

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,

My prayers are with you as we enter the month of August. This is often a time of reflection, community, and shared aspirations. As we look forward to the upcoming church events and opportunities, let us unite in our mission to strengthen our church as a community, working together towards our common hopes, dreams, and goals.



September brings with it the much-anticipated Sandwich Fair, a time when our town comes together to celebrate local traditions and showcase the many, many talents and craftsmanship of our community. However, it is August that a lot of the work is done behind the scenes. The Log Cabin is prepared. Hundreds of Pies are made. People are signing up to volunteer. The Sandwich Fair exemplifies the spirit of collaboration for our church. We are United in our focus on making the Fair an amazing experience for all.

Just like the Sandwich Fair exemplifies the spirit of collaboration, let us remember that our church is also a gathering of individuals with diverse gifts and talents. When we work together towards a common goal, we can achieve incredible things for the greater good. God has blessed each of us uniquely, and by combining our strengths and efforts, we can make a meaningful impact in our community and beyond.

In the Bible, the apostle Paul emphasized the significance of unity in his letter to the Corinthians, saying, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us strive for this unity, recognizing that we are stronger together, and through our collective efforts, we can bring about positive change and spread the love of Christ to all corners of our world.

Always remember that our church is not merely a building; it is a living, breathing community of faith. It is a place where hearts are healed, burdens are shared, and joys are celebrated together. It is within this community that we find support, encouragement, and the strength to face life's challenges.

As we engage with one another, let us be mindful of the power of our words and actions. Let kindness and compassion be our guiding principles as we seek to build each other up and create an environment where everyone feels valued and loved. May our church be a sanctuary of hope and a source of inspiration, reaching out to those in need and embodying the teachings of Christ in every aspect of our lives.

God Bless!

Pastor Tom Bourke



Sunday Scriptures & Sermon Series for August

“Tomorrowland: Facing a Future Without Fear”

August 6 1 Thessalians 5:12-14 ~ **Trusting God’s Faithfulness**

August 13 2 Thessalians 1:3-12 ~ Finding Truth in Jesus

August 20 2 Thessalians 2:1-17 ~ Standing Firm with the Lord

August 27 2 Thessalians 3:1-13 ~ Hoping for Tomorrow, Living Wisely Today



August means after school is starting! Our first day of UKAS is August 16, which is an early dismissal day. School ends at 1:10pm on 8/16. (Normal dismissal time is 2:50.) We would love to have 4 volunteers this first day.

Currently we have 7 volunteers that have completed the online training and background check! Thank you so much to our team of helpers who are ready for day one. The next step is to let Kim know what days we can expect your help. We need a minimum of one volunteer per school day from 2:40 to 5:30. Two helpers would be ideal. Check out the new UKAS bulletin board in the church narthex. There are forms for you to fill out, letting us know when you are planning to volunteer. There is also a calendar with important school dates and volunteers can add their names on the days they plan to help. Kim will check this often and send out reminders to volunteers. If you plan to volunteer, but have not completed the online training, please do so as soon as possible and let Kim know if you need assistance.

Important UKAS dates:

August 9: Back to School Bash hosted by Sandwich School Dist., Milestone Park, 1-4pm. Come help us spread the word about our program! We will have a booth at this event.

August 14: UKAS Open House at the Church, 5:30-7pm - This will be an ice cream social, and a chance for families to see our church, meet Kim, Pastor Tom, and volunteers.

The best way to contact Kim with questions: 630-699-2328 or ucs.unitedkids@gmail.com

MISSION OF THE MONTH

TREE OF LIFE MINISTRY

This ministry with Lakota Native Americans addresses needs on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in South Dakota by “nurturing the body, strengthening culture, and enhancing the spirit.”

This ministry provides groceries and meals to the hungry; repairs to substandard homes; and supports local teachers as they reclaim native culture and language.

treeofliferelief.org

Thank you, The Missions Committee

The graphic for the Bible Quiz has a black header with the text "Bible Quiz" in white. Above the text are several white question marks of varying sizes. Below the header is a white background with a question in black text: "The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?". To the right of the text is a vertical stack of seven colorful icons representing churches, each with a cross on top. The colors from top to bottom are orange, yellow, red, green, light blue, purple, and teal. Below the icons is a list of four options: A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia; B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia; C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna; D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea.

Answer: B (See Revelation 2-3.)



August

ACTIVITIES



Administrative Council meets Tuesday, August 8th, at 6:30pm.

Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, August 15th, at 4:30pm.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee will meet Tuesday, August 15th, 6:30pm.

Finance Committee meets Thursday, August 17th, at 6:30pm.



U'Niter's will meet Monday, August 28th, 1:00pm in the Chapel.

CALLING ALL PIE MAKERS!

Last chance to get in on the fun making Fair Pies!
Please consider volunteering on one of the upcoming dates in August!
All days begin at **8am**.



**Monday, August 7 & 14
Dough Making**

**Tuesday, August 8 & 15
Pie Making**



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.

