribute 102 free
tickets to individuals and
families in our community
whose needs are greater than ours.
Way to go UCS!!*



While the Pastors Away

Pastor Tom will be out
of the office,
June 20 ~ 27

Please contact the
church office for
assistance
information.
815-786-9216

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgists

06/04 Marilyn Steenwyk
06/11 Deb Seymour
06/18 Kevin Duy
06/25 Sarah Stevens

Greeters/Ushers

06/04 Kevin & Linda Duy
06/11 Gary & Judy Anderson
06/18 Reid & Deb Heinekamp
06/25 Matt & Joanna Olson

June Communion Minister
Deb Setymour

PLEASE CONTACT DEB SEYMOUR OR PASTOR TOM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AS A LITURGIST, GREETER/USHER OR COMMUNION MINISTER.

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. 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 that you read.

https://www.umcnic.org/media/files/Reporter/2023-05_reporter_web.pdf

PRAYER list...

If you would like to be added to the church prayer list, please contact the church office, 815-786-9243 or Pastor Tom, 630-699-2474. We want to be in support for you and let you know that you are family and are not alone.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

06/01 Quen Carpenter
06/02 Amber Mager
06/03 Colin Stahl
06/06 John Hallaron
06/07 Samantha Fox
Clint Updike
06/09 Ryan Scharenberg
06/10 Kevin Richards
06/12 Joe Wig
06/14 Chris Bagwill
06/18 Jeremy Mager
06/20 Joshua Eipers
06/23 Anna Bourke
Ashley Stahl
06/25 Reanna Panlilio
06/28 Kris Calvert

06/08 Connie & James Mitchell
06/20 John & Heidi Heiman
06/23 Renee & Eric Eipers
06/24 Paul & Diane Pearson
06/26 Judy & Gary Anderson
Scott & Debbie Richards
06/29 Doug & Melissa Reiners

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

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





June 2023

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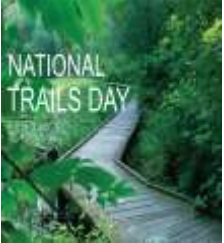





Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>UCS Meals on Wheels Month</p> 				<p>1</p> <p>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> 
<p>4</p>  <p>10:00am Outdoor Worship Service</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Order Deadline</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>GRAUATION SUNDAY</p> <p>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 Administrative Council Mtg</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>FLAG DAY</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 Pie Dough Making</p> <p>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 Pie Baking</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00-11:00 Pie P/U</p> <p>11:30~12:30 FREE Hot Dog Lunch</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>FATHER'S DAY</p> <p>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p>4:30 Board of Trustees Mtg</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>Hello Summer</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg</p> <p>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>4th Weekend Drive Condiments</p>
<p>25</p>  <p>10:00am Outdoor Worship Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:00 United Women in Faith/ U'Niter's Outing</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	 <p>Dairy Month</p>

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Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE MESSENGER — JUNE 2023

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512 E Lions Rd, Sandwich, IL 60548-2417

Church: 815- 786-9243

Email: ucssandwich@frontier.com

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: tombourkej@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

Pianist: Abi Mogge

Ministers and Missionaries: All Members

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Leadership Team 2023

Church Council Chair

Sarah Stevens

Recording Secretary

Chris Bagwill

Treasurer

Linda Duy

Payroll

Pam Nehring

Financial Secretary

Pat Hallaron

Finance/Stewardship Chair

Pam Nehring

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations

Jerry Brown

Lay Leader

Jim Bernhardt

Trustee's Chair

Gary Anderson

Annual Conf. Delegate

Ken Young

Missions/Evangelism Chair

Phyllis Whitehead

Memorial/Endowment Chair

Bonnie Bernhardt

United Methodist Women

Bonnie Miller

Fair Stand Chair

Marilyn Steenwyk

Worship & Music Chair

Reid Heinekamp

Deb Seymour

United Church of Sandwich's

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

www.unitedchurchsandwich.org



Congratulations Graduates!

EMMA LEE HOUSER Sandwich Middle School
Great niece of Bonnie & Jim Bernhardt

BLAKE BREON Concordia University Wisconsin
Son of Heather & Bart Breon
Grandson of Bonnie & Ken Young

KADEEN GEERS-CLASON Somonauk Middle School
Grandson of Deb & Brian Clason

JULIANNA OLIVER Plano High School
Niece of Deb & Brian Clason
Continuing education at Eastern Illinois University
Majoring in Early Childhood/Special Education

NICOLE DAVIS Erickson Institute
Masters in Early Childhood Education
Loyola University
Masters in Jurisprudence. Children's Law & Policy
Granddaughter of Phyllis Davis

PARI McCASLIN Bondurant, Iowa High School
Great Granddaughter of Phyllis Davis

MADLINE JEAN TESS Prairie View Middle School
Sun Prairie, WI
Granddaughter of Deb & Reid Heinekamp

WALTER BENNETT SCHMIDT Michigan State University
Degree in Economics
Son of Walter & Heather Schmidt
Grandson of Andrea McNeal
Great Grandson of Maxine Buchik

BRITTA WARREN Illinois State University
Communications, Science Disorders,
Continuing education for a Masters
Granddaughter of Myrtie Warren

2023 United Church Fair Stand

“...God is with you in all that you do.” Genesis 21:22



It is time to plan for a successful 2023 Fair Stand year. We would like to fill as many positions within the schedule as completely as possible. *We call everyone* to sign up for as many shifts as you can and in the positions you feel the most comfortable.

Remember, it takes forty-nine (49) 5-5 1/2 hour shifts each day to run our stand.

— *Thankfully God is with us in all that we do!*

Please fill in and return the form to the church or go to the link found on the church website when you are able to work at the fair. Once you click on the link, you will see every work shift and position available for sign up. If a position has a number beside it, that position requires that many people for that shift. After selecting the number of shifts you want hit submit at the bottom. You will be taken to the webpage that will show you the shifts you have signed up for and will be asked for your:

Name, Phone Number & Email.

We also need people who are flexible to float where needed. If an individual is able to commit to a complete 5-5 1/2-hour shift for *three (3) different days* throughout the week, the church will purchase a pass for your use.

We do not receive free passes from the fair — we buy them.

Fair Dates for 2023

Wednesday, September 6, 2023
thru
Sunday, September 10, 2023

Job Descriptions Below:

Grill Cook (grilling meats for sandwiches; am sausage and hash browns)

Fry Cook (french fries and tenderloins; am pancakes)

Kitchen (prepare chili and cold sandwiches, chop onions, wash pans)

Steam Table (wrap sandwiches, dish up chili; and dish up breakfasts)

Cashier (take orders, handle money transactions)

Counter Server (collect food onto tray for customers)

Drinks (dispense pop, coffee)

Pies (slice and serve pie and ice cream)

Dining Room (refill condiment counter, wipe tables and trays)

Floater (put anywhere needed)

“Back at the Range” (baking pies at the church, transporting pies to the fair)

Thank you for your help. We look forward to fellowship with our church friends.

