

# 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,*

I grew up in the 80s & 90s with the introduction of the personal home computer. One of my favorite things to do on the computer was play a certain game. We did not have a family computer until I was 14 years old, but I would go to the town or school library on weekends or after school and play 'Where in the World is Carmen San Diego?' Maybe you remember the game, and maybe you don't, but the premise was easy. You were a detective hunting down the infamous criminal 'Carmen San Diego' and her ban of henchmen. You achieved this by traveling the world and answering geography and history questions. Yes, it was an educational game, but a highly enjoyable one. The computer game was turned into a live action kids game show that aired on PBS with the winner claiming a prize or a trip to anywhere they wanted in the US. The game and show opened up the world to kids everywhere about the beauty and majesty of the world around them. It got kids out of their own little bubble.



The summer of 2021 will probably be remembered as the summer of awakening. People are traveling, rescheduling weddings, and parties. There are day trips to fun places, and family gatherings in homes. We are re-engaging in experiences and life that were put on hold for a while. I believe that we must be careful and safe. Vaccinations are saving lives. Masks and social distancing when needed are protecting people. However, I know we can and are safely experiencing the blessings of life again.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew that...

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these..."

It is important to take time to 'stop and smell the roses'. Re-engage in a hobby that has brought you joy. Find a new experience that will bring happiness. Live in the moment. As you celebrate life, I invite and implore you to be thankful to God. First, thankfulness begets joy. When we experience blessings with an attitude of gratitude towards God, the joy we experience is stronger, more meaningful and authentic. Without thankfulness, our blessings transform into the building blocks of a spoiled and selfish attitude. Give thanks with a grateful heart!

Second, thankfulness in our Joy connects us to God. That is because joy is God-Centered. It is the difference between how we value a gift received by a loved one and a gift received by a stranger. Our words and actions in being thankful for our blessings, while embracing our blessings will bring us closer to God while enhancing the life that God leads us in.

While you are *experiencing* this summer, I have a job for you. Take a picture! Any picture! Take a picture of you experiencing something that you are able to do again that brings you joy. Then, either email it to us or bring in a physical picture. We are going to collect all the joyful ways we are experiencing life again, and then we are going to share those pictures with each other in live & online worship. I just went on a family vacation and I am sharing a picture of our family trip. I want to see your pictures also! **We will be collecting all of August and sharing the church family slideshow towards the beginning of September.** Can't wait to see you all! God Bless, Pastor Tom Bourke

## Sunday Scriptures & Sermon Series for August

“Foolproofing Your Life: A Study of the Book of Proverbs”

**August 1** Proverbs 1:1-7 ~ Godly Wisdom

**August 8** Proverbs 3:13-18 ~ The Layers of Wisdom

**August 15** Proverbs 6:1-5 ~ The Traps of Foolishness

**August 22** Proverbs 8:32-38 ~ The Wisdom of Discernment

**August 29** Proverbs 3:5-6 ~ Understanding & Misunderstanding



**OUTDOOR  
WORSHIP**

AUGUST 29

Weather permitting, Bring a Chair



### Calling All People Eligible for Confirmation

If you have a child or grandchild that has not journeyed through Confirmation, but would like to, please contact Pastor Tom. We are beginning a confirmation class for the 2021-2022

school year. What is confirmation?

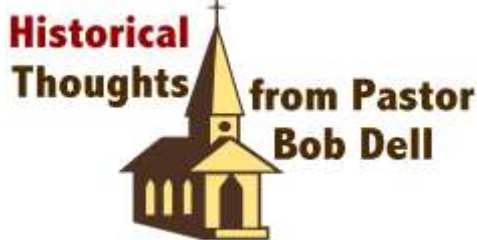
United Methodists use the term "confirmation" to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of the local congregation and The United Methodist Church. Basically, it is the time when a youth will learn about God, the church and the Bible to decide if they would like to claim the faith of their family as their own. If a youth completes confirmation and takes the vows of confirmation at the end, they become a full, equal member of the church. Confirmation will begin in September 2021 to June 2022. There will be an orientation meeting set up in late August for all interested confirmands and their families.



### Bible Study Returns

Starting Sunday, September 19th, join us at 9:00 am, in the chapel to study the Bible together. The first study will be Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today by Adam Hamilton.

