

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,

As parents, Kim & I work very hard to teach Owen, Eli & Anna good values. One of the most important is that of thankfulness. We strive to ingrain into their hearts the desire to be thankful. Every time a gift is given or a compliment bestowed there is an expectation for them to say, 'thank you'. If it is not forthcoming, we remind them with a, 'What do you say?' However, especially in this month, I am reminded that thankfulness is more than just the words 'thank you'. I am reminded that thankfulness is even more than the feeling of appreciation.



To be thankful, we must appreciate the blessings and gifts given to us; that's correct. However, there is more to understanding thankfulness. Thankfulness is a humbling act. A gift is not earned. It is given. We are thankful because blessings we bestowed onto us. We must learn to accept those blessings without letting our pride get in the way. We must learn to accept those blessings without fostering feelings of entitlement and privilege. An attitude of thankfulness also should spark a desire of responsibility. How can we be a blessing to others? Or are we to only be the recipients of blessings from others?

Abraham Lincoln in his Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1863 said this: The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

He goes into a brief mention of the waste and loss of the war that is underway. How industry continues and the population grows and all of it is because of God. In Lincoln's day and right up to this minute, people become so puffed up and prideful of their own abilities that they need to be reminded to be thankful to God. We even forget to pray and ask for mercy. We forget that everything comes from God. Lincoln spoke to the basic flaw of mankind that starts with not being satisfied with what we have. We also have a tendency to develop an attitude of 'I did it, I deserve it' - not 'I'm thankful for it'. Thanksgiving is an attitude, an attitude we are to cultivate in our hearts. Having the right heart attitude also speaks to how we move into every new day.

So, as we look around, I believe that we need to notice and be thankful. Find ways this month to reflect on what you are thankful for in your life. Find new things to be thankful for. Find new ways to express that appreciation. Be humbled. Take responsibility. Renew your heart. I want to share with you Psalm 95 as we enter November.

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God

God Bless & Happy Thanksgiving,

Rev. Tom Bourke

No In-Person Worship November 1st & November 8th

Due to the rise of Covid infection in Region 1 of IL, additional restrictions have been mandated to help prevent the spread of the virus. As such, United Church of Sandwich is cancelling in-person worship for Sundays, November 1st & 8th.

We will be online only.

Our plan is to **resume in-person worship on
Saturday November 14th**

&

Sunday November 15th.

(This will be contingent on the IL health guidelines.)

If you have any questions, please call or email the church.)

All Saints Sunday will be moved back a few weeks so as to celebrate in person together.



Children's Sunday School will resume at 9:00am Sunday mornings when in-person worship returns.

Thank you to all those who attended while the weather outside permitted!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Buddy Bags of Dixon Food for Shaing



Started during the school year of 2013-2014, Buddy Bags of Dixon provides food to identified low income students, within the Dixon Public School District. Sacks containing enough

food for two breakfasts, two lunches, and two snacks are given to each identified student for the weekend. As the number of identified students increase, so does the financial need. This ministry utilizes the volunteer and monetary support of local congregations, businesses, and individual community volunteers.

Thank you, The Missions Committee

Bible Quiz

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy



Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19.)

NOVEMBER Activities



Finance Committee meets Thursday, November 12th at 6:30pm.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee meets Monday, November 16th, at 6:00pm.

Trustees Board will meet Tuesday, November 17th, at 6:30pm.

Administrative Board meets Tuesday, November 24th at 6:30pm

Women's Groups



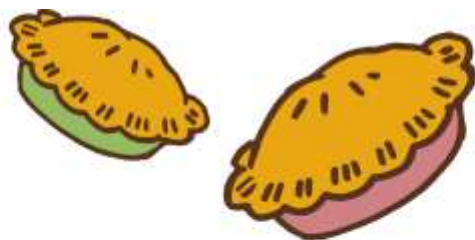
U'Niter's will meet Monday, November 2nd, at 1:00pm, in the Friendship Corner.

United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, November 12th, 9:30am, in the chapel.



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

Pie Sale



Challenge



Do you want to see Pastor Tom in a Bears Jersey?

We need to sell a combined total of at least 35 pies in November & December.

He has promised to wear a Bears Jersey on Sunday, January 3, 2021 if we reach our goal.

Please place your order by calling Donna in the office and help get the word out to the community.

We want to sell way more than 35 pies!. Maybe, if he wears the Bears Jersey he will be converted!

