

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,

Last week was the official start of Fall. It is truly my favorite season. Fall is in the air. Can you feel it? The air is cooler and crisp. The month of October brings warm (but not too hot) days and cool (but not too cold) evenings. However, this month is fleeting. By the end of the month of October we start to remember that winter is only a little time away. We start seeing more and more signs that winter is coming to us. The temperature progressively gets cooler and cooler. The leaves change colors into beautiful reds, oranges and yellows. However, those same leaves begin falling to the ground. Fields with corn above our heads begin to become bare as they are harvested. Time is firm and often short. We are given reminders all around that there is much to be done before the realities of winter are at our doorstep.



This dual nature of October is often an analogy of our lives. October is filled with such excitement, joy and promise. However, it always marks the beginning of the end of the year and the start of winter. We rush to finish projects left over from the summer. We enjoy the enthusiasm of the beginning of football season and apple cider season. We enjoy bringing out holiday decorations. We strive to enjoy the last vestiges of these beautiful days. However, in the back of our mind we remember that our time is limited and there is only so much we can do before things change even more. Winter is just around the corner.

Have you ever thought about the similarities between this month and our experiences in the Christian faith? We accept Christ into our lives and experience a rush of excitement and joy. We experience mountaintop highs in the faith. It is, for a time, fresh, new and exciting. We are adamant and nervous about finding our connection to God and our **spot in God's plan. Still, time continues on and mountaintops are sometimes followed with valley experiences.** We are reminded of the shortness of time. We must remember that the joys of October are not in experiencing them eternally but in embracing the moments we have with them. The Christian faith on earth is not an eternal experience. It is a temporary one. It is filled with the joys of summer and fall like experiences. It is also filled with the hardships of winter moments in the faith.

Soon, the month of October will be gone and it will be November. When all is said and done and this month is over, will you look back at the time you had and celebrate the embracing of every moment God gave you? Will you reflect on the times you had an impact on others as God has had an impact on you? Will you be ready to harvest whatever crops of faith that God has planned for you? October is a joyous month filled with promise. Embrace it though fleeting it may be. Live it to the fullest in the faith and let God create moments of ministry and joy! October is a season of change, but we journey through it with a God who never does!

God Bless!!

Pastor Tom Bourke

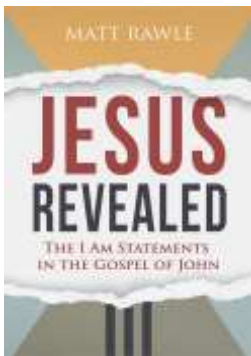
Sunday Scriptures & Sermons for October

I Love This Place

- Oct 2** Hebrews 13:17-21
~ What Are Covenant Relationships?
- Oct 9** Matthew 16:13-18, Matthew 28:19-20
~ What Is The Mission?
- Oct 16** Psalm 119:97-104 ~ Sweeter Than Honey
- Oct 23** Guest Preacher
- Oct 30** Matthew 23:1-12 ~ Wearing Masks



Children's Christian Education ministry welcomed back several students to Sunday School! Mark your calendars for your children and grandchildren to attend each Sunday at 9:00am. All kids are welcome! Have them bring a friend!!



Adult Bible Study will start on Tuesday, October 4th, at 10:00am and last six weeks.

In, *Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*, author Matt Rawle explores the "I Am" statements in John as works of art that resonate throughout the Gospel and all of

Scripture. He shows these words point beyond themselves to the deep mystery of Jesus Christ. Join Matt on this journey and experience the profound truth at the heart of the "I Am" statements: that Jesus is light and life, and he calls us to himself and offers us the hope of resurrection.

