

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!"*

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:14-17

Greetings,

I wish to offer blessings to everyone. 'Peace be with you' is a phrase often said in worship during meet and greet. I am appreciative of the times it is given to me. I am especially reminded of God's strength and peace as I engage in ministry with the church. Ministry can be exciting and dull. It can bring great highs and some lows. Ministry is a roller coaster of a ride and it is a ride for every Christian to take, not just the pastors.

I think it was C H Spurgeon who had a lady come to him saying that she felt called to the ministry. Spurgeon asked about her home and family and when he heard she had 13 children he exclaimed, "Well, praise God, not only has he called you to the ministry but he's given you a congregation as well!" There are many needs in the church. Ministries often spring up and need to spring up to support those needs. They allow us to see the greatness of God over the problems of the world. Ministries in the church remind everyone of who Jesus is as our Lord and Savior. The only limitation to how a person can serve is the will of God and the imagination of the person. In ministry, we often ask who the 'widows and orphans' were. In the bible these two groups were constantly lifted up as two groups in need of protection and support. In short, the Bible called for a concerted effort to look after the most vulnerable of the community.

Who are our most vulnerable? Who are those in the most need of our support, our love and our community? How can United Church of Sandwich best serve God by serving others?

These are questions our Church will be seeking to answer. As pastor I will lead in this quest. I invite you to join us also. The church is the only established group in the whole world that exists not for the members of the group, but those outside the group.

Please spend some time in prayer this month. Pray for God to place on your hearts the avenues in which we can serve our community. Please also pray for the ways in which he desires you to be a part of those plans. Finally, please pray for our church as God uses us as his vessel of love and grace.

God Bless,

Rev. Tom Bourke



Sunday Scriptures and Themes for February

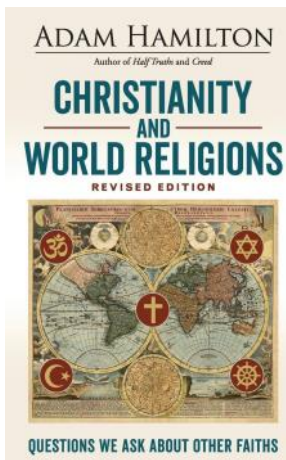
February 2 Luke 12:22-34 ~ “Be Anxious for Nothing” The Radical Sayings of Jesus

February 9 Mark 9:33-37 ~ “Become a Servant” The Radical Sayings of Jesus

February 16 Luke 6:27-36 ~ “Love Your Enemies” The Radical Sayings of Jesus

February 23 Matthew 7:21-23 ~ “Not Everyone Enters the Kingdom” The Radical Sayings of Jesus

February 26 Psalm 51: 1-13 ~ “Repentance” Ash Wednesday



Adult Sunday School is currently discussing the Bible Study Series, **Christianity & the World Religions**, thru March 29. Below is the description...

In **Christianity and World Religions**, Pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism—and the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. He deals openly and honestly with questions people ask about other religions like:

- Why are there so many different religions?
- How should Christians view other religions?
- How is God at work in other religions?
- What is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions?

In examining these major world religions and the beliefs of their followers, Hamilton urges us as Christians to build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbor, and find positive ways to share the gospel.

If you have any questions, please contact pastor Tom at tombourkejr@gmail.com or 630-699-2474.



EPIC Youth Group will be meeting at Union Congregational Church in Somonauk for the month of February. Sundays 4-6 pm. On their agenda is the Chili Cook Off Fundraiser!

Students in 6th grade through college are welcome to participate in games, Bible study, and dinner.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Tree of Life Ministry Pierre, SD

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

Bible Quiz

The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word “love” occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900

Answer: C

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES



United Methodist Men meet on Sunday, February 2 at 7:30am for breakfast and fellowship. All men are invited to attend!

U'Niter's do not meet in February. Beginning March 2, meetings will be 1:00pm in the chapel. All women are welcome to attend.

United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, February 13 at 9:30am in the chapel. They will make their Valentine Visits to shut ins afterwards.

February 23, pick up a World Thank Offering Box to collect your daily blessings!