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



Assistive listening devices for the sanctuary have arrived. If you are one who is in need of assistance let Pastor Tom know so you can get set up.

4th Weekend Drive

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

The request will be *"Peanut Butter & Jelly"* for the August 26 & 27 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 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!!



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!

2023 Fair Stand Initial Cleaning Dates

Sat, Aug 19, 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 24, 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 26, 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 29, 5:00 pm, meet at the Log Cabin

- Finish any jobs not completed on Saturday, Aug 27

Sat, Sept 2, (before the fair)

8:00 am, meet at the Log Cabin

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

The United Church of Sandwich Funeral Luncheon Committees

1

Phyllis Davis
815-861-8908
Pam Nehring
815-236-8153
Bonnie Miller
815-509-3520

2

Bonnie Bernhardt
815-786-3020
Carole Strock
815-712-7391
Phyllis Whitehead
815-498-3522 or 630-802-6790

Judy Anderson 815-970-1960
Chris Bagwill 815-343-5206
Barb Bark 815-786-2291
Shirley Basler 480-450-0908
Susan Benson 630-624-4405
Nancy Brown 815-474-0485
Mindy Chrestman 815-509-3533
Deb Clason 630-234-1148
Linda Duy 630-913-7869
Gwen Fox 941-400-3586
Bobbie Frasier 815-786-7002
Sandy Gustafson 815-382-5319
Pat Hallaron 815-786-4819
Kim Henrich 815-790-2048
Paula Jerabek 815-592-6764
Ione Martin 815-570-2333
Angie Miller 815-712-0399
Yvonne Perillo 708-987-3783
Debbie Richards 815-786-9087
Darlene Sebby 630-992-2218
Marilyn Steenwyk 708-638-2477
Sarah Stevens 815-786-4997
Barb Westlake 815-762-3002

Linda Alvarez 815-830-2137
Kim Bourke 630-699-2328
Judy Brandow 815-325-5599
Carole Cronin 815-786-2991
Ginger Dannewitz 815-786-8152
Renee Eipers 815-793-2765
Carole Forman 815-570-1576
Sandy Gillette 630-552-8812
Deb Heinekamp 630-624-5396
Debby Hill 815-501-3007
Chris McMahon 815-786-4243
Connie Mitchell 630-621-6452
Mary Morse 630-514-7013
Joanna Olson 815-508-1511
Lynn Reeder 630-207-4611
Betty Reiners 815-354-2610
Diane Salisbury 815-790-8118
Deb Seymour/Chris 630-740-8055
Etta Stahl 815-786-7163
Lori Updike 815-822-7322
Myrtie Warren 815-414-8231
Sandy Whiteis 630-661-3818
Bonnie Young 815-786-8990

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgists

08/06 Pam Nehring
08/13 Bonnie Miller
08/20 John Hallaron
08/27 Kevin Duy

Greeters/Ushers

08/06 Angie Miller & Jeff Larsen
08/13 Gary & Judy Anderson
08/20 Gwen Fox & Chris Bagwill
08/27 Ron & Kim Henrich

August Communion Minister
Connie Mitchell & Betty Reiners

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/July-August 2023 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.

PRAYER list...

August

Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/01 Jerry Brown
David Hunt
08/04 Ernie 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
08/30 Bonnie Miller
08/31 Brian Clason

08/04 James & Bonnie Bernhardt
Amber & Jeremy Mager
08/09 Pastor Tom & Kim Bourke
08/12 Thomas & Pamela Nehring
08/14 Richard & Deborah Hill
08/17 Bob & Joyce Dell
08/18 Bob & Quen Carpenter
Brian & Debra Clason
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

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





August

2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2 <i>6:00 Chimes Practice</i>	3 <i>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</i>	4	5 
6 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)</i>	7 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making</i>	8 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Making</i> <i>6:30 Administrative Council Mtg</i>	9 <i>6:00 Chimes Practice</i>	10 <i>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</i>	11	12
13 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online</i>	14 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making</i> <i>5:30-7:00 UKAS Open House</i>	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE <i>8:00 Fair Pie Making</i> <i>4:30 Board of Trustees Mtg</i> <i>6:30 SPRC Mtg</i>	16 <i>1:10 UKAS Program Begins</i> <i>6:00 Chimes Practice</i>	17 <i>6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg</i> <i>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</i>	18	19 <i>8:00-12:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand</i>
20 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)</i>	21	22	23 <i>6:00 Chimes Practice</i>	24 <i>5:00-8:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand</i> <i>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</i>	25	26 <i>8:00-12:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand</i>
27 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Outdoors & Online</i> <i>11:15 Fair Chili Hamburger Browning</i>	28 <i>1:00 U'Niners Mtg</i>	29 <i>5:00-8:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand</i>	30 <i>6:00 Chimes Practice</i>	31 <i>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</i>	 4th Weekend Drive Peanut Butter & Jelly	

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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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: 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

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

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