

# 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,*

Do you own a Trivial Pursuit game? Do you play it? Do you win? I love Trivial Pursuit and I often do really well in the game. Why? Well, I have a vast knowledge of information that is, well, trivial. Yes, I have some knowledge in important matters. However, I seem to have gathered a collection of information on subjects that have no real relevance in life. Maybe I have shared some of that useless trivial with you. Even in the game Trivial Pursuit I have found some facts that will not improve your life in any way, but are interesting just the same. The Trivial Pursuit board game, created in 1979, is a game in which progress is determined by a player's ability to answer general knowledge and popular culture questions. The object of the game is to answer a correct question in each of 6 categories such as Geography, Sports & Leisure, History, and Science & Nature. The game peaked in 1984 selling 20 million games. Over 100 million games sold, in 26 countries, in 17 languages, with 55 different editions. Some sample questions are:

- What does a Heliologist study? (The Sun)
- What U.S. city was once known as Federal City? (Washington, D.C.)
- What is the crystal anniversary? (A couple celebrating their 15th anniversary)

Exactly what is trivial knowledge? Hebrews 12:1 reminds us to throw off anything that hinders us and run with perseverance the race that is marked out for us. Let's think about that. I love to run. Perhaps you have seen me run through Sandwich sometime. I collect data on my runs with my devices. I can find out my pace, my calories burned, my route, my time, my distance, my speed, etc. This is all great. However, I have found that if I become too focused on all that information it messes up my form and focus. I lose speed. I lose time. I fall behind. The information is nice, but trivial. The only real thing that matters is the finish line.

You focus on a thousand things a day. Some of it is important. Some of it is trivial. The key is to know what you can abandon to run the race better. Start with your faith in God. If there is anything essential in life, it is that. Then work your way out. How is God blessing you? How can you be a blessing from God to your family, your church, your community? I love God with all my heart and then I love others as God loves me. Very quickly, the trivial reviews itself. Watching TV is fun, but that is trivial compared to taking a walk with family. Reading a magazine is fun, but it is trivial compared to studying God's Word.

There is a place in life for the trivial. I love watching sports on Sunday afternoon following church. However, if you have sacrificed the important for the trivial it might be time to reorient yourself. As we start to see summer close and autumn begin, my prayer is that you and I can find a healthy balance of the important and the not so important. My prayer is that we can run the race and find that finish line.

God Bless, Rev. Tom Bourke



Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

## Sermon Series & Sunday Scriptures for August 9-September 6

**Plot Twist: The Story of Joseph**

**August 9** Genesis 37:1-11 ~ Disconnected

**August 16** Genesis 37:12-36; 39:1 ~ Betrayed

**August 23** Genesis 39:6-20;  
1 Corinthians 10:12-13 ~ Wearing

**August 30** Genesis 45:1-15 ~ Renewed

**September 6** Genesis 49:33-50:3; 15-21 ~ Triumphant



All are welcome to attend United Church of Sandwich's outdoor / drive in worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00am.

Communion will be blessed and safely distributed on August 16.

Weather permitting, lawn chairs may be brought for outdoor seating or there will be space set aside in the parking lot for those who would like to remain in their cars. Please watch the guidelines video with Pastor Tom and UCS leaders for details. The video may be found on the website, Facebook page or in the Monday Message.

Any questions may be directed to the church office. 815-786-9216.

Online worship will still continue.

### MISSION OF THE MONTH

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND ~  
of the Sandwich-Somonauk Area Churches

The Good Samaritan Fund seeks to assist families and individuals with emergency needs in our area. Funded by the local churches and administered by the Sandwich Police Department. Vouchers may be redeemed at local merchants for baby needs, groceries or gas.

Thank you for supporting this vital mission.  
The Missions Committee

### ?? Bible Quiz ??

In John of Patmos' vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?

- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.



Answer: D (See Revelation 21:21, 25.)



# August Activities



Worship Committee meets Wednesday, August 12th, at 6:30pm in the chapel, Zoom or conference call.



**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Finance Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 19th, at 6:30pm. They would like to thank everyone for their continued financial support through this difficult time. Unfortunately we will not have our normal Fair money to depend on but our bills will still need to be paid. We will be looking for ways to supplement our income with various fundraisers. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Trustees Board will meet Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30pm in the chapel or by conference call. There is a sign-up sheet in the

narthex for anyone who would like to:



**JOIN THE LAWN CREW FOR SEPTEMBER!**



**CHIMES PRACTICE RESUMES**

The adult music ministry Chimes will resume practice Wednesday evenings beginning on August 5th, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Open to anyone interested regardless of experience. Some find it very therapeutic!!