Chapter topics include:

1. I am the bread of life (John 6:48)
2. I am the light of the world (John 8:12)
3. I am the good shepherd (John 10:11)
4. I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)
5. I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)
6. I am the true vine (John 15:1)

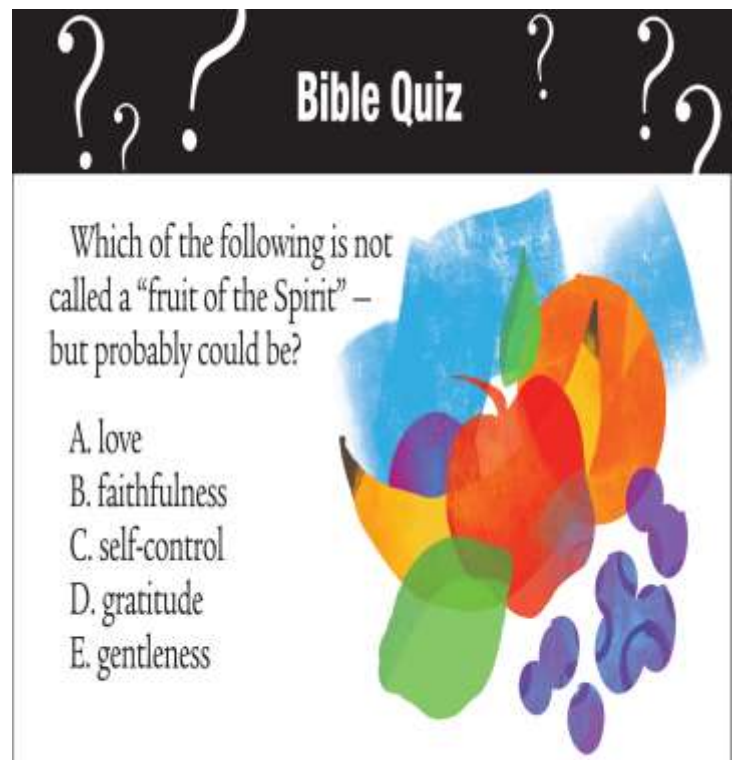
Please contact Pastor Tom to order a book for the class. Each study book costs \$13. Hope to see you there and look forward to wonderful conversation and Bible study

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

Thank you, The Missions Committee



Bible Quiz

Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" – but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness

Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

OCTOBER Activities



COMMITTEES & BOARD MEETINGS

Worship Committee will meet Sunday, October 9th, following service, about 11:15am.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee will meet Tuesday, October 11th, at 6:30pm.

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

Finance Committee will meet Thursday, October 20th, at 6:30pm.

U'Niter's will meet Monday, October 3rd, 1:00pm, in the Friendship Corner. All women are invited to join.

United Women in Faith meet Thursday, October 13th, at 9:30 am in the chapel. All women of the church are invited to attend.



The Community CROP Walk will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Leland, Sunday, October 2, starting at 2:00pm. Please contact Phyllis Whitehead to sign up as a walker or to sponsor a walker. More info may be found at www.crophungerwalk.org

4th Weekend Drive

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

The request will be for a "Diaper Drive"

October 22 & 23.

If you are able, please bring diapers any size or brand.

These donated items will be taken to Sandwich Church of the Nazarene for distribution.

Follow Basics DeKalb County for more information. Thank you!

The Missions Committee

Let Pastor Tom know if you would like to be included in setting aside time to pray for a Prayer Partner each week. Share a joy and a concern in prayer and you will find there are many benefits to praying for a Prayer Partner.



Kevin Peterson Memorial Service will be held at the United Church of Sandwich, Saturday, October 1, 1:00pm.

Jane Heyer Memorial Service will be held at the United Church of Sandwich, Saturday, October 8, 11:00am.



Friday, October 14
&
Saturday, October 15

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

Friday, October 14

9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 15

9:00 am — 12:00 noon

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

Come check out all the hot deals!



UNITED BRAT FEST

United Church of Sandwich
512 E Lions Rd, Sandwich

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Drive thru 4:30 to 6:00 pm

\$15 for 2 brats, cole slaw, sauerkraut, baked beans, and cookie

\$7 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

*Ream's Meat Market of Elburn, IL brats 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!!

TOP REASONS FOR JOINING CHURCH CHOIR!



YOU'RE RUNNING OUT OF CLEAN CLOTHES AND the robe saves on laundry!

The church is usually crowded and you want to make sure you always have a seat!

YOU'VE JUST BEEN SELECTED FOR JURY DUTY and you want to get use to sitting with a large group of people!

The chairs for the choir are padded and are the most comfortable chairs in the church!

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

Practices are Wednesday evenings, 6:00pm and 7:00pm, respectively.

