

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!"

Fall Greetings,

We are in the midst of Autumn and experiencing change all around us. The leaves are changing colors and falling to the ground. The temperature is dropping. Our schedules are changing. The clocks are even changing with Day Light Saving Time. Autumn can be a great opportunity to observe the natural changes we can experience in our lives. It is important for us, especially this Fall season, to know that some changes are good and they can be important. The type of clothes we wear must change to keep us warm and safe. We can no longer wear shorts and t-shirts. The grass fades while we can watch the leaves change colors and fall to the ground. However, this prepares new growth while the earth resets in the winter. This season even brings a change in what we eat. In our household we start making chili, more warm and hearty meals and pumpkin bars. (The kids love pumpkin bars!) We even use different coffee creamer. Right now, it is all about Pumpkin Spice!



For many of us, changes can feel overwhelming as we try to hold onto the familiar. Yet I am reminded of the prophet Jeremiah and his journey with God to help and lead the people. Throughout the book of Jeremiah, we watch as the southern kingdom of Judah falls to the Babylonians, which begins the Jewish exile. In the midst of the destruction, the Temple was destroyed. This is the one true Temple and the place many believed God lived. Many of the people were taken from their homes and sent to a new and distant place. Everything that they had known and were familiar with was suddenly gone. It is not surprising that many who were forced into exile were upset. They felt loss and betrayal. They began to express this through either anger at God or at Jeremiah. Some just withdrew themselves from the community of God. I believe that many of us can understand or feel what the exiles were going through, although in different ways today. So much has changed in what feels like such a short time. The good news is that God, who is our cornerstone, travels with us always. We, like the exiles before us, have not been sent to a new place alone.

In Chapter 31, we hear the awesome promise from God that all will be made right and that we have not been abandoned. More specifically, we can see in Verses 31 to 37 that God is making a new Covenant with us. This Covenant is an awe-inspiring, sacred promise from God to be wherever we may be. The laws of God will be written within us, to live out, no matter where we are at or in what place. I invite you to remember this sacred Covenant. No matter how the world may change around us, God is with us. Let us continue to transform our lives to live like Christ who is with us. In this changing world, let us be the light that shines on Jesus Christ and on the truth that Jesus is alive and loves us!

God Bless!! Pastor Tom Bourke

Sunday Scriptures & Sermons for November

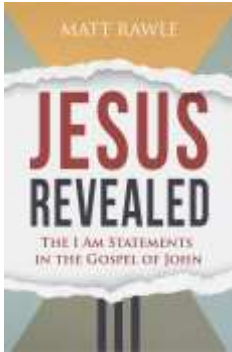
All Saint's Sunday ~ November 6 John 11:32-44 ~ All Saint's Sunday

Veteran's Sunday ~ November 13 2 Timothy 4:9-18 ~ The Hollow Square

Thanksgiving Sunday ~ November 20 Psalm 34:1-9 ~ Thanksgiving

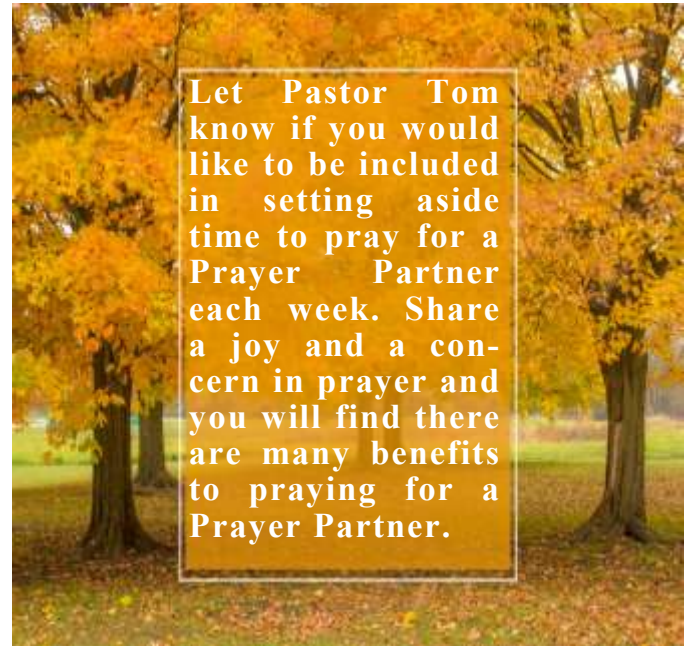
A Whoville Christmas

November 27 Isaiah 40:1-5 ~ Who Has Struggles in This World



Adult Bible Study continues each Tuesday, at 10:00am and will 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.