GO BEARS!

The Pie Committee



**UNITED CHURCH OF SANDWICH
512 LIONS RD-SANDWICH
815-786-9243**

PIE OF THE MONTH EVENT BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER

*Let us do your Holiday baking! Our expert pie bakers will be gearing up to bake some delicious pies just for you!
Preorders and prepayment will be required.*

November: Pumpkin

Order deadline: Nov. 18th

Pickup date: Wednesday Nov. 25th

December: Apple Crumb

Order deadline: Dec. 17th

Pickup date: Thursday, Dec. 24th

\$20.00 for the 'Pie of the Month'.

Pecan, Mincemeat & Raisin Pies are being offered as Specialty Pies for \$24.00, only in Nov. & Dec.

PIE OF THE MONTH MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Can't figure out what to get Grandma & Grandpa or Mom & Dad for
Christmas!

What about a 'Pie of the Month' Membership?

3 Month or 6 Month Memberships.

The 3 Month is for pies offered January-March 2021.

The 6 Month is for January-June 2021.

The Membership gets you the pies at a reduced cost.

These pies can be purchased baked or frozen (with baking instructions).

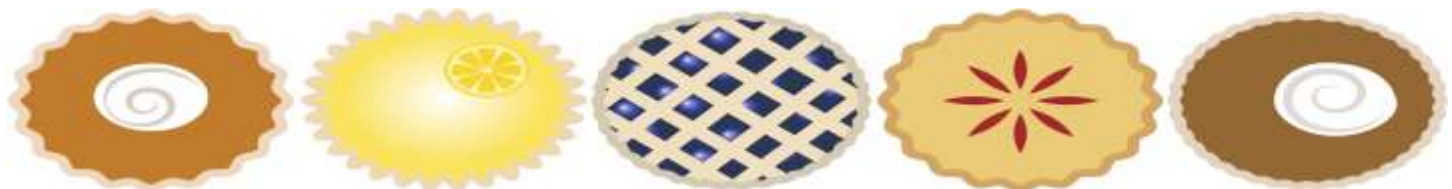
****All pies will have to be picked up at the Church-no shipping or delivery.**

Only preorders and prepayment-"Thanks!"

Check the UCS Website: unitedchurchsandwich.org for further details.

Call the UCS Church office today to place your order!

815-786-9243





Charge Conference December 8 ~ On ZOOM

Mark you calendars for annual Charge Conference TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7:00pm, by ZOOM. Information for participating will be outlined in the December Newsletter.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee will meet at 6:00pm.

Report forms that need to be completed by the Charge Conference are available in the office, or you can find them on line at umcnic.org. Please turn them in by November 22.



A big thank you to all who helped in any way with the Rummage Sale. Many hands worked to sort and display all the items for sale. Several rooms were used to keep people safe and spread out for social distancing, as well as masks being worn by all who attended! \$1710 was raised to support our missions.

United Methodist Women



Special Thanks to Ed & Lynn Reeder for the donation of a new mailbox.

Ron Henrich & Monty Reiners for the installation of the new mailbox and, the resetting of the garden bench.

Gary Anderson, Earl Shaffer, Ron Henrich & Ken Young for keeping the lawn mowed.



Decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas season will be Saturday, November 28th. The lights will be put up, trees decorated and Christmas cards will be sent to our shut in friends.

Start time will be 8:30am and hopefully finish by 11:00am. Please join us in creating a beautiful and festive sanctuary for the important Advent/Christmastide season. See you there!



Mary Ann Olson will be 90 years Beautiful on December 13!

She will be traveling to Illinois to celebrate, but due to Covid, it will be a smaller family event. She would love to hear from all of you!

Cards can be mailed to either:

Pam Anderson 526 Pineridge Dr N Oswego, IL 60543 or

Mary Ann Olson 9285 Lake Park Dr # 102 Ft Myers, FL 33919

She would also Love phone calls at 815-258-5969

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!

NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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>

11/02	Bob Carpenter Marilyn Steenwyk Brooke Warpinski
11/08	Connie Kirby
11/09	Joyce Dell Michael Jerabek
11/12	Josh Chrestman
11/15	Ginger Dannewitz
11/16	Brenda Gillispie
11/18	Bart Breon
11/21	Pam Nehring
11/22	David Scharenberg III
11/24	Carl Gustafson
11/25	Carole Forman
11/26	Harold Dannewitz Lynn Reeder
11/27	Angie Miller
11/28	Michael Cassell

11/11	Judy & Paul Brandow
11/27	Heather & Bart Breon

DAYLIGHT-SAVING



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.

