

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!"

The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America,

WHEN, in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's GOD entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the Causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their CREATOR, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate, that Governments long established, should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

Greetings,

In this message the founders of our country declared that they were no longer under the rule of a king an ocean away. They were free to create and order their civic affairs as they knew best. The United States and modern democracy were born on July 4, 1776. Their words did not match their actions completely. Minorities and women were not equal. Slavery was an active reality. Fairness as we understand the word did not exist. It would take a long time for the country to live up to the ideals written above. **We are still on that journey as we often have taken two steps forward, and one step back through our nation's history.** However, the journey began simply with a declaration of freedom. On July 4th Americans all over the country will remember and celebrate that we have freedom.

As Christians, many of us have experienced our own independence days. We were under the tyranny of our own self-destructive choices and sin. However, we gained freedom not by using our own power to break free from the control of sin, but **accepting the freedom Christ gives through his sacrifice.** Galatians 5:1 says "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

I want you to celebrate the freedom of our nation, but I also want you to celebrate the freedom you have in Christ. Max Lucado tells the story of a boy who was shooting rocks with a slingshot. Never hitting his target. One day when he was in his Grandma's backyard he spied her pet duck. On impulse he took aim and let fly. The stone hit, and the duck was dead. The boy panicked and hid the bird in the woodpile, looking up he saw his sister watching. After lunch that day, Grandma told Sally to help with the dishes. Sally said, "Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen today. Didn't you Johnny?" And she whispered to him, "Remember the duck!" So, Johnny did the dishes. What choice did he have? For the next several weeks he was at the sink often. **Sometimes for his duty, sometimes for his sin. "Remember the duck," Sally'd whisper when he objected. After a while tho' he** grew so weary of the chore, he decided that any punishment would be better than washing more dishes, so he confessed to killing the duck. "I know, Johnny," his Grandma said, giving him a hug. "I was standing at the window and saw the whole thing. Because I love you, I forgave you. I wondered how long you would let Sally make a servant out of you." He thought that his confession would doom him. However, his grandmother was the one able to free him from his guilt and shame.

God's love is BIG. It is readily available. It will set you free. This month we will celebrate our earthly freedom. Let's make it a month that we also celebrate our spiritual freedom. It is not just freedom from another nation or a tyrant. It is a freedom from our own sin and death. It is a freedom in Christ. That is a cause to celebrate! God Bless, Pastor Tom Bourke

Sunday Scriptures & Sermon Series for July

“There’s An App for That”

July 4 Psalm 96:1-13 ~ The Worship App

July 11 1st Timothy 2:1-8 ~ The Prayer App

July 18 Colossians 3:12-17 ~ The Connection App

July 25 Guest Preacher
(Outside Worship)



Historical Thoughts from Pastor Bob Dell



If you read the first installment of this series on the history of the Sandwich Congregational Church you may well have been left wondering about the church first being located in Little Rock. A history of the church comments as follows: “Little Rock at the time was an active and forward-looking community. Situated as it was on the old Galena Road from Aurora, with excellent hotel accommodations for the traveling public. It was for many years the center of progress in this section of the state. The building of the Burlington railway to the south of Little Rock cut short its burgeoning career and in time it reverted to the calm peace of a farming community.”

“On the 10th day of May, 1856, the members unanimously voted ‘the location of the church be changed to Sandwich...and its name be changed to the Congregational Church of Sandwich. Two weeks later, on the 24th of May 1856, the first meeting of the church in Sandwich was held at the residence of Deacon John Hubbard.”

It will surprise many of us that there might be “Sunday School way back then, but the 1953 history states: “In 1857, Dr. W.W. Sedgwick and Deacon John Hubbard organized the Sunday School and Deacon Hubbard was probably the first superintendent” “Those were the days of crude and primitive Sunday school methods. The great work of the International Sunday School Commission had not begun” Rose Coleman later wrote: “Miss Pauline Newton taught in leadership training conferences at Tower Hill and was generous in her service with the children in her home church” At the Sandwich library you can see a picture of Miss Pauline and her faithful dog. She was library director for many years. Some will remember Lorene Stinson who spent many years at the then Sandwich State Bank. She was “following in the footsteps of her grandmother and mother.”