**2020 DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

**CELEBRATING AT THE WELL**


**PEACE, HOPE & HEALING IN OUR DESERT PLACES**



Featuring internationally acclaimed Christian speaker and author, *Jane Rubietta*  
Co-Sponsored by Aurora & Elgin District United Methodist Women

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 • 9AM-NOON**

A group will be gathering at UCS as a watch party to livestream the online event. Please let us know if you would like to join the watch party or participate at your home with United Methodist Women in the Northern IL Conference.



**United Methodist Women** will meet next on Thursday, September 10th, 9:30 am, in the chapel. All women are invited to join.

U’Niter’s will not meet until further notice.

If you are interested in joining a *Small Group* towards the end of August/ beginning of September, please click on the link below or found on the website. Groups will consist of 4-10 people and last 10-12 weeks.

[Join a Small Group](#)

# JOIN A SMALL GROUP

## CHURCH WEEK

SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS.

Rural King is hosting *Church Week*, Sunday, August 2 through Saturday, August 15.

After making your purchases go to [www.ruralking.com/churchweek](http://www.ruralking.com/churchweek) by September 1, 2020, choose United Church of Sandwich as the registered participating organization and upload your receipts.

Receipts must be dated between August 2-15 to qualify. Rural King will donate 10% of each valid receipt's total after sales tax to United Church of Sandwich. Thank you for any and all purchases that will help support UCS.

Snippets of Biblical Wisdom!

Doors closed for now, but hearts remain open!

Shout Hosanna! But first step back 6 feet!

Standing together! 6 feet apart!



### You Chill... We Grill!

Enjoy a delicious pork chop, chicken or pork/chicken combo meal catered by 5 B's Catering! This DRIVE THRU FUNDRAISER will take place on Thursday August 6th, 4:30 ~ 6:30 PM at UCS, 512 Lions Rd Sandwich.

The cost of each meal is \$14(cash or check). No advanced tickets. This event is sponsored by P.E.O. Chapter, Sandwich (a philanthropic organization). Proceeds from this fundraiser will promote the education of women through grants, scholarships, and loans and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

We appreciate your support and want to thank the congregation for your generosity in the use of the church facilities for this fundraiser event!

Though we have all been challenged in these past months, your kindness will enable us to fulfill P.E.O.'s ongoing mission to help others. To learn more visit: [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org)

### FREE FOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY

August 3, 3-5pm

Sandwich High School

(enter off Lions Rd towards the bus barn)

All surrounding communities are welcome!

For more information visit:

<https://www.dekalbgardens.org>





# FREE HOT DOG LUNCH

We are so Blessed to have served our Community on June 20th & July 11th with Free Hot Dog Lunches and will again on August 8th. It has been a wonderful experience working together to show our neighbors that we care about them. This is an outreach that we have wanted to do for a long time and through the Grace of God we were able to make it happen. Without fail this congregation of the United Church of Sandwich has come together financially and spiritually to support this project. God Bless and Thank You All!



## ONE MORE TIME!!

Extended Gratitude to everyone that helped make the FREE Hot Dog Lunch a huge success!

348 meals were provided in the Drive thru and delivered to organizations in the Sandwich & Somonauk communities!!

Sat., August 8, 11AM ~ 1 PM

Drive-thru @

United Church of Sandwich

512 Lions Rd

Sandwich

(across from Sandwich High School)

815-786-9243

[unitedchurchsandwich.org](http://unitedchurchsandwich.org)

Social Distancing and Safe Health Practices will be adhered to.

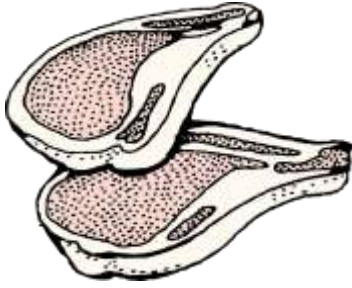
Please join us as we come together as a community!

# The United Church of Sandwich Hosts Pork Chop BBQ Drive Thru

Sunday, August 23

4:00-6:30-pm.

Tickets are \$14.00



Meal includes:  
2 pork chops, baked beans, coleslaw,  
applesauce, and a roll.

Master Grillers Matt Olson & Ron Henrich will be grilling the pork chops.