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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!



Poinsettias will be ordered to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season. The choice of colors are red or white and come in a 6 ½” pot, at a cost \$16.00 each. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the following form and place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office no later than **December 9**.

Name _____

Given (in memory of) or (in honor of) _____

My order is for _____ Red _____ White (\$16.00 each)

Total Cost: \$ _____ (enclosed)



Please make checks payable to The United Church of Sandwich.

ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 9.



NOVEMBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>All Saint's Day</i></p> <p><i>NO IN PERSON WORSHIP ONLINE ONLY</i></p> <p><i>NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL</i></p>	2	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 Chimes Practice</p>	5	6	<p>7</p> 
<p>8</p> <p><i>NO IN PERSON WORSHIP ONLINE ONLY</i></p> <p><i>NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL</i></p>	9	10	<p>11</p>  <p>6:30 Chimes Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 United Methodist Women Mtg</p> <p>6:30 Finance Cmtte Mtg</p>	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship ~ (Holy Communion)</p>	16 <p>600 SPRC Mtg</p>	<p>17</p> <p>NewsLetter DEADLINE</p> <p>630 Trustee's Board Mtg</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 Chimes Practice</p>	19	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>630 Administrative Council Mtg</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30 Newsletter Assembly</p> <p>6:30 Chimes Practice</p>	<p>26</p> 	27	<p>28</p> 
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 Worship</p>	30	 <p><i>harvest</i></p> <p>...WHOEVER SOWS generously, WILL ALSO REAP generously.</p> <p>2 CORINTHIANS 9:6, NIV</p>				



Sunday, November 1, 2020
*Members and friends of our congregation
 we are naming today who have passed
 away since last All Saints' Day*

Linda Pearson	Sister-in-law of Diane & Paul Pearson	December 28, 2019
Aimee Jonassen	Grand Niece of Vivian McMaster	February 7, 2020
Elaine Prieve	Grandmother of Kim Bourke	March 12, 2020
Ruth Hartman	Dear Friend of Vivian McMaster	April 15, 2020
Sue Stiggins	Dear Friend of the Bourke Family	May 4, 2020
Joan Winnitt	Aunt of Connie Mitchell	May 24, 2020
Jim Carpenter	Husband of Doris Carpenter	June 28, 2020
Jerry Hallaron	Brother of John Hallaron	July 21, 2020
Barb Rogers	Cousin of Connie Mitchell	August 17, 2020
Jean Rogers	Sister of Bonnie Bernhardt	August 28, 2020
Ann Steenwyk	Mother of Lou Steenwyk	September 13, 2020
Melba F. Shaffer	Mother of Earl Shaffer	October 16, 2020
Jennifer Boles	Niece of Jim Mitchell	October 21, 2020
Diane Allen	Dear Friend of Monty & Betty Reiners	October 22, 2020

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Other members and friends of our congregation remembered

John Fox	Husband of Gwen Fox	June 27, 2018
Vern Strothman	Father of Judy Anderson & Tami Wig	February 11, 2018
Ann Strothman	Mother of Judy Anderson & Tami Wig	June 13, 2002
Simon Anderson	Father of Gary Anderson	August 1981
Violet Anderson	Mother of Gary Anderson	February 1999
Duane Anderson	Brother of Gary Anderson	December 25, 1981
Steve Reiners	Husband of Mischelle Reiners	April 26, 2011
John Reiners	Husband of Mischelle Reiners	August 25, 2019
Larry Reiners	Father of Monty Reiners	May 1982
Marjorie Reiners	Mother of Monty Reiners	May 2002
Robert Morel	Father of Betty Reiners	April 1987
Lucile Morel	Mother of Betty Reiners	March 1983
Earl H. Shaffer	Father of Earl Shaffer	February 16, 2008



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Cousin of Connie Mitchell
August 17, 2020

Joan Winnitt
Aunt of Connie Mitchell
May 24, 2020



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October 21, 2020



Melba F. Shaffer
Mother of Earl Shaffer
October 16, 2020



Melba & Earl Shaffer
Mother & Father of Earl Shaffer
Photo from 1997



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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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