July Activities




Finance Committee meets
Thursday, July 1st, at 6:30pm.

Fair Stand Committee will meet
Thursday, July 29th, 6:30pm,
in the chapel.

Adult Chimes & Choir groups are open to anyone who would like to participate regardless of experience. Both current and traditional selections are enjoyed. Chimes practice will be July 7, at 6:00 pm & Choir practice will be July 7 & 14 beginning at 7:00pm. Social distancing will remain part of the practice procedures. For questions contact Kevin Duy or Pastor Tom.

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

HOT DOGS!
GET YOUR FREE HOT DOGS HERE!

UCS will host a 2nd Annual, Drive-Thru, FREE Hot Dog Lunch Event.
Served by our Congregation,
to our Community!

(11AM-1PM)

Saturday, July 17

Our Queen of Scheduling, Judy Anderson, will be calling to ask for volunteers to work. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Showing our Community that we care about them is part of our way to extend the Hand of God to others.



Canned Food Drive Weekend

Thank you for the continued support of the canned food drive weekends . Catch the next one



July 24 & 25. The items are donated to the Sharing Pantry. If you are able, please bring canned meats, sauces, vegetables, ketchup, mustard, mayo, relish, a variety of canned beans, etc. They may be placed in the blue bin found in the narthex. Thank you, The Missions Committee

CALLING ALL PIE MAKERS!

It's time to start making Fair Pies!

Just a reminder, you don't have to be a pie maker to join our *Merry Group*. There are a variety of jobs and you can fit right into one of them. In fact, you don't have to be a skirt wearer, men are welcome too. Having a fun time, laughing and getting to know each other makes the time go quickly. This year you are asked to sign up if you are coming. The sheet will be in the office or the Narthex-you can call Donna to put your name down.

Monday, July 19-8AM – Dough Making
Tuesday, July 20-8AM- Pie Making

Monday, July 26-8AM-Dough Making
Tuesday, July 27-8AM-Pie Making

Monday, Aug. 9-8AM-Dough Making
Tuesday, Aug. 10- 8AM-Pie Making

Monday, Aug. 16- 8AM-Doug Making
Tuesday, Aug. 17-8AM-Pie Making

Also, every year there are bakers who make pies at home and bring them to the church to be baked. If you are one of those several bakers who make a specialty pie each year, you are asked to let us know what kind of pies and how many you plan on making at home. A sign up sheet will be available for that also.

This would help greatly for planning the amount of pies to be made as a group.

Fair Pie Supplies ~ This year the pie committee is asking for a Monetary Donation. Many people either can't or don't want to go into the stores these days so we will do the shopping. Often times we are able to find our ingredients on sale because we can buy them in bigger quantities. When making your donation, please indicate on your giving envelope or check. The donation will also be used for purchasing any fruit we need.

We are always looking for free fruit so if you know of any please let us know. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps tremendously to offset the costs. Hopefully this will make it easier for everyone in the months to come.

Thanks for all your help! Blessings! Pam, Betty
& The UCS Pie
Crew



Family Time



PUZZLE



As sweet as honey

Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.
How can our words be used in the same ways?

Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



Gr c s words

 r h n c mb,

sw t t th s

 nd h l ng 

t th b n s.

PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

Bible Quiz

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

- A. nephew
- B. niece
- C. brother
- D. sister



Answer: A (See Acts 23:12-22, esp. v. 16.)

FAITHFUL followers

Play these fun variations on Follow the Leader — and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go!

What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter's tape

What you do:

Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader's movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader by crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.

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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July Birthdays & Anniversaries	
07/02	Pam Anderson
07/03	Phyllis Whitehead
07/10	Reid Heinekamp Kim Henrich
07/11	Zach Gustafson
07/16	Kim Bourke Colton Fox Margaret Gustafson
07/19	Joe Way
07/20	Bernice Nicholas
07/21	John Kell
07/23	William McMahan
07/24	Carol Larson
07/26	Noah Hallaron Kenny Young III
07/29	Joshua Bauer
07/03	Linda & Albert Alvarez
07/10	Todd & Jennifer Hallaron Steve & Kelley Mindrup
07/11	John & Pat Hallaron
07/14	Ernest & Shirley Basler
07/16	Carole & Eddie Forman

If anyone's birthday or anniversary has been missed please contact 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!

