

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,

This was spoken by Helen Keller in 1954. She was 100% right 67 years ago, and her message is just as true today in 2021. I am hard pressed to think of a time in the past or the future where this quote is not applicable. When people work together, and focus on a common goal, sharing their efforts and resources, they can achieve results beyond what is thought possible. Imagine aiming this powerful tool of common goals towards a purpose that is for the greater good!

This quote is a beacon calling our faith community to remember the real power of our church. The only power of our church and any church is the Triune God. When we are united in our connection to God and to each other, our church is able to follow God's will, embracing his power of transformation for the community.



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15: 5, NIV)

There are so many people in this world that think that they can do everything themselves. They become convinced that they do not need help or support. Even when helping others, so many see such actions as transactional. 'I help you and you help me.' They completely miss the value of the community supporting each other, working together. Helping each other is always a benefit in any and all situations. Such as helping in Sunday School, volunteering on a committee, taking a turn as a liturgist or usher, joining choir or chimes, and even attending worship.

Together, under God, our connection becomes our power. We can make a positive difference in the lives of others; and continue to live out our calling to bear a faithful Christian witness to Jesus Christ. As September begins, kids are back in school, the air grows cooler, and football is back in session. Summer is over, we are all back in town most of the time. I am especially excited about this autumn because of the new possibilities and connections we will make. I cannot wait for the Sandwich Fair, confirmation, and for trunk or treat. I see God at work in some significant ways in the near future!

We are planning small moments of connection in worship each month in September, October, November and December. We are praying that everyone will return to their church home and kick-off this new worship season with a lot of energy, enthusiasm, and hope. God is at work here on so many levels. Please join us. We need everyone as we go forward following Jesus, answering the call to be his disciples in the world. You're invited back home. Come join us.

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH!"

God Bless,
Pastor Tom Bourke

Sunday Scriptures & Sermon Series for September

September 5 Proverbs 31:10-13 ~ The Benefits of Wisdom :“Foolproofing Your Life:
A Study of the Book of Proverbs”

September 12 Matthew 14:13-21 ~ Praying the Scriptures; Loaves & Fishes

September 19 John 10:1-30 ~ X Marks the Spot: Discovering Purpose (Belonging)

September 26 John 15:1-11 ~ X Marks the Spot: Discovering Purpose (Union with Christ)

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. There will be an orientation meeting set up for all interested confirmands and their families. 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. There will be an orientation meeting set up for all interested confirmands and their families.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will start on **September 19th at 9:00am**. Mark your calendars for your children and grandchildren to attend. If you have any questions, connect with Pastor Tom.



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. Contact Pastor Tom to reserve a copy of the book.

Bible Quiz

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)



September Activities



Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, September 21st, at 6:30pm.

Finance Committee meets Thursday, September 23rd, at 6:30pm.

United Methodist Women have a meeting on September 16th, 9:30am, in the chapel. All women are invited to attend.



The Dog Days of Summer are upon us and keeping cool is on our minds. With the extra use of our air conditioning comes higher bills.

Please keep the Church in mind for your continued giving. Cooler weather will hopefully be around the corner for Fair Week. God Bless the congregation of the United Church for their hard work and continued support.

4th Weekend Drive



The Missions Committee *Thanks* you for your continued support of the 4th Weekend Drives. Catch the next one September 25 & 26

to donate Personal care items. If you are able, please bring accepted items such as, Toilet Paper, Cleaning Products, Tooth brushes etc. Requested items are donated to the Sharing Pantry and the local schools.

Thank you!

MISSION OF THE MONTH



Abounding Ministries

Abounding Ministries seeks to make disciples of Jesus Christ through dynamic Worship, Motivational Speaking, Retreats and Print Resources. The NIC Conference Evangelist circuit-rides among our local churches facilitating inclusive, upbeat worship experiences that strengthen the spiritual life, mission and evangelism of congregations, while offering Training and Print Resources., this full-time appointment within the NIC is non-salaried. Jane Rubietta partners with Rich as an Author and Conference Leader focusing on Women's issues, spiritual formation,, and strengthening relationships between congregations and clergy families.

Thank you, The Missions Committee



Adult Choir group is open to anyone who would like to participate regardless of experience.



Choir practice will be September 1 & 15 beginning at 7:00pm. Both current and traditional selections are enjoyed. Social distancing will remain part of the practice procedures. Contact Kevin Duy or Pastor Tom.

SANDWICH FAIR CLEANING AND SET UP DATES FOR THE LOG CABIN/FAIR STAND

Thursday, September 2, 5pm -8pm
Saturday, September 4, 8am - 12pm (food arrives)
Wednesday, September 8 – Fair Begins
Sunday, September 12 – Fair Ends

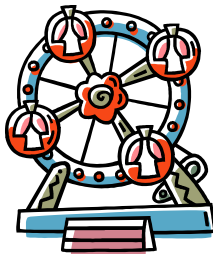
Monday, September 13 – Start clean up and move out

WORSHIP WITH THE UCS

Sunday, September 5th
Worship Service
10:00 am

Sandwich Fair Grounds
In the Fair Stand

All are Welcome to
join the
Church Family
for this
Special Service



The United Methodist Women
Win a Quilt!
Quilt Size 94" x 106"

1 Ticket for \$1 Donation
OR
6 Tickets for \$5 Donation

Drawing will be on
September 12th, 2021



After August 31,
tickets will only be
available at the
UCS Fair Stand
during the
Sandwich Fair
or the Church office.

