

# 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,*

The word confirmation means "with firmness". Confirmation in The United Methodist Church is a time of intentional preparation, leading to one's first public profession of faith. During this time, young persons "make firm" what has gone before: God's prevenient grace, baptism, the teaching and witness of parents and other persons of faith, the teachings and life together in the church, the student's own growing faith. Youth are invited to claim for themselves the name *Christian* and the name *United Methodist*. Confirmation is a significant step in the journey of faith.



It has been a little while since we've had a confirmation class. In many ways, that only increases the joys and celebrations that confirmation holds this year. We have been a part of a right of passage for young adults in our church. However, it is so much more than just an item to be checked off our life list. Our young adults have taken vows to God and our church. Their faith is not completely 'firmed' yet, but just at the beginning. Confirmation marks the first official evidence of faith in their lives. As such, we do not look to these youth as children any more, but as fellow brothers in Christ.

This is a blessed month for me as a pastor. I got to serve as pastor to three young men on their journey, and as father to two of them. I first want to thank the confirmands; Owen, Christopher, and Eli for their hard work and dedication. You have made me proud. I wish to thank everyone in the church for your support and encouragement of these young adults.

This season is a joyous day for all of us in the church. The confirmands have joined the body of Christ as equal partners in prayer and ministry. I want you to keep them in your prayers. I want you to continue to mentor and guide them as Christians. I want you to remember your confirmation and remember your vows. Below are the vows our confirmands took on Pentecost. Please prayerfully reflect on them and spend some time asking God's guidance in your life in each area.

- † To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of one's sin; **'I Do'**
- † To accept the freedom and power God gives to resist evil, injustice, and oppression; **'I Do'**
- † To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put one's whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as one's Lord; **'I Do'**
- † To remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world; **'I Will'**
- † To be loyal to the United Methodist Church and do all in one's power to strengthen its ministries; **'I Will'**
- † To participate faithfully in its ministries by one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness; **'I Will'**
- † To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. **'I Will'**

My prayers are with you this summer. Take a little time each day to be in prayer. Perhaps you can take one vow per day and pray on the meaning of the vow. Discern its impact on your faith and your life. End each prayer with a call to action. What action or change is God asking you to commit to while focusing on that specific vow? Find joy and comfort knowing that our vows strengthen our relationship with God. They also strengthen our relationship with each other in Christian community. God is Good!

God Bless!!      Pastor Tom Bourke

## Sunday Scriptures & Sermons for July

**July 3** 2 Kings 5:1-14 ~ Something New  
(Guest Preacher Bob Dell)

### Beach Reads: Scandalous Stories of the Bible

**July 10** 2 Samuel 11:1-15 ~ David & Bathsheba

**July 17** Genesis 4:1-16 ~ Cain & Abel

**July 24** Judges 16:4-19 ~ Samson & Delilah

**July 31** 1 Kings 21:1-16 ~ Ahab & Jezebel



### While the Pastors Away

Pastor Tom will be out of the office,  
June 27th ~ July 7th.

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

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### UMCOR

#### *United Methodist Committee on Relief*

UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response in the United States and internationally. These undesignated funds allow UMCOR to allocate funds to disasters as they arise. This fund is administrated by Global Ministries. Without your generosity, this ministry could not be achieved! You gave **\$1,921,619** last year towards ministries funded by the **UMCOR Special Sunday** offering. Giving allows UMCOR to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. This offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

Thank you, The Missions Committee



# Outdoor Worship

Hope you've been enjoying the opportunity to worship under the sun, in good weather and being surrounded by God's creation!

The last outdoor service will be July 31.

For inclement weather, worship will be indoors.

Please bring a lawn/camping chair with you and join us at 10:00am.



In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

- A. The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- B. The Parable of the Lost Son
- C. The Parable of the Lost Pearl
- D. The Parable of the Lost Coin



Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)



### Confirmed in Faith

OWEN BOURKE,  
CHRISTIOPTER EIPERS,  
ELIAS BOURKE



Prayers of Joy for the birth of  
Cecily Kaye Hill.  
Born June 30, 2022  
Daughter of  
Matthew & Meredith Hill  
Granddaughter of  
Rick & Debby Hill.  
Congratulations!



*Kellen Edward Rogers  
was welcomed by  
big brother Liam  
on June 29, 2022.  
He is the son of  
Derek & Breann Rogers  
and grandson of  
Sarah Stevens.  
Congratulations!*





# July Activities

## Committees & Boards

**MFM MEETING  
FREE  
MONTH**



United Women of Faith  
meet Thursday, July 7, at  
9:30 am in the chapel.  
All women of the church  
are invited to attend.

