

# 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,*

Summer ended and autumn began officially at 2:20pm on September 22nd this year. This is known as the Fall Equinox. As a little reminder, the equinox is the time when the Sun travels over the equator and the times of day and night are equal over all of the Northern Hemisphere. The name equinox comes from the Latin for equal and night. In Illinois, we can never be sure what to expect the temperature to be at the beginning of Fall. We could have temperatures in the 90s or in the 40s and anything in between. Regardless of the temperature, the Fall Equinox signals the change in seasons. It's a marker that God has provided us to remind us of the very notion of change. Wisdom is explained in the Bible as having a listening heart. If we are listening to the Spirit and if we are observant we would notice that God has provided markers in many places to help us remember changes that take place in our lives. Nothing stays the same forever, except for God. God is the one constant in all of reality, and outside of God, change is the only truth. With each change we can look back and remember. We remember the past joys with renewed hope. We remember past mistakes with renewed resolve for growth. We remember what is no longer here with joy and grace. We can also look forward to the newness with hope and anticipation.



I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 which begins "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted..." Life is often busy and we tend to move forward step-by-step with an attitude of just getting through our responsibilities in this world. We mourn the loss of what you no longer have, and we look with desire of that which we hope to obtain. We often find ourselves living in either the past or the future. However, there is value in focusing on the present. This Passage reminds us that we are called to live in the season we are in, knowing that there will be change. God is in control. In our modern world, we have the ability to control many things. In a way it has given us the illusion that we are in control. However, we cannot stop the changing of the seasons and we cannot stop changes. We cannot turn back the clock or speed up the clock. We can only live in the time that we have. We control only our attitudes during that journey.

What season are you in? How can you lean into your faith with God during this time? For some of us, we must embrace God through the desert experience. We must find comfort in a God who comforts the hurt and oppressed. Some of us are experiencing seasons of joy and success. In those times we sometimes forget the role God plays in our lives. We all tend to forget that no matter what season we are in, it is not permanent but temporary. Change always comes when we are ready and not ready alike. However, God was with us yesterday. He is with us today. He will be with us tomorrow. I hope you have a wonderful autumn this year and no matter what season you are in God has your back! God Bless,

Pastor Tom Bourke

## Sunday Scriptures & Sermon Series for October

X Marks the Spot: Discovering Purpose

**October 3** Matthew 28:16-20 ~ Great Commission

**October 10** Hebrews 12:1-17 ~ Sanctification

**October 17** Revelation 3:14-21 ~ Remember Our Passion for the Lord

**October 24** Guest ~UMC Lay Speaker

**October 31** Matthew 23:1-12 ~ Christianity's Biggest Questions — Church Hypocrisy

If you would like to join  
the Confirmation Class,  
contact Pastor Tom  
for participation details.




Children's Sunday School has started, Sunday mornings at 9:00am. Reach out to the church if you have any children that would like to join. The kids will be taken through "Indescribable, 100 Devotions about God and Science." They will also be learning about prayer and listening to some really fun Christian music. Mark your calendars for your children and grandchildren to attend. Have them bring a friend too.

**Bible Quiz**

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D



Answer: F



Our Current Bible study meets in the Chapel on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am. We are studying, **Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the 10 Commandments** by Adam Hamilton. You are invited to join us in understanding the 10 Commandments, God, our Faith, and each other. Contact Pastor Tom with any questions.



# October Activities



Worship Committee will meet Sunday, October 10th, after service about 11:15am.

The agenda will include: Fall, Advent, Christmas, and year end festivities.

Finance Committee meets Thursday, October 14th, at 6:30pm.

Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, October 19th, at 4:30pm.

**U'Niter's** will meet October 4th at 1:00pm, in the Friendship Corner.



United Methodist Women have a meeting on October 7th, 9:30am, in the chapel. All women are invited to attend.



## CROPWALK OCTOBER 3RD

**CROP Walk 2021** will be held at Big Rock Hake Pavilion Sunday, October 3, starting at 2pm. Walkers are still welcome to sign up. There are two teams, a Red Team & a Blue Team. This is a great ministry that supports fighting Global Hunger and helps connect us as a church family. Email pastor Tom at [pastortomucs@gmail.com](mailto:pastortomucs@gmail.com) for information needed and to connect you with Doug Reiners, the UCS Cropwalk 2021 Leader. You may sponsor a walker as well!



## MISSION OF THE MONTH



*Betty Tshala*

Betty serves in the nutrition program of the Mujila Falls Agricultural Project in the Northwestern Province of Mwinilunga, Zambia.

With a degree in nursing administration, she has long taught about the overlooked treasures in the local diet, such as the Moringa tree, recently recognized by the international community as a "superfood." **Betty's husband, Tshala, was also a missionary supported from our Conference.** Betty is pictured here with her late husband, who was killed in a bus accident in 2014 while returning from the market in Zambia. Thank you, The Missions Committee

 **Adult Chimes & Choir**  These groups are open to anyone who would like to participate regardless of experience.

Practices are Wednesdays, 6:00pm at 7:00pm, respectively. Both current and traditional selections are enjoyed. Social distancing will remain part of the practice procedures. Contact Kevin Duy or Pastor Tom.