The World Thank Offering is one of United Methodist Women's five channels of Mission Giving. Giving is an opportunity for us to know that our blessings will be used in the areas of most need. "Our call to be the body of Christ to eradicate injustices in the world is a weighty task, but every gift we share has impact".

Life gets busy. It is easy to forget our blessings in the everyday. World Thank Offering affords an intentional opportunity to count our blessings, pause every day, slow down, and be mindful to thank God for every blessing. As we fill our little box with blessings, we are encouraged each time to think about how far those blessings will reach. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and round the world.

What comes from all of us praying together, sharing our gifts is felt by more than we can ever know. The power of prayer doesn't stop just because we are not saying something specific to God. Our lives are prayers, our actions are prayers, and our work is prayer. This set-aside time of World Thank Offering lets us see our prayer in action.



BAKE SALE BAKE SALE

Sunday, February 2 will be the next bake sale to benefit the Apportionment Commitment. Luncheon committee #2 will have an assortment of baked items to sell. If you have any questions, please see Pam Nehring.

Thanks for your help.
The Finance Committee



Worship Committee meets Sunday, February 9 following service.

Trustees Board will meet Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30pm.

Finance Committee meets Thursday, February 20 at 6:00pm



Fourth Sunday Coffee Hour hosts for February 23 is SPRC. In the chapel immediately following worship service.

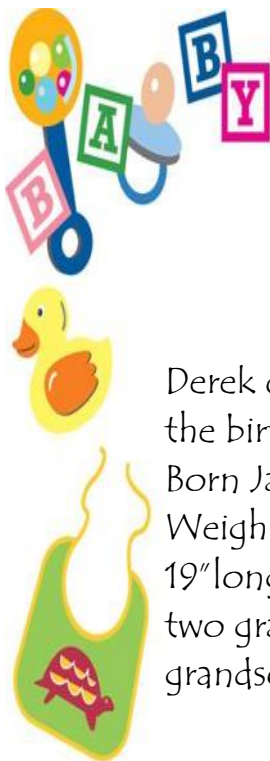
Sandwich/Somonauk Ministerial Alliance 4TH TUESDAY COMMUNITY FREE FELLOWSHIP FEAST

4:30 – 6:00 pm
Tues., February 25, 2020
Union Congregational Church
305 S Gage St Somonauk
815-498-2277



ALL ARE WELCOME!
Invite your friends and family to come as well!

Upcoming feasts:
Tues., March 24 @ United Church of Sandwich
Tues., April 28 @ Somonauk Baptist Church
Tues., May 26 @ Salem Lutheran Church



Derek & Bre Rogers welcome the birth of Liam Steven. Born January 13. Weighing 5lb., 12oz. and 19" long. Namesake of his two grandfathers. He is the grandson of Sarah Stevens.



★ Thank You! ★
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to
 Harold Dannewitz, Gerrad Dannewitz, and Frank Moran for replacing the light pole in the parking lot.



Cooperative Youth Ministry



Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser
 Sunday, March 1st 4-6 PM

at the

Union Congregational Church
 Somonauk.

Come sample a variety of different chili recipes and vote on your favorites, OR come and enjoy a bowl of United Church of Sandwich Fair chili! Cost is just your time and a donation to the CYM. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event! Please consider making YOUR famous chili to be among the options (a 6-8 quart batch/crockpot). Be creative! Think green chili, white chili, vegetarian chili, chicken chili, etc. Leave a description so others will know what you're making. Supplies and toppings are also needed. Please sign-up if you plan to attend so enough chili will be made to go around.

Use the links below or contact Autumn via email or phone.

To bring a crock pot of chili (6-8 quarts): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CA5AB2DA0F85-chili1>

To bring paper products, toppings, etc.: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CA5AB2DA0F85-chili>

Planning to attend, use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4CA5AB2DA0F85-attending>

2020 COMMUNITY LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES

The Federated Church
403 N. Main St., Sandwich
Wednesdays, 9:00—10:00 a.m.