MISSION OF THE MONTH



Wesley Woods Conference Center

Wesley Woods provides facilities and staff for NIC Summer Residential Camps, Summer Day Camp, Adult and Youth Retreats, and numerous community service and missional projects. These funds are used to maintain and improve facilities, furnishings and equipment, as well as to support specific ministry opportunities that sometimes arise outside the annual programming and budgeting process. These funds function as a site-specific discretionary fund for Wesley Woods that enables the site staff and Board to direct funds where they will have the most impact at the time of need.

Thank you, The Missions Committee

A graphic for a Bible Quiz. The top section is black with white question marks and the text "Bible Quiz". Below this is a white section with the question: "In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?". The options are: A. The Parable of the Lost Sheep, B. The Parable of the Lost Son, C. The Parable of the Lost Pearl, D. The Parable of the Lost Coin. To the right is a yellow oval logo with the text "THE Parables OF Jesus" and a red flower-like symbol.

Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)

NOVEMBER Activities



Missions Committee meets Wednesday, November 9th, 10:00am, in the chapel.

Worship Committee will meet Sunday, November 13th, following service.

Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, November 15th, at 4:30pm.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee will meet Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30pm.

Finance Committee meets Thursday, November 17th, at 6:30pm.



U'Niter's meet November 7th, at 1:00pm, in the Friendship Corner.

United Women of Faith meet Thursday, November 10th, at 9:30 am in the chapel.

UWF will have a Book Giveaway set up in the chapel of books that were in the sitting/reading room. Sundays, November 13 & 20.



As a reminder, Thank offering boxes will be collected November 20th, Thanksgiving Sunday.

Finance Corner



Each month we will be bringing you an update on our financial status. This month we are talking about the General Fund. Within the hands of our church lives several funds. For example, Fair Stand Fund, Trustees Fund, Mission Fund, UMM, UWF, etc. are all a branch of our financial tree. The General Fund contains our tithes/offerings, special offerings, fundraising (outside of the fair), and all the expenses associated with operating our church from payroll to utilities to office supplies etc. Let's take a look at our General Fund status as of September 30, 2022.

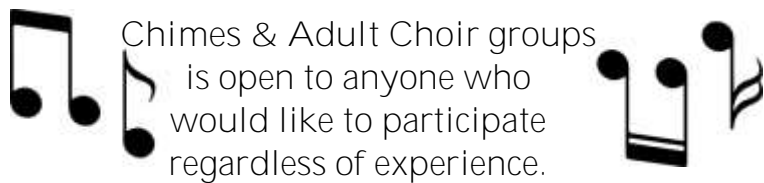
General Fund

	September 2022	YTD 2022
Income	\$9,703.08	\$120,741.76
Expenses	\$12,523.96	\$133,813.43
Difference	-\$2,820.88	-\$13,071.67
2021 Fair Stand Profits Transfer to General Fund		\$23,000.00
Remainder		\$9,928.33

As you can see, our income/giving is not keeping up with our expenses. This is not a new situation for us. You may ask then, "How can we pay our bills?" Every year the money raised from the Fair Stand helps us to cover the shortage. (Remember, it is its own fund). We transfer money from the Fair Stand to the General Fund. In 2022 we are relying on the profits from the 2021 Fair to help us through 2022. Likewise, the 2022 Fair profits will help us through 2023. If you have questions or would like to learn more, please see Pam Nehring or Linda Duy.

4th Weekend Drive

Thank you for your continued support of the 4th Weekend Drives. "Holiday Foods" is the request for November 26 & 27. If you are able, please bring accepted items such as, boxed stuffing, canned vegetables, sauce packets etc. Items may be placed in the blue bin located in the narthex. These items are donated to the Sharing Pantry. Thank you! The Missions Committee



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.



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



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 16
Pickup date: Wednesday, Nov 23

\$20.00 for the 'Pie of the Month'.
\$25.00 for Specialty Pies being offered,
Pecan, & Grape (only 10 grape)

PIE OF THE MONTH MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

3 Month Membership - \$55.00 for pies offered January-March or April-June 2023.

6 Month Membership - \$105.00 is for all pies offered January-June 2023.

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-"Thank 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!!



All are invited to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. Many hands– light work! Saturday, November 26th, the lights will be put up, the trees decorated and Christmas cards will be sent to our shut in friends. Start time will be 8:30am.

