

# 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,*

You probably recognize the name Alexander Graham Bell. He was an extremely talented person with many inventions. He invented the multiple telegraph, the audio-meter, which is used to test your hearing, the tricycle, landing gear you find on planes, and a host of other machines. In addition to this he was co-founder of the prestigious magazine Science, served as President of the National Geographic Society, and spent his life working with the deaf.



However, these inventions are probably not what you remember him for. The most famous of all his creations was the telephone. It also made his family and all his descendants extremely wealthy. However, he almost lost it all. Why? How? Well, Bell never seemed to find the time to submit a patent application for the telephone. Finally, his father-in-law, who had financed much of the research, became so impatient that he filed the patent on Bell's behalf on the 14th of February 1876, Bell's 29th birthday.

Thankfully, he did. Just a few hours later, another scientist by the name of Elisha Gray went to the patent office and filed on a machine he also had been working on for many years, another version of the telephone.

This story reminds us that sometimes it is not enough simply to have a great idea or to believe in a great idea. We need to also act on them. Bell and his father-in-law are an example of the relationship between faith and works. Bell had faith in the invention of the telephone. He believed in his telephone. All his work in creating the telephone represented that faith. However, if he had not received a patent, all that work and faith would have been for nothing. By going to the patent office, his father-in-law represented his faith and works to go with it.

In the Christian life faith and works go together like inhaling and exhaling. Billy Graham stated it in these terms: "Faith is taking the Gospel in; works is taking the Gospel out." A lot of our Christian faith is focused on taking the Gospel into our hearts. This is the foundation of our faith. We believe even though we do not see, because the love of Jesus Christ is written onto our hearts. However, as the Book of James said, "Faith without works is dead." Our faith lives and strives based on how we express it and live it. God has given you an amazing gift in grace. Along with that he continues to sanctify you with the fruits of the Spirit. Those gifts need to be lived out.

How can you live your faith? First, we live our faith together, as a church family. We pray for each other. We lean on each other and support each other. We travel into the community in ministry together. We study and worship together. Whenever two or more are gathered in the name of God, living out their faith, He is there. Also, we live out our faith as individuals. Teachers often tell their students that they want to catch them doing something good. God feels the same way. Our actions and words away from church are just as important as within the church.

I invite you to make August a month where your faith continues to be lived out in your actions. Let your faith and your works find a connection this month. My prayers are with you and God Bless!!

Pastor Tom Bourke

## Sunday Scriptures & Sermon Series for August

### Beach Reads: Scandalous Stories of the Bible

**Aug 7** 1 Kings 11 ~ Solomon's Fall

**Aug 14** Daniel 3:16-28 ~ Three Wise Men

### The Messy Middle

**Aug 21** John 9:1-5, Hebrews 4:14-16 ~ Wading into the Messy Middle

**Aug 28** John 14:12-14, Hebrews 4:12, John 13:35 ~ Fuel Your Journey



Please let Pastor Tom know if you have a 3rd or 4th grader, there will be a Bible presentation for them in September.

### MISSION OF THE MONTH

#### UMVIM

#### *United Methodist Volunteers in Mission North Central Jurisdiction*

UMVIM-NCJ supports efforts by individuals and teams of volunteers within the NCJ who are invited by and work with the local host United Methodist Church or affiliated agency to bring Christ's healing to situations of need.

UMVIM-NCJ is governed by a board of directors and acts as a resourcing and networking agency for conference UMVIM coordinators, local churches, districts, and conferences. The UMVIM-NCJ coordinator serves as the liaison with the coordinators of other jurisdictions and the Mission Volunteers office of Global Ministries. The NCJ office maintains a future teams list, sends out e-newsletters and maintains the National Project List. It also assists in Emergency Response Training (ERT) and VIM leader training. For more information go to website, [ncj@umvim.org](mailto:ncj@umvim.org) [umvim.org](http://umvim.org)

Thank you, The Missions Committee

A graphic for a Bible Quiz. The top has a black background with white question marks and the text "Bible Quiz". Below is a white background with a question and a list of options. To the right is a blue shield with a white skull and crossbones and a red 'X' at the bottom.