The book explores the 10 Commandments and their relevance for today. Please Contact Pastor Tom to reserve a copy of the book.



As noted before, the Sandwich Congregational Church began in Little Rock in 1853.

It was formed in the Reform tradition, that is the independence of the local congregation. Among the early resolution was this one regarding slavery – remember this was before the Civil War: “Holding as we do that enslaving of one part of the human race by another part is a gross violation of the laws of God and of the most precious and sacred rights of human nature, therefore, we resolve that we will

hold no fellowship with any church or persons guilty of this sin...”

When the war did break out, the church had started a new building, but ‘...as the new building could not be ready for occupancy for some time the church voted to allow the Rev. C.A. Harvey to go as a delegate for the Christian Commission of the Army (likely as a chaplain). He went to the Army of the Potomac, lying upon the James River in front of Richmond. He was absent seven weeks.” 6 members served in the Union Army.

From that same period, here is another note, this time as to new members: “The first regular minister to the Sandwich church was the Rev. James Kilbourn...His earnest and faithful efforts continued for six years, during which time the church prospered and enjoyed several successful revival seasons. Eighty four persons were received into the church during his ministry.... 1857-1863”. It can be noted that during the 2 ½ yr. ministry of the Rev. John W. Cass (terminated early due to tuberculosis) 121 persons were admitted to the church,,, 57 by profession of faith.



# August Activities



Staff Pastor Parrish Committee meets Monday, August 2nd, at 6:30pm.

Trustee Committee meets Tuesday, August 17th, at 6:30pm.

**U'Niter's** will meet Monday, August 30th, at 1:00pm, in the chapel.

All women of the church are invited to attend.



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 August 11, 18 & 25 at 6:00 pm. Choir practice will be August 4, 11 & 25 beginning at 7:00pm. Social distancing will remain part of the practice procedures. Contact Kevin Duy or Pastor Tom.



## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### **Tree of Life Ministry**

This ministry with Lakota Native Americans addresses needs on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in South Dakota by "nurturing the body, strengthening culture, and enhancing the spirit." This ministry provides groceries and meals to the hungry; repairs to substandard homes; and supports local teachers as they reclaim native culture and language. [treeofliferelief.org](http://treeofliferelief.org)

Thank you, The Missions Committee



Thank you for the continued support of the 4th Weekend food drive weekends. Catch the next one August 28 & 29 to donate School Supplies. If you are able, please bring accepted items such as, boxes of 24, *Ticonderoga* pencils and colored pencils, large glue sticks, wide ruled loose leaf paper, personal size box of kleenex, pink erasers (not pencil toppers), large box of Crayola Crayons, Expo dry erase markers, highlighters, box of 8 markers, folders, handheld pencil sharpeners. Requested items are donated to the Sharing Pantry and the local schools.

Thank you, The Missions Committee



## SANDWICH FAIR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8 2021 CLEANING AND SET UP DATES FOR THE LOG CABIN/SANDWICH FAIR

Saturday, August 21, 8am until 12 noon  
Thursday, August 26, 5pm until 8pm  
Saturday, August 28, 8am until 12 noon  
Tuesday, August 31, 5pm until 8pm  
Thursday, September 2, 5pm until 8pm  
Saturday, September 4, 8am until 12 noon (food arrives)

Wednesday, September 8 – Fair Begins  
Sunday, September 12 – Fair Ends  
Monday, September 13 – Start clean up and move out

Fair Pie & Chili Preparation Schedule:

Dates have been set for making pie dough, pies and chili for the Sandwich Fair Fairstand. Jobs include: fruit mixers, toppers, fruit prep, baggers, clean up crew, chili making, etc.

Not just limited to women! The expert help of men is welcomed as well!

What a great way to visit, get to know people of the church and have a good time.

Sign up sheets may be found in the narthex or by calling the church office.

Starting time is 8:00am and lasts 1 1/2 ~ 2 1/2 hours.

