

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,

We are hitting the halfway point on our journey around the sun, which means we are entering the month of July. As the temperatures rise and the sun shines brighter and longer, we find ourselves in the middle of what we often call the 'dog days of summer'. The days can be long and hot. The days in July can sometimes leave us feeling weary and drained. However, we are followers of Jesus Christ, and it is good to be reminded that we have a source of strength and hope that helps us to endure and even thrive in even the most difficult or challenging of days.



In the Bible, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and God's provision for His people throughout history. Remember the Israelite's time in the desert. In the midst of the scorching heat of the desert, God sustained them with water from the earth, quail from the sky and mana from heaven. God provided a pillar of some by day and fire by night to help the massive population be guided on the right path. Similarly, we can find comfort in knowing that God is with us in every season of the year and every season of our life; especially the sweltering days of summer.

Just as God provided for the Israelites in the Old Testament, He continues to provide for us today. God grants us the strength to face each challenge and each day with joy and hope, even when the heat is overwhelming and the challenges seem insurmountable. During these times, I remind you to remember whose you are. We can turn to our faith and trust in God's presence in our lives. Through prayer and fellowship with each other, we can grow closer to God and experience His refreshing and renewing grace.

I know that living each day in faith and love is not always easy in this world. However, it is an invaluable witness to the world around us. As the heat of the summer grows, let us remember to grow in kindness, compassion, and patience to the people around us. Let's reach out to those who may be struggling and offer the same support that God offers us. By doing so, we can be a source of comfort and encouragement in these 'dog days of summer'.

In the 'dog days of summer', let us not grow weary or lose faith. Instead, let's cling to the promise that God is always with us, always providing the strength and grace that we need to survive the challenges we face. Let's be reminded that even in the summer heat, we are called to be the light to the world, reflecting God's love and compassion. As we gather together in worship, fellowship, and mission in the month of July, let's continue to seek God's guidance and wisdom. The Holy Spirit's power to empower is greater than the summer day's ability to drain!

God Bless!

Pastor Tom Bourke

Sunday Scriptures & Sermon Series for July

July 2 Isaiah 2:2-4 ~ The People of God for Whom the World is Our Parish **"#BEUMC"**

July 9 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 ~ The Art of Encouragement

July 16 Guest Preacher

"Tomorrowland: Facing a Future Without Fear"

July 23 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18~ Living with Confidence in Christ

July 30 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 ~ Living in a Right Relationship with Christ



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 Sunday, July 30.

For inclement weather, worship will be indoors. Please bring a lawn/camping chair with you and join us at 10:00am.



While the Pastors Away

Pastor Tom will be out of the office, July 11 ~ 18. Please contact the church office for assistance information. 815-786-9216

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



In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7.)

JULY

ACTIVITIES



Board of Trustees will meet
Tuesday, July 18th, at 4:30pm.

Finance Committee meets
Tuesday, July 20th, at 6:30pm.

U'niters will meet next on
August 28, at 1:00pm,
in the chapel.



United Women in Faith will
meet next in September.

Save the date for their
Rummage & Bake Sale on October 20th & 21st.

CALLING ALL PIE MAKERS!



It will soon be time to start
making Fair Pies!
Please consider volunteering

on one of the dates in
July or August!

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

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!

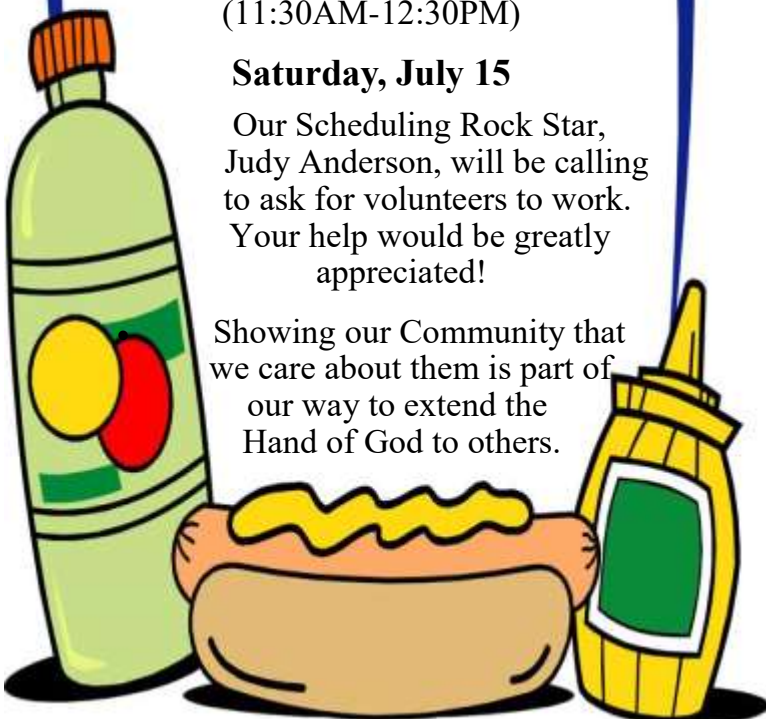
(11:30AM-12:30PM)

Saturday, 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.



4th Weekend Drive

Thank you for your continued support of the
4th Weekend Drives. The request will be
"School Supplies" for the July 22 & 23 Drive.
If you are able, please bring accepted items
such as, 24 count box of crayons. pink erasers,
10 pack Crayola washable markers-classic col-
ors, #2 pencils, black, blue and red pens, note-
books, black dry erase markers, Post-it Notes,
Kleenex, paper towel roll, etc. Watch for the
extended lists attached to the blue bin located
in the narthex.