July 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg	2	3
4 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	5	6	7 6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	8	9	10
11 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	12	13	14 7:00 Choir Practice	15	16	17 11:00~1:00 FREE Hot Dog Lunch 
18 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	19 8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making	20 8:00 Fair Pie Making 	21	22	23	24 4th Weekend Canned Food Drive 
25 10:00 Worship ~ Outdoors & Online (Holy Communion)	26 8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making	27 8:00 Fair Pie Making	28	29 6:30 Fair Stand Cmte Mtg	30 10:30 Newsletter Assembly	31

2021 United Church Fair Stand

“...God is with you in all that you do.” Genesis 21:22



It is time to plan for a successful 2021 Fair Stand year. We would like to fill as many positions within the schedule as completely as possible. *We call everyone* to sign up for as many shifts as you can and in the positions you feel the most comfortable.

Remember, it takes eighty-one (81) 4-hour shifts each day to run our stand.

— *Thankfully God is with us in all that we do!*

Please fill in when you are able to work at the fair, in which jobs you feel the most comfortable, and return the form to the church. We also need people who are flexible to float where needed. If an individual is able to commit to a complete 4 or 5-hour shift for *three (3) different days* throughout the week, the church will purchase a pass for your use. We do not receive free passes from the fair — we buy them.

Fair Dates for 2021

Wednesday, September 8, 2021
thru
Sunday, September 12, 2021

Job Descriptions Below:

Grill Cook (grilling meats for sandwiches; am sausage and hash browns)

Fry Cook (french fries and tenderloins; am pancakes)

Kitchen (prepare chili and cold sandwiches, chop onions, wash pans)

Steam Table (wrap sandwiches, dish up chili; and dish up breakfasts)

Cashier (take orders, handle money transactions)

Counter Server (collect food onto tray for customers)

Drinks (dispense pop, coffee)

Pies (slice and serve pie and ice cream)

Dining Room (refill condiment counter, wipe tables and trays)

Floater (put anywhere needed)

“Back at the Range” (baking pies at the church, transporting pies to the fair)

Thank you for your help. We look forward to fellowship with our church friends.

Sign-Up on next page

2021 United Church of Sandwich Fair Schedule

Job Descriptions are on opposite page.

Please indicate your choice of job requested by listing your 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice. See example. This will help when making out the schedule. Thank you, Judy Anderson

Grill Cook	Fry Cook	Kitchen	Steam Table	Cashier	Counter Server	Drinks	Pies	Dining Room
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Date:	Shifts/ Times							
Example:								
Wednesday, September 8, 2021	6 am-11:30 am			2		1		3

Wednesday, September 8, 2021	6 am - 11:30 am							
	11:30 am - 4:30 pm							
	4:30 pm - 10 pm							

Thursday, September 9, 2021	6 am - 11:30 am							
	11:30 am - 4:30 pm							
	4:30 pm - 10 pm							

Friday, September 10, 2021	6 am - 11:30 am							
	11:30 am - 4:30 pm							
	4:30 pm - 10 pm							

Saturday, September 11, 2021	6 am - 11:30 am							
	11:30 am - 4:30 pm							
	4:30 pm - 10 pm							

Sunday, September 12, 2021	6 am - 10 am							
	10 am - 2 pm							
	2 pm - 6 pm							
	4 pm - Closing		Clean-up and re-packing items to return to church.					

Building Clean-Up before the Fair								
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Clean-up and re-packing items to be returned to the church						Building Clean-Up after the Fair		
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Name: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Note: All shifts and jobs will be filled on a first come basis as this form is received.
You will be called if the position is already filled, and asked to work at a different time.
Please place this form in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. ASAP!

I am working 3 shifts and need a pass. Yes No

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website: www.unitedchurchsandwich.org

Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

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

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 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
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

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