Members of UCS that will be given tickets to sell need to return them by Friday, August 14.

Tickets will also be available at Balloons Aloft, 815-786-6226, 704 E Church St Sandwich,  
during regular business hours, or the church office, 815.786.9243, Mon - Fri, 9:00 - 1:00.

[www.unitedchurchsandwich.org](http://www.unitedchurchsandwich.org)

Any donations to offset costs will be greatly appreciated.



*Thank you for remembering me in  
your prayers while I was ill. Your  
prayers, cards, food, and calls were  
very much appreciated. I am doing  
well, and looking forward to seeing  
my church family again.*

*Thank you, Vivian McMaster*

Congratulations to  
Paula & Matt Baker on the birth of  
their son, Miles Claude, born  
July 3rd, 6lbs 1.5 oz.  
Grandson of Chris Bagwill!



to

Monty Reiners  
for the  
handmade  
offering box.



## Monday Message

*Monday Message* has returned! **Keep up to date with Pastor Tom's** weekly email. If you would like to receive this informational email please contact the church office,  
7815-786-9243.

08/01	Jerry Brown David Hunt
08/04	Ernest Basler
08/05	Heather Breon Ed Dahmer
08/08	Owen Bourke Josh Heiman
08/09	Braylee Bedford Madison Hallaron
08/10	Eric Bedford
08/11	Joan Triphahn
08/13	Les Banks
08/14	James Diemer
08/16	Kara Duy Deborah Hill
08/21	Doug Reiners
08/24	Lou Steenwyk
08/28	Marlene Cook
08/30	Bonnie Miller

### 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>

08/04	James & Bonnie Bernhardt Amber & Jeremy Mager
08/05	Richard & Monica Robinson
08/09	Pastor Tom & Kim Bourke
08/10	Gerald & Marlene Cook
08/12	Thomas & Pamela Nehring
08/14	Richard & Deborah Hill Ernest & Shirley Basler
08/17	Bob & Joyce Dell
08/18	Richard & Joan Banko Bob & Quen Carpenter
08/22	Jim & Lori Updike
08/24	Nancy & Jerry Brown
08/25	Phyllis & Allen Whitehead Ken & Bonnie Young

Please send any joys or concerns, photos, or informational articles to the church office.

815-786-9216



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

### CONTACT information



Thank you to those who have filled out the **member information cards**. If you haven't, please send any email, phone number, or address updates to the church. Especially, at this time they have been very helpful in keeping everyone up to date and connected.

### 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 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!



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<p>“A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.” ~ Douglas Pagels</p>						<p>1 9:00~12:00 UMW Watch-Party @ UCS</p>
<p>2 10:00 Worship ~ Outdoor/Drive In</p>	3	4	<p>5 10:15 Online Devotional 6:30 Chimes Practice</p>	<p>6 4:30-6:30 PEO Fundraiser 5B's Carry Out</p>	<p>7 7:15 Online Devotional</p>	<p>8 11:00~1:00 FREE Hot Dog Lunch </p>
<p>9 10:00 Worship ~ Outdoor/Drive In</p>	10	11	<p>12 10:15 Online Devotional 6:30 Worship Cmte Mtg 6:30 Chimes Practice</p>	13	<p>14 7:15 Online Devotional</p>	<p>15 National Honey Bee Awareness Day </p>
<p>16 10:00 Worship ~ Outdoor/Drive In w/ Communion</p>	17	<p>18 <b>Newsletter DEADLINE</b> 6:30 Trustee's Board Mtg</p>	<p>19 10:15 Online Devotional 6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg 6:30 Chimes Practice</p>	20	<p>21 7:15 Online Devotional</p>	22
<p>23 10:00 Worship ~ Outdoor/Drive In</p>	24	24	<p>26 10:15 Online Devotional 6:30 Chimes Practice</p>	<p>27 9:30 Newsletter Assembly</p>	<p>28 7:15 Online Devotional</p>	29
<p>30 10:00 Worship ~ Outdoor/Drive In</p>	31	<p><b>WE TRUST</b> in His <b>HOLY NAME</b> PSALM 31:21 NV</p>				



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE MESSENGER — AUGUST 2020

**The United Church of Sandwich**

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Email: [ucssandwich@frontier.com](mailto:ucssandwich@frontier.com)

website: [www.unitedchurchsandwich.org](http://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](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 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
<b>Trustee's Chair</b>	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](http://www.unitedchurchsandwich.org)