## 4th Weekend Drive

The Missions Committee greatly appreciates your continued support of the 4th Weekend Supply Drives. Catch the next one October 23 & 24 to donate Holiday Food items. If you are able, please bring accepted items such as, (canned or boxed) potatoes, cranberries, gravy, veggies, stuffing, etc. Requested items are donated to the Sharing Pantry and the local schools. Thank you!





Friday, October 15  
&  
Saturday, October 16

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

Friday, October 15      Saturday, October 16

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!



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## UNITED BRAT FEST



United Church of Sandwich  
512 E Lions Rd, Sandwich  
Sunday, October 24, 2021  
Drive thru 4:30 to 6:00 pm

\$12 for 2 brats, cole slaw, sauerkraut, baked beans, and cookie

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

Tickets available at: The Church Office: Tues - Fri, 9am - 1pm, 815-786-9243

Balloons Aloft: 704 E Church, Sandwich, 815-786-6266

or  
Church Members

\*Usinger's Famous Brats from Milwaukee, WI will be served

Ron Henrich & Matt Olson will be grilling up some delicious Brats & Dogs

Come join us as we celebrate together with an October tradition!!

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/6-7-2021\\_web\\_reporter.pdf](https://www.umcnic.org/media/files/Reporter/6-7-2021_web_reporter.pdf)

**Matt & Joanna Olson**  
**175 Brompton Ln**  
**Unit B**  
**Sugar Grove, IL 60554**

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

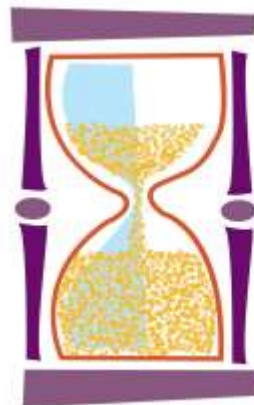


# October

## 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

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



**Newsletter  
 Deadline  
 October 19!**

### Prayer List



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!

Join Us For  
**Trunk  
or  
Treat**  
October 31st



UCS hosting a second Annual Trunk or Treating event at the church! If you are not sure what 'TRUNK OR TREAT' IS, LET ME EXPLAIN. 'TRUNK OR TREAT' IS WHERE 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' ALLOWS A SAFE place for parents to take their children and experience a whole neighborhood of TRICK OR TREATING IN ONE LOCATION. OUR 'TRUNK OR TREAT' HOURS WILL be from 4:00-5:30PM. We welcome as many people to participate as possible. HOWEVER, WE'D LIKE AT LEAST 8-10 cars for our trunk or treat night. 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!

PIE OF THE MONTH



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.

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

Charge Conference

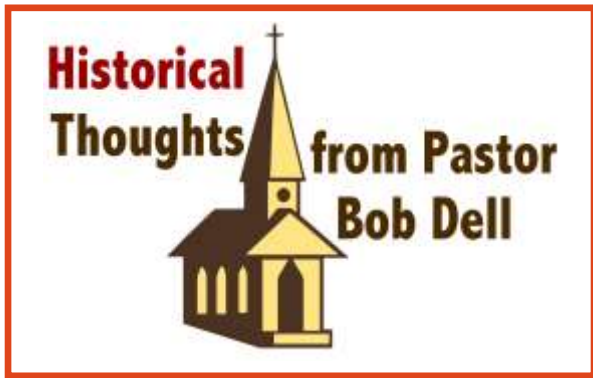


Mark you calendars for annual Charge Conference THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18. More information for will be in the November Newsletter.

Report forms that need to be completed by the Charge Conference will be available in the office, or you can find them on line at [umcnic.org](http://umcnic.org).



## Joining the Church (Congregational History)



"Commencing with the week of prayer in January, 1869, a series of religious meetings were held in the church in which the pastor was assisted by a number of neighboring clergymen. The meetings continued with hardly an interruption for seven weeks and resulted in many conversions. At the communion services observed on March 7<sup>th</sup>., thirty-nine persons were admitted to the church on profession of their faith." (Think of that - a 7 week evangelism program!)



Thanks to Monty & Betty Reiners. Whenever you come to the Church this Fall, you will see the parking lot and entrance decorated with the elements of the Harvest. It serves as a reminder of the season we are in and the gifts we receive from the Lord. The visual elements are a blessing to all who pass through the church. We also wish to lift up in appreciation, to Matt Wilson, a friend of the Church, who donated every single pumpkin from his personal business as a gift to the church. His gift to the church is greatly appreciated and honored. Happy Fall Y'all!

