

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 & Happy October,

We end this month with Halloween. I love Halloween. I know that might sound odd, but I do. I loved it as a kid. I love it as a parent. Our family has a family themed costume every year. My favorite was dressing up as a pirate. I love carving jack-o-lanterns. We will watch a couple a family friendly spooky classics, and we will trick or treat. Dressing up, candy, pumpkins, and spooky activities. How can that not be fun? And I'd like to think that my costume choices were always great.

This year Halloween falls on a Saturday, but every so many years, Halloween lands on a Sunday. The most recent time this happened was in 2010. Halloween for Christians can be a tricky subject. Depending on who you talk to, Halloween can fall somewhere between being a harmless secular activity that's fun to a pagan or satanic holiday that is destructive and harmful. However, do you know the history of Halloween?

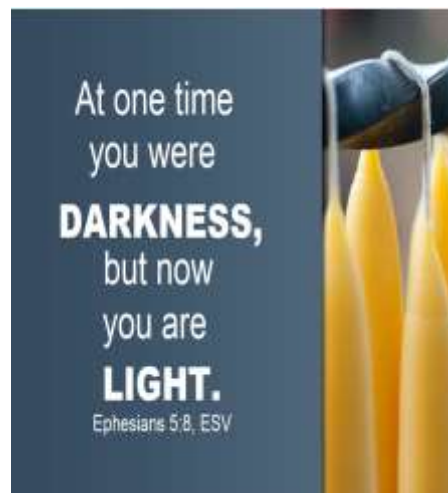
Halloween is a collection of ancient cultural rituals, and early Christian practices. The name Halloween is actually a contraction of All Hallows Eve or All Hallows Evening. I want to bring your attention to the 'hallowed' part. Recognize that word? It is a part of the Lord's prayer. "Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Now the word Hallowed means 'set apart' or 'consecrated'. When used as a verb, hallow means 'to set apart as holy'. Halloween is the eve of celebration All Saints Day; the day we celebrate those who have been set apart as holy and have gone to be with the Triune God.

My focus this month is not to legitimize Halloween as a Christian Holiday, or to dismiss the Celtic aspects of Samhain that Halloween is connected to in its roots. Both origins of Halloween focus on life, death and remembering those who have been set apart. As we head towards Halloween this month, I want you to see Halloween in a new way. Focus on the Hallowed part. As Christians we believe that we have died to our old selves and reborn into new life. We are called to be set apart as Holy. Ephesians 5 reminds us that "For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true."

We head into a Holiday that usually takes place in the evening, in the dark. And so, we are called to be the Hallowed light of the World. See Halloween this month as a holy reminder of Christ's light in this world. Hallowed be Thine Name.

God Bless,

Rev. Tom Bourke



Sermon Series & Sunday Scriptures for October

“Villians: How To Avoid Their Path Of Destruction

October 4 1 Samuel 9:1-27;
10:1-2; 13:8-14; 15:10-21 ~ Saul’s Pride

October 11 Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-21 ~ Paul’s Redemption

October 18 John 12:3-6
Matthew 26:14-25 ~ Judas’s Betrayal

October 25 Matthew 2:1-18 ~ Herod’s Quest for Power

Here’s
WHAT’S
COOL
at **Sunday!**
SCHOOL!

**OUTDOOR
FUN!!**

**Meeting
outside as
weather permits. Mark
your calendars for your
children and grandchild-
ren to attend. If you
have any questions,
contact Pastor Tom.**



All are welcome to attend United Church of Sandwich’s outdoor / drive in worship on Sundays, at 10:00am, set up in the grass area or parking lot. This will continue weather permitting! Please watch the guidelines video that may be found on the website, Facebook page or in the Weekly Message. Any questions may be directed to the church office. 815-786-9216.

Online worship will still continue.

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 1) provide food, shelter and services to its homeless neighbors, 2) to provide the opportunity to hope again (job training, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, legal services, veteran’s services, etc.), and 3) to work for systemic and societal justice on behalf of the least of these. Several United Methodist Churches support both financially and with volunteers.

Thank you, The Missions Committee

?? Bible Quiz ??

In Jesus’ parable about people who hear and live by God’s words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks

A colorful illustration of a two-story yellow house with a blue roof, red shutters, and a red door. The house is set on a small patch of green grass.

Answer: A (See Matthew 7:24-27.)

OCTOBER Activities

Missions Committee will meet Tuesday, October 6th, at 2pm, in the chapel.



Trustees Board will meet Tuesday, October 20th, at 6:30pm, in the chapel or by conference call.

Finance Committee meets Wednesday, October 22nd, at 6:30pm.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee meets November 9th, at 6:30pm.

United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, October 10th, 9:30 am, in the chapel.



If you are interested in joining a *Small Group*, click on the link below.

[Join a Small Group](#)



The adult music ministry, Chimes, has resumed practice Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Open to anyone interested regardless of experience. Some find it very therapeutic!!



UNITED BRAT FEST

United Church of Sandwich
512 E Lions Road, Sandwich
Tuesday, October 6, 2020
Drive thru 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

\$10 for 2 brats, cole slaw, sauerkraut,
baked beans, and cookie
or

\$5 for hot dog, chips, apple, and cookie

Tickets available:

Church Office – 9 am to 1 pm – Tues thru Fri

Church Office - 815-786-9243

Matt & Joanna Olson – 815.508.1511

Ron & Kim Henrich – 815.790.2048

Jim & Lori Updike – 815-822-7322



UMW Fall Rummage Sale October 23 & 24

The United Church of Sandwich
512 E Lions Road, Sandwich
(across from high school)

Friday, October 23 Saturday, October 24

9:00 am — 4:00 pm 9:00 am — 12:00 noon

Good quality adult and children's clothing, glassware, kitchen items, furniture, books, and many miscellaneous items!