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

The Missions Committee



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 3 days throughout the week,

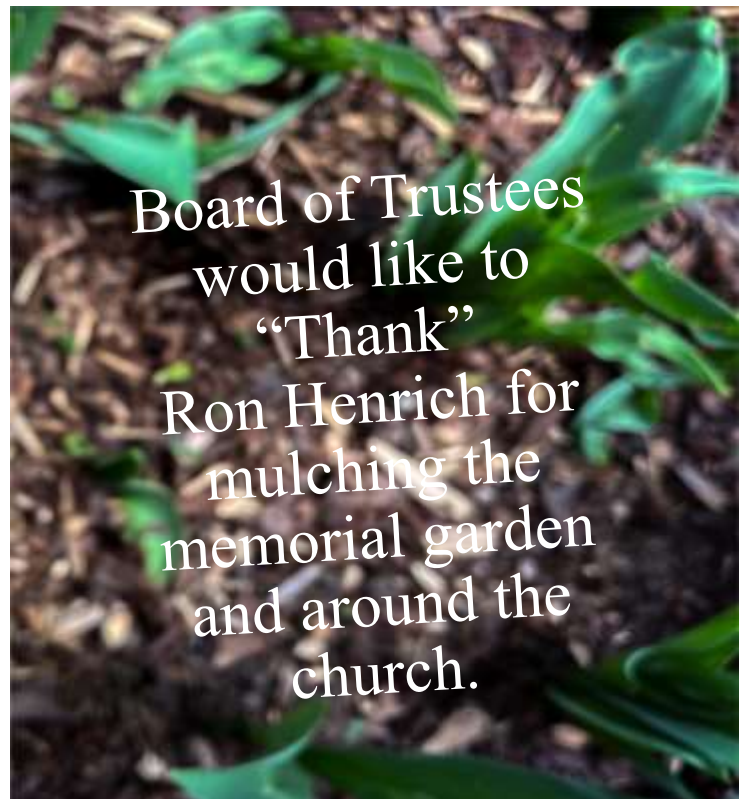
a pass will be purchased for your use. For questions, call or email the church.

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



For the month of May the congregation had been asked to donate various household and personal care items for Midwest Mission's "Fill the Truck" Mission Challenge Drive. Midwest Mission is based near Springfield, IL.

UCS's collection was a wide variety representing every category on the list and its weight was 87 pounds. During the Annual Conference in June, Midwest Mission's trailer garnered over 7,000 pounds of donations! Thank you to all those who donated!!





Quilt Raffle

For the 3rd year, UCS will be offering tickets to win a quilt at the Sandwich Fair.

The quilt measures 84" x 101"

Donated and pieced by Darlene Sebby, and quilted by Sarah Stevens.

Tickets are now available to purchase from the church office or UCS members at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The quilt is on display in the narthex at the Church. It will then be taken to be displayed at the Log Cabin during the fair.

The drawing will be held at 6pm on September 10, 2023 at the Log Cabin.

Good Luck!!



The *United Kids After School* program will begin with the 2023-2024 school year.

By advertising the program to potential families in the area several have already registered their children. If you know of any families that would benefit from this program

please share the information found on the UCS website, "After School Program" tab. You may also call 630-699-2328, or email ucs.unitedkids@gmail.com.

We will be gathering supplies to get started and ready for back to school.

There is a 'Back to School Bash' organized by the Sandwich 430 school district on August 9, from 1-4pm, at Milestone Park. Any UKAS volunteers that would like to be a part of our booth are welcome to join!

UKAS Wishlist

Kid-friendly, nonperishable snacks, disinfecting wipes, sidewalk chalk, paper towels, painters tape, ping pong paddles and balls, waffle balls, Amazon or Walmart gift cards. We are interested in finding gently used playground equipment for children ages 6 and up. If you are checking out garage sales this summer and find items in good shape that you would like to pick up for our program, please let me know. I can help transport larger items if needed. The best way to contact me this summer is by my personal cell phone, 630-699-2328. Thank You!

Kim Bourke, United Kids After School Director



Liturgists

- 07/02 Chris Bagwill
- 07/09 Myrtie Warren
- 07/16 Bonnie Miller
- 07/23 Deb Seymour
- 07/30 Kevin Duy

Greeters/Ushers

- 07/02 Monty & Betty Reiners
- 07/09 John & Pat Hallaron
- 07/16 Carole Strock & Earl Shaffer
- 07/23 Reid & Deb Heinekamp
- 07/30 Diane Salisbury & Craig Johnson

July Communion Minister
Deb Clason & Susan Benson

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



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

- 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
Ken Young III

- 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 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



JULY

2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu


Fri

Sat



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| 2 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)</i> | 3 | 4  | 5 <i>6:00 Chimes Practice</i> | 6 <i>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</i> | 7 | 8 |
| 9 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online</i> | 10 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making</i> | 11 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Making</i> | 12 <i>6:00 Chimes Practice</i> | 13 <i>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</i> | 14 | 15 <i>11:30~12:30 FREE Hot Dog Lunch</i>  |
| 16 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)</i> | 17 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making</i> | 18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE <i>8:00 Fair Pie Making 4:30 Board of Trustees Mtg</i> | 19 <i>6:00 Chimes Practice</i> | 20 <i>6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg 7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</i> | 21 | 22  |
| 23 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online</i> | 24 | 25 | 26 <i>6:00 Chimes Practice</i> | 27 <i>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</i> | 28 | 29 |

10:00am
Outdoor
Worship
Service



He restores my soul.

Psalm 23:3



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of Sandwich

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Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE MESSENGER — JULY 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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body, mind and spirit — to the glory of God!

Leadership Team 2023

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |
| | Bonnie Bernhardt |
| Memorial/Endowment Chair | Bonnie Miller |
| United Methodist Women | Marilyn Steenwyk |
| Fair Stand Chair | Reid Heinekamp |
| Worship & Music Chair | 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

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 *three (3) 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.