### CALLING ALL PIE MAKERS!



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

**Monday, July 11 & 18**  
**Dough Making**

**Tuesday, July 12 & 19**  
**Pie Making**

**Monday, August 8 & 15**  
**Dough Making**

**Tuesday, August 9 & 16**  
**Pie Making**



## 4th Weekend Drive

Thank you for your continued support of the 4th Weekend Drives. The request will be "School Supplies" for the July 23 & 24 Drive. If you are able, please bring accepted items such as, 24 count box of crayons, pink erasers, 10 pack Crayola washable markers-classic colors, #2 pencils, black, blue and red pens, notebooks, black dry erase markers, Post-it Notes, Kleenex, paper towel roll, etc. The extended lists may be found on the blue bin located in the narthex. These items are donated to the Sharing Pantry and the local schools. Thank you!

The Missions Committee

## Quilt Raffle

For the 2nd year, UCS will be offering tickets to win a quilt at the Sandwich Fair. The quilt has been made and donated by Darlene Sebby. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. In the next few weeks they will be available to purchase and sell to our church and the community. The quilt will be on display in the narthex at the Church first and then at the Log Cabin during the fair. The drawing will be held at 6pm on 9/11/22 at the Log Cabin.



HOT DOGS!  
GET YOUR FREE HOT DOGS HERE!

UCS will host a 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual, Drive-Thru,  
FREE Hot Dog Lunch Event.

Served by our Congregation,  
to our Community!

(11AM-12:30PM)

**Saturday, July 16**

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.



Photos from  
Hot dog event on  
June 18!  
Inside and out,  
everyone had a  
great time!!



# 2022 United Church Fair Stand

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



It is time to plan for a successful 2022 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 2022

Wednesday, September 7, 2022  
thru  
Sunday, September 11, 2022

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.

[Sign-Up on Back](#)

# 2022 United Church of Sandwich Fair

Job Descriptions are on opposite page.

**Please indicate your choice of job requested by listing your 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice. See example. This will help when making the schedule.**

**Thank you, Judy Anderson**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Shifts/ Times</u>	<b>Grill Cook</b>	<b>Fry Cook</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>Steam Table</b>	<b>Cashier</b>	<b>Counter Server</b>	<b>Drinks</b>	<b>Pies</b>	<b>Dining Room</b>
<b>Example:</b>										
Wednesday, September 7, 2022	6am-11:30am			2			1			3
<b>Wednesday, September 7, 2022</b>	6am - 11:30am									
	11:30am - 4:30pm									
	4:30pm - 10pm									
<b>Thursday, September 8, 2022</b>	6am - 11:30am									
	11:30am - 4:30pm									
	4:30pm - 10pm									
<b>Friday, September 9, 2022</b>	6am - 11:30am									
	11:30am - 4:30pm									
	4:30pm - 10pm									
<b>Saturday, September 10, 2022</b>	6am - 11:30am									
	11:30am - 4:30pm									
	4:30pm - 10pm									
<b>Sunday, September 11, 2022</b>	6am - 11:30am									
	11:30am - 4pm									
	4pm - 8pm									

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: All shifts and jobs will be filled on a first come basis as this form is received.**

**You will be called if the position is already filled, and asked to work at a different time.**

**Please place this form in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. ASAP!**

I am working 3 shifts and need a pass.      Yes      No

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>

**Doug & Melissa Reiners**  
 40 Leslie Ln  
 Plano, IL 60545



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

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|-------|--------------------|
| 07/02 | Pam Anderson       |
| 07/03 | Phyllis Whitehead  |
| 07/10 | Reid Heinekamp     |
|       | Kim Henrich        |
| 07/11 | Zach Gustafson     |
| 07/16 | Kim Bourke         |
|       | Colton Fox         |
|       | Margaret Gustafson |
| 07/19 | Joe Way            |
| 07/23 | William McMahan    |
| 07/24 | Carol Larson       |
| 07/26 | Noah Hallaron      |
|       | Kenny Young III    |
| 07/29 | Joshua Bauer       |

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| 07/03 | Linda & Albert Alvarez   |
| 07/10 | Todd & Jennifer Hallaron |
|       | Steve & Kelley Mindrup   |
| 07/11 | John & Pat Hallaron      |
| 07/14 | Ernest & Shirley Basler  |
| 07/16 | Carole & Eddie Forman    |

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



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



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!



# July 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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3 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors &amp; Online (Holy Communion)</i>	4 	5	6	7 <i>9:30 United Women in Faith Mtg  7:00 AA Mtg</i>	8	9	
10 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors &amp; Online</i>	11 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making</i>	12 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Making</i>	13	14 <i>7:00 AA Mtg</i>	15	16 <i>11:00 ~ 12:30 FREE Hot Dog Lunch</i> 	
17 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors &amp; Online (Holy Communion)</i>	18 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making</i>	19 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Making</i> 	20	21 <i>7:00 AA Mtg</i>	22	23 	
24 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors &amp; Online</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>7:00 AA Mtg</i>	29	30	
31 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Outdoors &amp; Online</i>	 <p>Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Psalm 66:2, KJV</p>						

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website: [www.unitedchurchsandwich.org](http://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](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

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

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