**Bible Quiz**

A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude

Answer: C



Administrative Council meets Tuesday, August 9th, at 6:30pm.

Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, August 16th, at 4:30pm.

Finance Committee will meet Thursday, August 18th, at 6:30pm.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee will meet Thursday, August 18th, at 6:30pm.

United Women in Faith will meet Friday, & Saturday, August 19th & 20th for a "Watch Party for Mission U in the Chapel beginning at 9:00am.



U'Niter's will meet Monday, August 29th, 1:00pm, in the Friendship Corner. All women are invited to join.

CALLING ALL Pie & Chili MAKERS!



Please consider volunteering on one of the upcoming dates in August to prepare Fair Pies & Chili! All days begin at 8am.

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

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

**Monday, August 22  
Chili Making**



### 4th Weekend Drive

Thank you for your continued support of the 4th Weekend Drives.

The request will be "Peanut Butter & Jelly" for the August 27 & 28 Drive.

If you are able, please bring accepted items such as, peanut butter and a variety of jellies.

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 measures 68" x 68", made and donated by Darlene Sebby.

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 9/11/22 at the Log Cabin. Good Luck!!



## A Fair Story In The Beginning...



the Sandwich Fair was a place where many of our local churches would open eating stands, including the Methodist & Congregational Churches, long before we were United. Methodist member, T.R. Davis and his adult Sunday School Class built the original Log Cabin from telephone poles around 1939. The menu was pretty simple in those days- hamburgers, Orange Crush, possibly some chili and pie for dessert. With a dirt floor and a tree growing up through the center of the building you can imagine the conditions on a rainy day. There were no screens to keep out the bugs, just fold out sides to give protection and shade for the patrons and closure at night. Metal tubs were filled with ice to keep the Orange Crush cold- for that was the popular drink of the time. The Orange Crush was purchased at the Chicago Stock Yards office at a discounted price. The old Log Cabin became termite

infested and at the end of the 1982 Fair, it and the tree were torn down and the current building was erected. The hard work and dedication that has been passed down for generations from both congregations, lives on in the success of the Log Cabin today. Look how far we have come!

## 2022 Fair Stand Initial Clean-Up

Sat, Aug 20, 8:00 am, meet at the Log Cabin

- Take chairs and tables out to power wash
- Take deep fryers outside to power wash
- Sweep floor
- Power wash walls from top plate to the floor
- Power wash walls and floor in bathroom
- Power wash floor and get drains to work properly
- Wash ceiling fans and pipe around the ceiling
- Vacuum top of bathroom area
- Vacuum top of paper products area
- Open windows and power wash panels and screens
- Post number for the church kitchen 815-786-9243  
(Need 4 scouts and parent)

Thurs, Aug 25, 5:00 pm, meet at the Log Cabin

- Set up large fair stand equipment
  1. Hamburger grill
  2. Pancake grill
  3. Outside signs
  4. Check ceiling lights
  5. Check Exit lights

Women clean counters, pie case, pie rack and tables

Sat, Aug 27, 8:00 am, meet at the Log Cabin

- Bring equipment from church to log cabin
- Set up equipment
- Connect gas and electric to the grills, pop machine and coffee maker
- Clean inside and outside of refrigerators and freezers
- Women finish wiping all counters and tables
- Wash kitchen utensils and etc.  
(Need 4 scouts and parent)
- Change in-line water filter cartridges

Tues, Aug 30, 5:00 pm, meet at the Log Cabin

- Finish any jobs not completed on Saturday, Aug 27

Sat (before the fair)

Sept 3, 8:00 am, meet at the Log Cabin

- Final set up
- Unload food from delivery truck into Log Cabin  
(Need 4 scouts and parent)



*New History Cabinet and Committee Mailbox*

UCS would like to thank Earl Shaffer for diligently working on creating a new history cabinet and committee mailbox donated in Loving Memory of his parents Earl & Melba Shaffer, and his sisters Brenda Stack and Barbara Beck. They were dedicated by Pastor Tom on Sunday, July 24th.