- February 26** **“I Am The Bread of Life” (John 6:35-40)**
Mr. Chuck Johnson, Federated Church
- March 4** **“Before Abraham Was, I Am” (John 8:31-51, 58)**
Rev. Dave Johnson, Somonauk Baptist Church
- March 11** **“I Am The Light of the World” (John 9:1-5)**
Rev. Chris Schoon, St. John’s Lutheran Church
- March 18** **“I Am the Good Shepherd” (John 10:1-18)**
Rev. Wayne Derber, Salem Lutheran Church
- March 25** **“I Am The Way, Truth, Life” (John 14:1-6)**
Rev. Tom Bourke, United Church of Sandwich
- April 1** **“I Am The Vine” (John 15:1-17)**
Rev. Matthew Jones, Church of the Nazarene

Please join us for a continental breakfast, fellowship, worship, prayer and study!
Everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to attend.
A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund.
Call the office at the Federated Church with any questions: 815-786-8595.



Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

JOKE OF THE DAY

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

A: He gave her a ring!

Q: What do you call a very small valentine?

A: A valenty!



PUZZLE

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.

“Y _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f
y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...
Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:
L _ v _ _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV

Activities at the Library:

February 10, 3:00pm ~ V-Day Make & Take
Make some Valentine’s day crafts, or take a craft home with you. All ages.

February 18, 6:30pm ~ Illinois in the Civil War
Historian Tom Emery speaks about the Civil War’s impact in Illinois.

First Monday of the Month, 6:00pm ~ Teen Trivia Night
Second Monday of the Month, 5:00pm ~ Gaming Club
Last Thursday of the Month, 6:00pm ~ Teen Movie Night



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgists

02/02 Sarah Stevens
 02/09 Pam Nehring
 02/16 Craig Ostrye
 02/23 Doug Reiners
 02/26 TBA ~ Ash Wednesday

Greeters

02/02 Jerry & Nancy Brown
 02/09 Marilyn Steenwyk
 02/16 Myrtie & Al Warren
 02/23 Gwen Fox
 02/26 TBA ~ Ash Wednesday

Ushers

02/02 Myrtie & Al Warren
 02/09 Doug Reiners, Earl Shaffer
 02/16 Gwen Fox, Chris Bagwill
 02/23 Matt & Joanna Olson
 02/26 TBA ~ Ash Wednesday

February Communion Ministers

Jim & Lori Updike, Phyllis Davis

If you would like to add a touch of beauty to the worship with a gift of flowers or donate bread for Holy Communion, 2020 Sign Up Sheets are in the narthex.



Alter Flowers



Sweet Newsletter

VOLUNTEERS!
 BEV & IONE

FEBRUARY Birthdays

02/02	Scott Rogers
02/07	Gerrad Dannewitz Pastor Steve Mindrup
02/08	Melba Shaffer Austin Carlson
02/10	Heidi Heiman
02/18	Kevin Duy
02/24	Joan Banko Tom Bourke Tucker Chrestman
02/26	Eleanor Anderson
02/27	Joanna Olson

FEBRUARY Anniversary

02/14	Kevin & Linda Duy
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If anyone's birthday or anniversary has been missed please contact the church office. Thank You

DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles FEBRUARY 18

Thank you to those who have filled out the member information cards. If you haven't filled one out yet, please send any email, phone number, and address updates to the church.



Prayer List

If you would like to be added to the church email prayer list please contact the church office or Pastor Tom.



February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
United Church of Sandwich  Meals on Wheels		Meals On Wheels Month				1
2 7:30 UMM Breakfast 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Communion	3 No U'Niter's	4	5 6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir	6 6:30 Al-Anon		8
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16 8:45 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship ~ Communion	17 PRESIDENTS DAY 	18 Newsletter DEADLINE 6:30 Trustees Board Mtg	19 6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir	20 6:00 Finance Cmte Mtg 6:30 Al-Anon	21	22
23 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Children's Sunday School 10:00 Worship Coffee Hour Hosts~SPRC	24	25 4:30-6:00 4th Tuesday Feast @ Union Congregational Church		27 10:30 Newsletter Assembly 6:30 Al-Anon	28	

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE MESSENGER — FEBRUARY 2020

The United Church of Sandwich

512 E Lions Road, Sandwich, IL 60548-2417

Church: (815) 786-9243

Email: ucssandwich@frontier.com

website: 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

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	
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
CYM: Joint Youth Coop Rep.	Joanna Olson