

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!"

History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..." At the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. On September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people. Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



Greetings,

November 11 is Veterans Day. It is a time to honor those who have fought and served, and who still serve our Country and protect our freedoms and our homes. I want to take a moment and lift up my appreciation for the service, dedication and willingness to serve and sacrifice that lives in the heart of our veterans and active duty service personal. I know as a country that we make efforts to recognize the service of our veterans. We celebrate Veteran's Day. We pledge allegiance to the Flag and stand for the National Anthem before our games and events. We honor the flag that symbolizes their service. However, I am also aware the percentage of Americans who are serving or have a family member serving in the military has never been lower. This presents the potential for the military community to feel and be disconnected to the public at large. Small acts of recognition and appreciation are critical in supporting those who serve. However, I believe we have a duty to embrace the freedom and responsibilities that we have been given because of their service. I am reminded of the movie 'Saving Private Ryan' starring Tom Hanks. The movie is set in France during World War II.

The defense department receives notice that a family currently has 4 sons serving in the war and three have been killed. Their 4th son is somewhere in France. The Army decides that no mother should suffer the

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tragedy of losing 4 sons to war. They send a team after this last son; Private Ryan. The team must overcome countless obstacles in their search for Private Ryan. They begin to ask the question: "Why is the life of this one private more important than the lives being sacrificed to bring him home? Why is his life more important than theirs? Tom Hanks is in charge and does his best to maintain the focus of his men. He tells them that their duty is to their country. And their country has asked them to save Private Ryan.

Finally, they locate Ryan. They tell him that they have orders to get him home. But Private Ryan doesn't want to leave his unit. Ryan's unit has orders to keep a group of German tanks from crossing a bridge, until adequate air support can arrive. If they can't hold off the tanks, then they must blow up the bridge.

Private Ryan's sense of duty to his unit would not allow him to walk away from a battle that his friends are fighting in. He convinces Hanks and his outfit to stay and fight and promises to leave with them after the battle. Hanks agrees, but only if Ryan will stay out of harm's way, so he can make it back home. A harsh battle takes place and many lives are lost. Hanks' entire outfit is killed. But they save Private Ryan. The strongest scene happens at the end of the battle when Tom Hanks is dying. Private Ryan comes to help. But Hanks tells him to go on. And then he says to Private Ryan, "Earn this."

In other words, go home and live in such a way... That you deserve the lives sacrificed to save you! Are we living life in such a way that we are 'earning' the sacrifice of those who have served and those who have died? Are we uplifting each other? Uniting with each other? Supporting each other? A day to recognize veterans is important, but it is impotent if not accompanied with daily efforts to use the freedoms given to us to make the country a better place for all. Their duty was to serve this country. Our duty is to preserve the ideals of this country.

This is the journey of the Christian faith. Think about that for a moment. Living a life worthy of their sacrifice is interconnected with living a life of immolation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. You realize that Jesus died for you so that you could live for Him. God the Father sacrificed His Only Son...so that you could live...not just live a life, but live a Life that is uplifting of the Faith and of a relationship in Jesus Christ. That is an awe-inspiring calling and responsibility.

Are we doing that? And what exactly does it mean to live a life worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ? Philippians 1:27 states 'Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel'. Let us today reaffirm our appreciation to our Veterans, and our appreciation to our Lord by standing in one spirit. Let us live each day with an attitude of earning the gift that has already been freely given. Let us Protect and serve those around us. In doing so, we embody the spirit of Veteran's Day, and fulfill the calling of the faith of Christ. Happy November and God Bless!

Pastor Tom Bourke

Sunday Scriptures & Sermon Series for November

"Christianity's Biggest Questions"

November 7 2 Timothy 3:14-17 ~ Is the Bible True?

November 14 Psalm 111:1-3 ~ What is the Relationship Between Faith & Science?

November 21 Romans 5:1-5 ~ Why is there suffering in the World?

"Advent-ually, a story of Hope, Promise and Expectation"

November 28 Luke 2:22-40 ~ God Brings Hope

November Activities



Board of Trustees will not meet in November or December.

Finance Committee meets Thursday, November 4th, at 6:30pm.

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

United Methodist Women have a meeting on November 11th, 9:30am, in the chapel. All women are invited to attend.

As a reminder, Thank offering boxes will be collected November 21st, Thanksgiving Sunday.



Confirmation Class Meals Sign Up

A sign up sheet for volunteering a meal for the confirmation class may be found in the narthex. Watch for a day that is convenient for you and provide a meal for approximately 6 people. For any questions contact Pastor Tom.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Living Well w/Aids



Never forget that you are one of God's rainbow people. Called to step outside your high church steeple To show that you have heard God's holy call By loving, serving, and witnessing God's grace to all. Live as one forgiven.

-Edith Tallent Sunday

Members of the Northern Illinois Conference began this program in 2012, to assist in AIDS education and support. Empowering and enabling people to understand HIV/AIDS and its impact on the community. They engage communities to develop a plan that is action oriented. Showing that testing and treatment is the key to reducing the virus in the community. Eastern and Southern Africa is home to half of the world's population living with HIV, including 48% of the world's new infections among adults, 55% among

children and 48% of AIDS related deaths. The project has demonstrated that with proper tools and methods, communities in one-year campaigns can reduce HIV infections, increase testing to 82% of the community, and care for families of those lost to the virus.

Thank you, The Missions Committee

Bible Quiz

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?



- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10)




The annual Charge Conference will be **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7:00pm**. Report forms for all committee and board chairs are available in the office, or on line at umcnic.org. Please have them completed and turned into the office by November 4. Any questions contact Pastor Tom or the office.