Come check out all the hot deals!



Masks and 6 feet social distancing will be required.

Ministry Opportunity

This year UCS is going to host a Trunk or Treating event at the church on October 31.

What is this? Well, during 'trick or treat' hours, church members back their vehicles into parking spots and station themselves by their cars as they would sit on their front porch. Kids travel around the parking lot to trick or treat for candy.

It becomes really fun when people decorate their trunks and dress up (or even just wear a fun hat). Hosting a 'Trunk or Treat' will allow a safe place for parents to take their children and experience a whole neighborhood of trick or treating in one location. We are welcoming as many people to participate as possible. However, we want at least 10 cars for our trunk or treat night.

Please let pastor Tom know if you would like to join the Trunk or Treat crew this year.

Let's continue to let Sandwich know that we are here for them!

Join Us For

Trunk
or
Treat



October 31st



Your Pork Chops were delicious!, as was the rest of the meal. Hope you can do it again. Thank you for a wonderful meal I didn't have to cook.
Vivian



October 4, 2020

Why do we do it? The World Communion Sunday offering provides college scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students across the U.S. and worldwide. Our gifts empower the leaders of tomorrow.

How does it work? World Communion Sunday is celebrated in tandem with churches all over the world. Together, we partake of communion. Churches may choose to celebrate the different customs from around the world by presenting the body of Christ in a way that represents a different custom from their own.

We do this to open our eyes and hearts to the breadth and depth of the Christian family and tradition. We celebrate with different customs so that we understand the worldwide nature of Christianity.

Hurricane Relief is accepting supplies for United Methodist Church of DeQuincy. An area of Louisiana devastated by Hurricane Laura. If you would like to contribute please bring any of these items needed to the UCS office:

Clothes Pins Bug Spray Water
Cleaning Supplies Cleaning Wipes
Carbon Monoxide Detectors Paper Towels
Oil for generators — Synthetic 5w30 & 10w30
People to help and lots of prayers!!



Thank offering boxes will be collected November 22nd, Thanksgiving Sunday



Want to savor the sweetness of a fresh baked pie without all the baking fuss! Beginning in November, UCS will offer a Pie of the Month! Pie lovers may order a pie by month or purchase a membership.

A 3-Month Membership will be for Jan. Feb. Mar. 2021.

A 6-Month Membership will be for Jan.- June 2021.

An order will not be accepted until prepayment is made. Forms of payment will be cash, check or credit/debit cards. Watch for details on the monthly flavor!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgists

10/04 Diane Pearson
 10/11 Kevin Duy
 10/18 Sarah Stevens
 10/25 Deb Seymour

Greeters

10/04 Deb Seymour
 10/11 OPEN
 10/18 Diane Pearson
 10/25 OPEN

Traffic Controlers

10/04 Chris Martner
 10/11 Donna Ostrye
 10/18 OPEN
 10/25 OPEN

Please contact the church office if you would like to sign up to be an assistant. Thank you.

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://files.constantcontact.com/62925eb8001/c458dfc1-d3ad-496c-8b62-37c178f46739.pdf>

OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/05 Jordan Flowers
 10/11 Linda Alvarez
 10/12 McKenzie Hallaron
 10/13 Earl Shaffer
 10/14 Madeleine Robinson
 Monica Robinson
 10/18 Keith Bedford
 Derek Rogers
 David Seymour
 10/20 Richard McDowell
 Kelley Mindrup
 10/25 Jerry Cook
 10/26 Chris Mitchell

10/09 Harold & Ginger Dannewitz
 10/11 Monty & Betty Reiners
 10/14 Ron & Kim Henrich
 10/16 Brenda Gillispie & Bob Grotkowski
 10/20 Jane & Edward Heyer

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



Please send any joys or concerns, photos, or in formational 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!



OCTOBER

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<p>4 <i>World Communion Sunday</i></p> <p>9:00 <i>Children's Sunday School</i></p> <p>10:00 <i>Worship ~ Outdoor/Drive In (Holy Communion)</i></p>	5	<p>6 2:00 <i>Missions Committee Mtg</i></p> <p>5-7pm <i>Brat Fest</i></p>	<p>7 6:30 <i>Chimes Practice</i></p>	<p>8 9:30 <i>United Methodist Women</i></p>	<p>9 10</p>
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<p>25 9:00 <i>Children's Sunday School</i></p> <p>10:00 <i>Worship ~ Outdoor/Drive In</i></p>	26	27	<p>28 6:30 <i>Chimes Practice</i></p>	<p>29 10:30 <i>Newsletter Assembly</i></p>	<p>30 31</p> <p>REFORMATION Day</p>

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512 E Lions Rd
Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE MESSENGER — OCTOBER 2020

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512 E Lions Rd, Sandwich, IL 60548-2417
Church: 815- 786-9243

Email: ucssandwich@frontier.com

website: www.unitedchurchsandwich.org

Sunday Schedule

Worship 10:00 am

Adult Sunday School 8:45 am

Children's Sunday School 9:00 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

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: Carol Larson

Ministers and Missionaries: All Members

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Leadership Team 2020

Church Council Chair	Ken Young
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	Sarah Stevens
Trustee's Chair	Matt Olson
Annual Conf. Delegate	Bonnie Miller
Missions/Evangelism Chair	Phyllis Whitehead
Memorial/Endowment Chair	Carole Strock
United Methodist Women	Myrtie Warren
United Methodist Men	
Fair Stand Chair	Reid Heinekamp
Worship & Music Chair	Deb Seymour
CYM: Joint Youth Coop Rep.	Joanna Olson

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 at:

www.unitedchurchsandwich.org