Monday, August 9, Making Pie Dough  
Tuesday, August 10, Making Pies

Monday, August 16, Making Pie Dough  
Tuesday, August 17, Making Pies

Tuesday, August 24, Chili Making  
(6 People Needed, 2 Men to lift roaster liners)

For those bakers who make pies at home and bring them to the church to be baked, you are asked to let us know what kind of pies and how many you plan on making at home. A signup sheet is in the narthex.

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 they are bought in bulk. 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



**Newsletter  
Deadline  
August 17!**

Please send any joys, concerns, photos, thoughts, schedule changes or informational articles to the church office. 815-786-9243



**Bible Quiz**

What was the name of the queen who refused to appear before the king of Persia and his guests and, as a result, was deposed?

- A. Esther
- B. Jael
- C. Vashti
- D. Milcah



Check out the south side of the church to find river rock placed in an area where grass would not grow. Gary Anderson and Ron Henrich coordinated this project and Ron donated the material & labor, along with a larger rock which was placed on the corner. We are in hopes to have something engraved on it. Many thanks to Ron and his crew!! They made easy work of delivering "The Rock" as you can see in the pictures.



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## Baptism

WYATT JOSEPH WIG, born 4-29-2020

Son of Joseph and Stephanie Wig  
Godfather ~ Kylor Sorenson  
Godmother ~ Amber Mager

## Births

Prayers of Joy for ANNIE MAE HESS , born 6-1-2021

Parents Katie and Fred Hess Comanche, IA  
Third grandchild of Chris Bagwill



Throughout the month of August, you are being asked to submit pictures of yourself experiencing something you are able to do again that brings you joy! That may be everyday activities, vacationing, hobbies, Anything at all! The pictures of all these joyful ways will be collected to share with the congregation as a slideshow towards the beginning of September. Email them or bring in a physical picture. Looking forward to seeing them all!

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](https://www.umcnic.org/media/files/Reporter/6-7-2021_web_reporter.pdf)

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



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

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

### 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!



# August 2021

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

1 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors &amp; Online</i>	2  <i>6:30 SPRC Mtg</i>	3	4  <i>7:00 Choir Practice</i>	5	6 <i>Wriggle Your Toes Day!</i> 	7
8 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors &amp; Online</i>	9  <i>8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making</i>	10  <i>8:00 Fair Pie Making</i>	11  <i>6:00 Chimes Practice  7:00 Choir Practice</i>	12	13  <i>3:00 ~ 7:00 PEO- 5B's BBQ Drive Thru</i>	14
15 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors &amp; Online (Holy Communion)</i>	16  <i>8:00 Fair Pie Dough Making</i>	17 <i>8:00 Fair Pie Making</i>  <i>6:30 Board of Trustees Mtg</i>	18  <i>6:00 Chimes Practice</i>	19	20	21  <i>8:00-12:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand</i>
22 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Indoors &amp; Online</i>	23	24  <i>8:00 Chili Making</i>	25  <i>6:00 Chimes Practice  7:00 Choir Practice</i>	26  <i>5:00-8:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand</i>	27  <i>10:30 Newsletter Assembly</i>	28  <i>8:00-12:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand</i> 
29 <i>10:00 Worship ~ Outdoors &amp; Online (Holy Communion)</i>	30  <i>1:00 U'Niter's Mtg</i>	31  <i>5:00-8:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand</i>				

# 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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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Shifts/ Times</b>							
<b>Example:</b>								
Wednesday, September 8, 2021	6 am-11:30 am			2		1		3

<b>Wednesday, September 8, 2021</b>	6 am - 11:30 am							
	11:30 am - 4:30 pm							
	4:30 pm - 10 pm							

<b>Thursday, September 9, 2021</b>	6 am - 11:30 am							
	11:30 am - 4:30 pm							
	4:30 pm - 10 pm							

<b>Friday, September 10, 2021</b>	6 am - 11:30 am							
	11:30 am - 4:30 pm							
	4:30 pm - 10 pm							

<b>Saturday, September 11, 2021</b>	6 am - 11:30 am							
	11:30 am - 4:30 pm							
	4:30 pm - 10 pm							

<b>Sunday, September 12, 2021</b>	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.					

<b>Building Clean-Up before the Fair</b>			
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<b>Clean-up and re-packing items to be returned to the church</b>	<b>Building Clean-Up after the Fair</b>
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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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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

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