Thank you to all those who helped in the Sandwich Fair Stand and behind the scenes. Special thanks to Pam and her crew for baking the delicious pies.  
From the Sandwich Fair Stand Committee

*Thank you to all that bought tickets for the quilt drawing. And a big thank you to those that sold them.*

*A special thank you to; Sarah Stevens for her excellent job of quilting.*

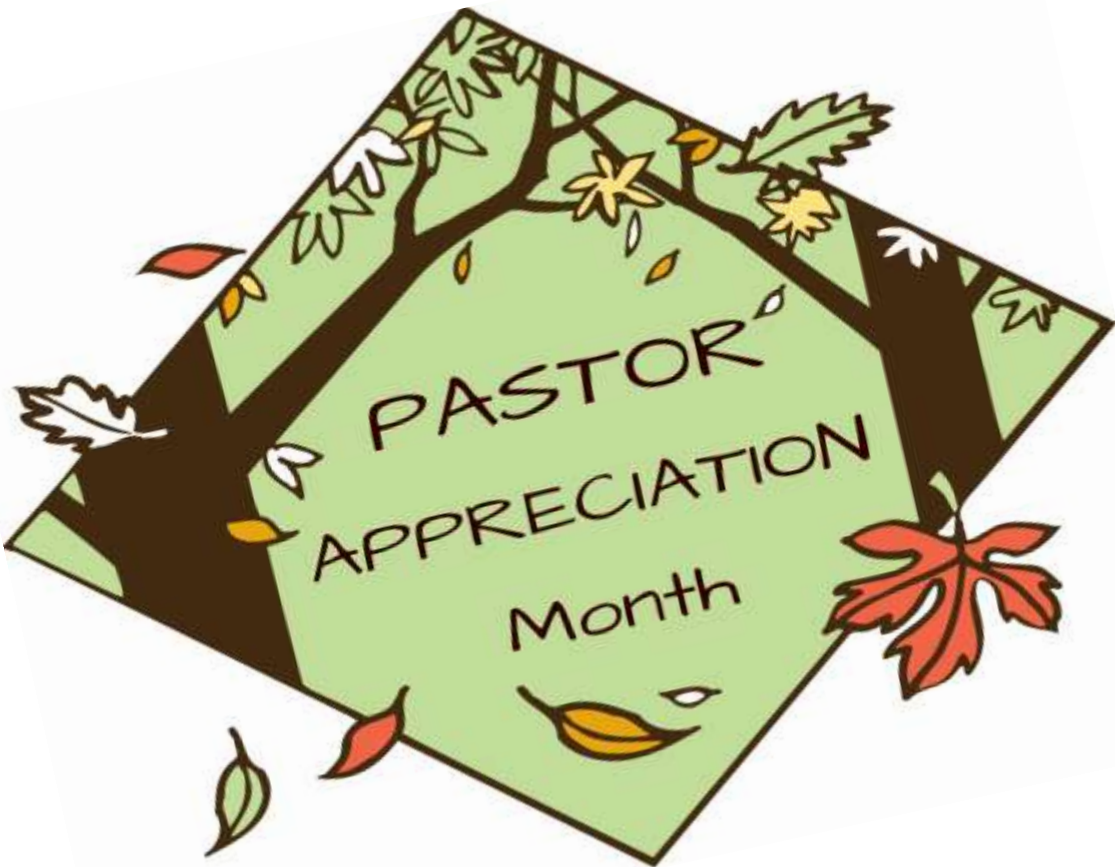
*Betty Reiners for overseeing the ticket sales.*

*Monty Reiners for his craftsmanship making the wooden case and frame.*

*All others that helped in any manner.*

*And most of all to GOD for giving us the ability to do these things.*

Thank You  
for all that  
you do  
Pastor Tom!



**BREAST CANCER**



**AWARENESS  
MONTH**





# October

# 2021

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

 <p><b>CROPWALK OCTOBER 3RD</b></p>					1	2
3 World Communion Sunday 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	4 1:00 U'Niter's Mtg	5 6:30 Administrative Council Mtg	6 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	7 9:30 United Methodist Women's Mtg	8	11
10 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online 11:15 Worship Cmt Mtg	11	12	13 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	14 6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg	15 9-4  UMW Rummage & Bake Sale	16 9-12
17 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	18 6:30 SPRC Mtg	19  4:30 Board of Trustees Mtg	20 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	21	22 10:30 Newsletter Assembly	23 4th Weekend Drive 
24 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	25	26	27 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	28	29	30
31 Reformation Sunday 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	 <p><b>Trunk OR Treat OCTOBER 31</b></p>					

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE MESSENGER — OCTOBER 2021

**The United Church of Sandwich**

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

Email: [ucssandwich@frontier.com](mailto:ucssandwich@frontier.com)

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

Worship Schedule

Sunday 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](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:* Carol Larson

*Ministers and Missionaries:* All Members

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Leadership Team 2021

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
<b>Trustee's Chair</b>	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

**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)