

# 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,*

Have you ever wondered what people will say about you in ten years? Fifty Years? Back in 2000, Epcot (at Walt Disney World) had a new feature as you first walk in. There were giant slabs of black granite all over – tons and tons of granite – and a big sign that says “Leave Your Legacy”. For a certain fee they will take your picture and photo. Then they will chemically transfer it onto these granite rocks, so that for all of time your picture will be on this granite stone. And thousands of people have put their little, tiny picture on these big granite stones.



Why do we do that? Because, down deep inside, everybody wants to leave a legacy, and everybody wants to feel like their life counts, that their life matters, that we’ve left our mark while we pass through this life.

How will you be remembered. What is your legacy? How will you leave your mark on those you encounter. This is not a commandment to seek adoration and praise. Sometimes, we spend far too much time hanging our hats on temporary things of this world. We believe our legacy will be in a sizable inheritance. Our legacy will be our name on the side of buildings. Our legacy will be in the praise and cheering of others. We find value and self worth in the way others value us. We find legacy in the ways the world values. However, these are often pitfalls. No. Seeking value in the eyes of others will send us down the road to bitterness, vanity, conceit, and pride.

The legacy I am uplifting is in how bright you reflect the love and grace of our Lord and Savior. Will you be remembered as one who pointed to God? Will you make a mark in the world as one who followed a God of redemption? Will they see Christ? A legacy cannot be bought. It cannot be co-opted. Grace is given. However, a legacy must be earned.

We will be celebrating the resurrection of Christ in a month. Christ left no inheritance to his friends and family. There was not procession or parade to mourn his death. Christ had no street, building or town named after him. What a poor legacy to leave. Unless you view his legacy as God does and not as the world views it. Christ conquered Sin and death. He found lost people and gave them redemption. He transformed lives. He brought hope back into the world. Not false hope, but REAL hope. He gave us the only way back to God. In doing so, there is no name more revered in this world than Jesus Christ, rightly so. There is no one in history that is seen as more influential, important, and transformative as Jesus Christ. As he always does, Christ set the standard.

Our Lord left a legacy as only God can. Our legacies are to be a reflection of his legacy. I hope I can provide a legacy for my boys and my family of the Love and Holiness of Christ. I hope that I leave a legacy in Sandwich of a path to God. I hope that when I meet my creator I am blessed with the words, ‘Well done good and faithful servant.’ My prayer is that you begin examining your legacy as well. Let us celebrate the good that we will leave behind. Let us remember that we are all forgivable and can be redeemed to begin anew. Our legacies will not be defined by our skills, but by the love of Christ through us.

God Bless, Pastor Tom Bourke

**United Church of Sandwich  
has resumed Indoor Worship  
(Pending No Additional COVID Restrictions)**

**Two services available**

**Saturdays at 5:00pm**

**Sundays at 10:00am**

**Online Worship will continue indefinitely**

**A few changes have been implemented.**

**There is a limit of 50 people in the sanctuary and 10 people in the chapel for each worship service.**

**The pews have temporarily been replaced with folding chairs to ensure social distancing.**

**Masks are required for worship.**

**Communion kits will continue to be offered.**

**The sanctuary is disinfected after each service.**

**Hope to see everyone soon!**

**Sermon Series & Sunday Scriptures  
for March**

**Lent: Remembrance, Repentance, Renewal**

**March 6-7** Psalm 121:1-8 ~ Despair and Rescue

**March 13-14** Mark 1:14-15, Isaiah 6:1-5 ~  
Sin, Repentance and Forgiveness

**March 20-21** Isaiah 6:1-8 ~ Forgiveness, Grace, and  
Mercy

**March 27-28** Revelation 21:1-5 ~ Life, Spirit, and  
New Creation



**Watch for  
Updated  
Children's  
Sunday  
School News  
now that we're  
moving to indoor worship.  
9:00am Sunday mornings!**

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

*Midwest Mission Distribution Center*



MMDC opened in March 2000 just east of Chatham, IL. Since then, everything has been done with donations from individuals, churches

and groups, and with volunteer labor. The center has distributed disaster relief items to at least 21 states and 29 countries. In addition to disaster relief kits and supplies, school supplies, and the school desks, the Center also sends many blankets, hospital supplies, and sewing machines and bicycles that have been refurbished. It is a cooperating depot in the UMCOR Relief Supply Network.

Thank you, The Missions Committee



As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6)

# March



UMW meet March 11th,  
at 9:30am, in the chapel.  
All women of the church  
are invited to attend.

## Activities



Missions Committee will meet Tuesday, March 9th, 1:00pm in the chapel.