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

Practices are Wednesdays, 6:00pm and 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.

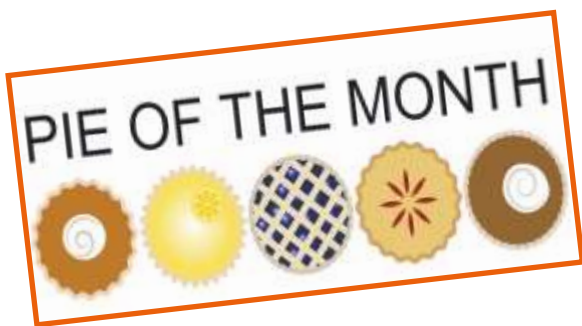


 In the narthex you will find a tree set up for hats and mittens and scarves sponsored by United Methodist Women. Bring in new items to decorate the tree.

Soon, names will be on the Angel Tree from the local school district. Be ready to select a name from the tree, have fun shopping for the requested item, and return the wrapped gift by Friday, December 10th. Please attach the tags to the package so they won't fall off.



*All are invited to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. Many hands– light work!
Saturday, November 27th, the lights will be put up, the trees decorated and Christmas cards will be sent to our shut in friends. Start time will be 9:00am 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!*



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
Specialty Pies: Pecan & Grape (10)
Order deadline: Nov 17
Pickup date: Wednesday, Nov 24

December: Apple Crumb
Specialty Pies: Pecan & Mincemeat
Order deadline: Dec 17
Pickup date: Friday, Dec 24

\$20.00 for the 'Pie of the Month'.
\$24.00 for Specialty Pies being offered,
Pecan, Mincemeat, & Grape (only 10 grape),
November & December only.

PIE OF THE MONTH MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

3 Month Membership - \$55.00 for pies offered January-March or April-June 2022.

6 Month Membership - \$105.00 is for all pies offered January-June 2022.

The Membership gets you the pies at a reduced cost.

Pies may be purchased baked or frozen (with baking instructions).

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

Please use the south entrance.

Only preorders and prepayment-“Thanks You.”

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

Call the UCS Church office today to place your order ~ 815-786-9243

We appreciate your support and Happy Pie Eating!!

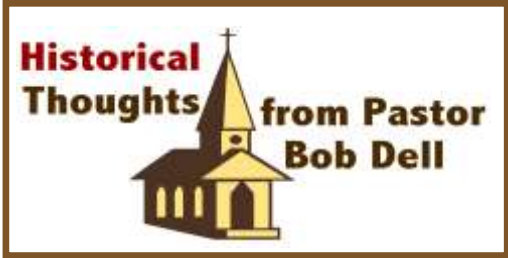


4th Weekend Drive

A load of *Thanks* for your continued support of the 4th Weekend Drives. Catch the next one November 27 & 28 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! The Missions Committee




MUSIC FOR THE SPIRIT – THE ORGAN

The records show that music has been important for both the Congregational and Methodist churches. Here is a quote from the history book: “For twenty-six years Thomas Wright directed the music for the [Congregational] Sunday School in the official position of chorister and

to him as much as to any one worker is due the success of the Sunday School” As early as 1870 the church found \$950 and a pipe organ was installed. When the new building was ready, in 1911 a new organ, costing, then, \$2500 was installed.

That organ was extensively remodeled in about 1966, with the dedication concert by the organist of 2nd. Congregational Church in Rockford who was the consultant in the design process. The new Chancel design was done by Bob Carpenter. Woodworking was by Red Stoudt, Sandwich. Additional rebuild was done when the merger of 1970 took place and the organ went into the new building using the new console and pipes from both the Methodist and Congregational churches.



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 \$17.00 each. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the following form and place in the offering plate or turn into the church office no later than **December 1**.

Name _____

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

My order is for _____ Red _____ White (\$17.00 each)

Total Cost: \$_____ (enclosed)

Please make checks payable to The United Church of Sandwich.

ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 1.



Pastor Tom gets a shaving cream pie in the face x2!! Well done, Crop Walk blue team!!!



UMW would like to thank every woman and man who helped in anyway to make our rummage and bake sale a success. We really appreciate all of you!



Brat Fest Thank You!

The Holy Spirit is Alive at the United Church of Sandwich. It was unbelievable to watch how dedicated our members were in the cold, rain and lightening to make our Brat Fest a success.

Everyone's help is greatly appreciated.
Way to go UCS!!

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

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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
11/25	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

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



**Newsletter
 Deadline
 November 16**

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!

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 ALL SAINTS' DAY Nov. 1st	1 1:00 U'Niter's Mtg	2 10:00 Adult Bible Study	3 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	4 6:30 Finance Cmtte Mtg	 WORLD COMMUNITY DAY	6
7 <i>All Saint's Sunday</i> 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	15	9 10:00 Adult Bible Study	10 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	11 9:30 United Methodist Women Mtg  Veterans Day:	12	13
14 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	15	16 10:00 Adult Bible Study 	17 Pumpkin Pie Order Deadline 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	18 7:00 Charge Conference	19	20 Universal Children's Day 
21 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	22	23 10:00 Adult Bible Study	24 9:00-11:00 Pumpkin Pie P/U 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	25 THANKSgiving Day 	26 10:30 Newsletter Assembly	27 9:00-11:00 Decorating for Advent 4th Weekend Drive (Holiday Food Items)
28 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Outdoors & Online (Holy Communion)	29	30 10:00 Adult Bible Study	 Daylight Saving Time Ends November 7			

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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

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or by appointment

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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
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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