Both current and traditional selections are enjoyed.

Contact Kevin Duy or Pastor Tom for more information about joining.



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 Event! Pie lovers may order a pie by month or purchase a membership. Watch for details!



The Missions Committee will be collecting hats & mittens for schools starting in November.



Mark your calendars for annual Charge Conference, MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 7pm. Report forms that need to be completed will be available in the office.

Did you know your purchases on Amazon can help the United Church of Sandwich! All you need to do is log-in 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 or an issue may be found in the narthex. 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/September%20Reporter%202022.pdf>

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





10/05	Jordan Flowers
10/11	Linda Alvarez
10/12	McKenzie Hallaron
10/13	Earl Shaffer
10/18	Keith Bedford
	Derek Rogers
	David Seymour
10/20	Kelley Mindrup
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



Please send any joys, concerns, photos, thoughts or informational 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!



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 <p>CROPWALK OCTOBER 2nd</p>							<p>1</p> <p>1:00 Service for Kevin Peterson</p>
<p>2</p> <p>World Communion Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 U'Niter's Mtg</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00 Service for Jane Heyer</p>	
<p>9</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online</p> <p>11:15 Worship Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 SPRC Mtg</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 United Women in Faith Mtg</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>9-5</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9-1</p>	
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 Adult Bible Study</p>  <p>4:30 Board of Trustees Mtg</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Place in Blue Bin</p>	
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online</p>	<p>24</p> <p>PASTOR AWAY →</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	
<p>30</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Reformation Day</p>						

UMW Rummage Sale Sign up sheet Oct 14 & 15, 2022
Sort and organize items ~ Return signed sheet to the church office.

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>
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<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>

October 14, 9am-5pm

9:00 am -- 12:30 pm

12:30 – 5:00 pm

Cashier ~1. _____ 1. _____
2. _____ 2. _____

Watch Tables ~ 2 people per room per shift

Friendship Hall 1. _____ 1. _____
2. _____ 2. _____

Friendship Corner: 1. _____ 1. _____
2. _____ 2. _____

Back Rooms: 1. _____ 1. _____
2. _____ 2. _____

October 15, 9am-12pm

Cashier 1. _____ 1. _____
2. _____ 2. _____

Watch Tables ~ 2 people per room per shift

Friendship Hall 1. _____ 1. _____
2. _____ 2. _____

Friendship Corner: 1. _____ 1. _____
2. _____ 2. _____

Back Rooms: 1. _____ 1. _____
2. _____ 2. _____



Sunday, November 6, 2022

This is a time to remember lost loved ones in a special moment of prayer. All members and friends of UCS who have a relative or friend that has passed away since November 1, 2021, and would like their name to be lifted up during the worship service are encouraged to share a picture with their name and birth date ~ death date. We will then lift up a group prayer for all people who have passed away at any time. Please send a digital photo by email or submit a physical photo to the church office so it may be scanned by Wednesday, November 2.

Please remember: _____

During the All Saints' Sunday service.

Date of Death: _____ Relationship: _____

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Families who wish to honor a family member that has passed in previous years are welcome to bring a picture and article about the person and they will be displayed in the narthex.



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Adrian



Sara

10:30am

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Presentations**

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hear first-hand the impact
that has been made

[www. Growing
Hope
Globally.org](http://www.GrowingHopeGlobally.org)



- Lunch Served
- Fun, family activities
- Auction (**HOMEMADE PIES & MORE**)
- Displays & Demonstrations

OVER \$1,200,000

has been raised since 2004
by these local groups to alleviate world hunger

40 Farmers + 32 Churches* = \$ 70,000.00 (Projected 2022)
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helping people in developing countries become self-sufficient
in growing their own food

More Info: TJLundeen@gmail.com

* REPRESENTING 9 DENOMINATIONS

See you
there!

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The United Church
of Sandwich

512 E Lions Rd
Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

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THE MESSENGER — OCTOBER 2022

The United Church of Sandwich

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: 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

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Leadership Team 2022

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Recording Secretary

Chris Bagwill

Treasurer

Linda Duy

Payroll

Pam Nehring

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Pam Nehring

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United Methodist Men

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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