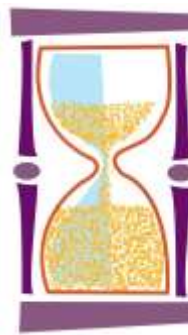


**SUBMIT
YOUR
PHOTOS**

We need pictures!
Please either email a
picture or bring in a
physical copy that will
be scanned. You will
get your picture back.

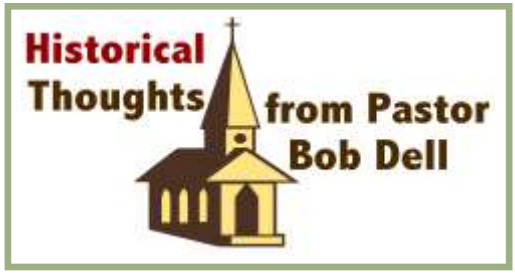
While you are experiencing this
summer, take a picture of you
experiencing something that you
are able to do again that brings
you joy. We are going to collect
all the joyful ways we are experi-
encing life again, and then we are
going to share those pictures with
each other in live & online worship.
I went on a family vacation and I
am sharing a picture of our family
trip. I want to see your pictures
also! We need pictures by Monday,
September 20th at the latest.

Can't wait to see you all!



**Newsletter
Deadline
September 21**

**Hill Family
Craft Fair
September 30**



A BIT MORE HISTORY

In 1950, Robin Markham married a Sandwich young lady, Francis Poole. In 1953, they were commissioned as missionaries in the then Sandwich Congregational Church. In retirement they lived here in Sandwich for several of years. This past Sunday, I participated in a memorial service for Robin – a truly unique memorial service.

Of course, every life is unique, it was the service itself that was so different. (Fran had died the year before) First, we were not physically present; we were together by Zoom – and the participants were from many places in the US plus about 8 foreign countries. About 60 of us total. You see, as a missionary Robin served in several countries and made fast friendships wherever he went. It was a gift. Robin’s specialty had been helping farmers to be more productive. In Africa this meant learning how to do a well for irrigation. Somehow, his daughter Vicki was able to contact 60 of us. One of Robin’s daughters had developed, with a clever music background, a very well done slide show which brought back many fine memories. It was a reunion for many of us. For instance, we had not seen Martin and Liz since we stayed with them in London many years ago. A remarkable fellow and the service was a memorable tribute to Robin .

UPCOMING October EVENTS



UNITED BRAT FEST

Sunday,
October 24, 2021

Drive thru ~ 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.



Friday, October 15

&

Saturday, October 16

Items for the United Methodist Women’s Rummage Sale may be collected in the south-east corner across from the youth room. Accepted items are: clothing, jewelry, household and kitchen items, books, games, furniture (not LARGE pieces), etc.

We cannot accept any televisions, computer equipment or large appliances.

All items should be clean and in good condition (something you would buy for yourself.) Nicer clothing items should be on hangers.



The Community CROP Walk will be held at Big Rock Hake Pavilion, on Sunday, October 3, starting at 2 pm. Please contact Doug Reiners to sign up as a walker or to sponsor a walker. More info about CROP may be found at www.crophungerwalk.org

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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Unit B
Sugar Grove, IL 60554



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

September

Birthday & Anniversaries

09/03	William Cassell
	Ron Miller
09/05	Christopher Eipers
	Allison McMahon
09/06	Al Whitehead
09/07	Vicki Scharenberg
09/10	Dave Scharenberg
09/13	Eli Bourke
09/16	Judy Brandow
09/17	Laurie Prickett
09/19	Chet Carpenter
09/22	Anna Olson
09/23	Monty Reiners
09/24	Fred Hunter
09/28	Marilyn Bulson
	John Heiman
	Sarah Stevens
09/29	Kathe Schlapp

09/01	Ed & Roberta Dahmer
	Greg & Kelly Nehring
09/03	Dick & Barb Bark
09/07	Eric & Danielle Bedford
09/08	Bill & Christine McMahon
09/21	Vicki & Dave Scharenberg
09/26	James & Barb Deimer
09/27	Reid & Deb Heinekamp

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!

September 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	8:00-12:00 Cleaning @ Fair Stand
5 10:00 Worship at Fair Stand	6 	7	8 8:00 Fair Begins 	9	10 
12 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online (Holy Communion)	13	14	15 6:00 Chimes Practice	16	17
19 10:00 Worship ~ Indoors & Online	20	21  6:30 Board of Trustees Mtg	22  6:00 Chimes Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	23 6:30 Finance Cmte Mtg	24 10:30 Newsletter Assembly
26 10:00 Worship ~ Outdoors & Online (Holy Communion)	27 1:00 U'Niter's Mtg	28	29	30 Hill Family Craft Show @ Fair Stand	

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of Sandwich

512 E Lions Rd
Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE MESSENGER — SEPTEMBER 2021

The United Church of Sandwich

512 E Lions Rd, Sandwich, IL 60548-2417
Church: 815- 786-9243

Email: ucssandwich@frontier.com

website: www.unitedchurchsandwich.org

Worship Schedule

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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body, mind and spirit — to the glory of God!

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

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

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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

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 forty-nine (49) 5-5 1/2-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 5-5 1/2-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