Worship Committee will meet Sunday, March 14th, after services, 11:15am.

Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, March 16th, at 6:30pm.

Finance Committee meets Thursday, March 18th, at 6:30pm.



Adult Chimes has resumed Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Director Kevin Duy and Pastor Tom are looking for those interested in resuming Adult Choir. Social distancing will remain part of the practice procedures. Both current and traditional music is selected. For questions contact Kevin Duy or Pastor Tom. Groups are open to anyone interested regardless of experience.

## PIE OF THE MONTH EVENT



Do you have cabin fever?

Share some sunshine and kindness with your family or a friend with a homemade pie!

Preorders and prepayment will be required.

March: Apple

Order deadline: Fri, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>

Pickup date: Sat, Mar 13<sup>th</sup>

April: Triple Berry

Order deadline: Fri, Mar 26<sup>th</sup>

Pickup date: Sat, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

May: Peach

Order deadline: Fri, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Pickup date: Sat, May 8<sup>th</sup>

June: Strawberry-Rhubarb

Order deadline: Fri, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Pickup date: Sat, June 19<sup>th</sup>

## PIE OF THE MONTH MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Can't figure out what to get that person who is hard to shop for?

How about a 'Pie of the Month' Membership!

UCS is offering a 3 Month Membership for the months of April – June 2021.

The Membership gets you the pies at a reduced cost. These pies can be purchased baked or frozen (with baking instructions).

A 'Pie of the Month' Membership is not required. You can also order a pie for any one month for \$20.00.

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

Check our Website: [unitedhurchsandwich.org](http://unitedhurchsandwich.org) for further details.

Call our Church office today to place your order.

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/Feb2021\\_reporter\\_web.pdf](https://www.umcnic.org/media/files/Reporter/Feb2021_reporter_web.pdf)



**2021 Offering Envelopes.** Please pick up your 2021 offering envelopes and destroy your outdated 2020 envelopes.

**Extra Pledge Cards,  
Annual Church Conference Packets,  
Upper Room Booklets, Lost & Found Items,  
Pie of the Month/Membership Order Forms**

# March

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

03/01	Cortney Scharenberg
03/02	Blake Breon
03/03	Dorothy Guseman
03/07	Myrtie Warren
03/08	Bonnie Bernhardt
03/09	Robert Whiteis Ken Young
03/10	Mindy Chrestman Matthew Miller
03/11	Nathan Heinekamp
03/12	Melissa Reiners
03/13	Lindsey Olson
03/18	Sandra Whiteis
03/20	Ione Martin
03/21	Alvin Warren
03/22	James McMahan
03/27	Etta Stahl
03/30	Heather Dannewitz
03/31	Richard Bark

03/17	Kathe & David Schlapp
03/25	Joanna & Matt Olson Sandra & Robert Whiteis



Please send any joys, concerns, photos, thoughts, schedule changes or

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



## 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!

# March 2021

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3 6:30 Chimes Practice	4	5 Apple Pie Order Deadline 	6 5:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)
7 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	8	9 1:00 Missions Cmte Mtg	10 6:30 Chimes Practice	11 9:30 United Methodist Woman Mtg	12 	13 8-12 Pie P/U 5:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online
14 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online 11:15 Worship Cmte Mtg	15	16 <b>Newsletter DEADLINE</b> 6:30 Board of Trustees Mtg	17 6:30 Chimes Practice	18 6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg	19	20 5:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)
21 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	22	23	24 6:30 Chimes Practice	25 10:30 Newsletter Assembly	26	27 5:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online
28 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online 	29	30	31			



# Spring Plants



Lilies

Azaleas

7" with pot cover  
\$16.00

6-1/2" with pot cover  
\$16.00

Orders are due no later than March 21, 2021

Please make checks payable to: The United Church of Sandwich

Orders may be dropped off or called into the church office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$16.00 per plant)

# of Azaleas: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$16.00 per plant)

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment must be included with order form.

## *Darkness Came Over*

An Online Community Lenten Series

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 9:30am through March 31st

### THREE WAYS TO ATTEND

Stream Online via ZOOM

-Webinar ID: 844 0544-6206

-Passcode: lent

Call to Listen

-Dial: 312-626-6799

-Enter ID: 844 0544 6206

-Enter Passcode: 529933

Drive-In—**St. John's Lutheran Church, FM 87.9**

235 S Green St Somonauk

Sessions will be recorded and posted on YouTube & Facebook

A collaboration of the Sandwich/Somonauk Ministerial Association

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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](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

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Pam Nehring

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**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)