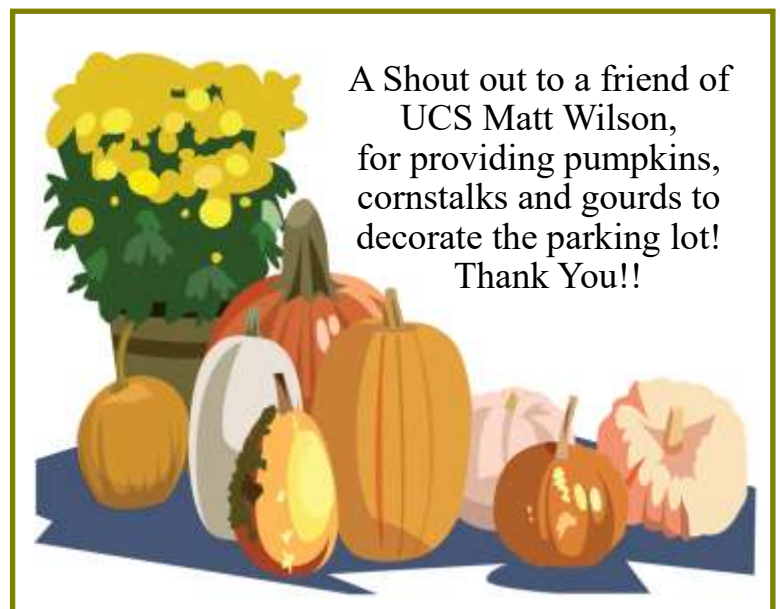
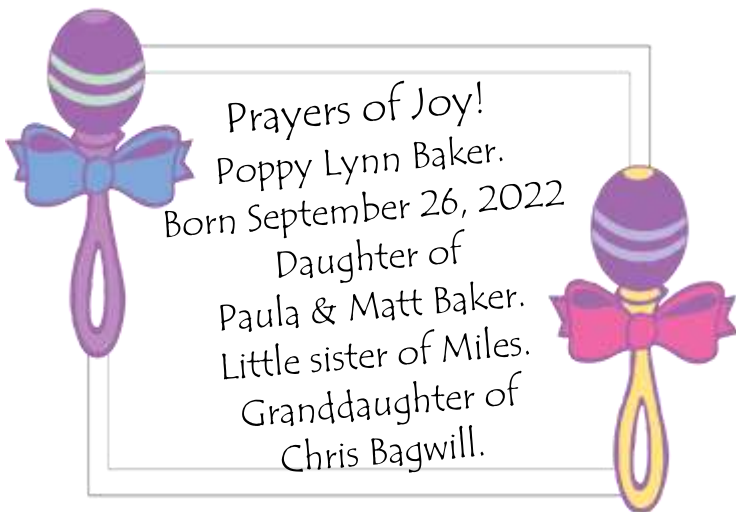
Please join us in creating a beautiful and festive sanctuary for the important Advent/Christmastide season. See you there!



Mark you calendars for annual Charge Conference, MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 7:00pm. Report forms that need to be completed will be available in the office.

A Big Thank You from United Women of Faith to all who helped in any way with the Rummage & Bake Sale! Set up, organizing, baking and purchases generated \$2,301.50. Great job! everyone!

Thankful





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, and cost \$18.00 each. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the following form and mail to the church office or please call 815-786-9243 no later than **November 21**.

Name _____

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

My order is for ____ Red ____ White (\$18.00 each)

Total Cost: \$_____ (enclosed)

**Please make checks payable to:
The United Church of Sandwich.**

Payment must be included with order form.

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/March%202022%20Reporter.pdf>



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!

NOVEMBER 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

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





NOVEMBER 2022

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Sat

 <p>November 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>		<p>1 ALL SAINT'S DAY</p>  <p>10:00 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</p>	<p>4 World Community Day</p> 	<p>5</p>
<p>6 All Saint's Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 U'Niter's Mtg</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 Missions Committee Mtg 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 United Women in Faith Mtg 7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day</p> 	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online 11:15 Worship Cmte Mtg</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 Adult Bible Study</p>  <p>4:30 Board of Trustees Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Holiday Pie Order Deadline 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 Al-Anon Mtg</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Thanksgiving Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 Holiday Pie Dough Making</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 Holiday Pie Baking</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00-11:00 Holiday Pie P/U 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>8:30 Decorate for Advent 4th Weekend Drive Holiday Foods</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice</p>			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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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:

Ministers and Missionaries: All Members

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Leadership Team 2022

Church Council Chair	Sarah Stevens
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	Jim Bernhardt
Trustee's Chair	Gary Anderson
Annual Conf. Delegate	Bonnie Miller
Missions/Evangelism Chair	Phyllis Whitehead
Memorial/Endowment Chair	Kim Henrich
United Methodist Women	Marilyn Steenwyk
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