<b>2022</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
07 Aug	Kevin Duy	John & Pat Hallaron
14 Aug	Marilyn Steenwyk	Doug & Melissa Reiners
21 Aug	Pam Nehring	Deb Seymour/Chris Martner
28 Aug	Myrtie Warren	Connie Mitchell
04 Sep	Fairstand	Kevin & Linda Duy
11 Sept	Pam Nehring	Marilyn Steenwyk
18 Sept	Bonnie Miller	Gwen Fox
25 Sept	John Hallaron	Deb Seymour/Chris Martner
02 Oct	Sarah Stevens	John & Pat Hallaron
09 Oct	Pam Nehring	Gary & Judy Anderson
16 Oct	Bonnie Miller	Reid & Deb Heinekamp
23 Oct	Deb Seymour	Connie Mitchell
30 Oct	Marilyn Steenwyk	Matt & Joanna Olson
06 Nov	Kevin Duy	John & Pat Hallaron
13 Nov	Myrtie Warren	Josh & Mindy Chrestman
20 Nov	John Hallaron	Diane Salisbury/Craig Johnson
27 Nov	Sarah Stevens	Ron & Kim Henrich
04 Dec	Doug Reiners	Gary & Judy Anderson
11 Dec	Marilyn Steenwyk	Monty & Betty Reiners
18 Dec	Chris Bagwill	Carole Strock/Earl Shaffer
Christmas Eve 5:00 24 Dec	NA	Josh & Mindy Chrestman
Christmas Eve 11:00 24 Dec	NA	Monty & Betty Reiners
25 Dec	Deb Seymour	Gwen Fox

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>



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

# Newsletter Deadline

August 16



# AUGUST

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/01	Jerry Brown David Hunt
08/04	Ernest Basler
08/05	Heather Breon Ed Dahmer
08/08	Owen Bourke Josh Heiman
08/09	Braylee Bedford Madison Hallaron
08/10	Eric Bedford
08/13	Les Banks
08/14	James Diemer
08/16	Kara Duy Deborah Hill
08/21	Doug Reiners
08/24	Lou Steenwyk
08/27	Susan Benson
08/28	Marlene Cook
08/30	Bonnie Miller

08/04	James & Bonnie Bernhardt Amber & Jeremy Mager
08/09	Pastor Tom & Kim Bourke
08/12	Thomas & Pamela Nehring
08/14	Richard & Deborah Hill Ernest & Shirley Basler
08/17	Bob & Joyce Dell
08/18	Richard & Joan Banko Bob & Quen Carpenter
08/22	Jim & Lori Updike
08/24	Nancy & Jerry Brown
08/25	Phyllis & Allen Whitehead Ken & Bonnie Young

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



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!



# 2022

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	1	2	3	4  7:00 AA Mtg	5	6
7  10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	8  8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making	9  8:00 Fair Pie Making  6:30 Adminis- trative Council Mtg	10  6:00 Chimes Practice	11  9:30 United Women in Faith Mtg  7:00 AA Mtg	12	13
14  10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	15  8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making	16  8:00 Fair Pie Making  6:30 Board of Trustees Mtg	17	18  6:30 SPRC Mtg  6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg  7:00 AA Mtg	19  9:00 UWF Watch Party for Mission U in the Chapel (Aug 19 & 20)	20  8:00-12:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand
21  10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	22	23	24	25  5:00-8:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand  7:00 AA Mtg	26	27  8:00-12:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand
28  10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	29  1:00 U'Niter's Mtg	30  5:00-8:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand	31			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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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:* Abi Mogge

*Ministers and Missionaries:* All Members

We are passionately united to feed all people —  
body, mind and spirit — to the glory of God!

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

Gwen Fox

Lay Leader

Jim Bernhardt

**Trustee's Chair**

Gary Anderson

Annual Conf. Delegate

Bonnie Miller

Missions/Evangelism Chair

Phyllis Whitehead

Memorial/Endowment Chair

Kim Henrich

United Methodist Women

Marilyn Steenwyk

United Methodist Men

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



# 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](#)

