

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,

Green is everywhere. As we enter June the world around us is transitioning into the summer. The flowers are coming in with gusto. The leaves of the trees are green. The weather is warming and the sun is shining. Right now I am thankful for the simple blessing of sitting on my deck with a cup of coffee and enjoying the gift of the outside. We recently went to a local nursery and bought a wind chime to place outside our window. It is a faint sound, but I can occasionally hear the musical notes as the wind blows. It is a continual reminder of the gift of the season.



The changing season marks change in our life. We have lived through one of the toughest springs in our lifetimes. However, my hope is that as we see more new life and color in the world around us, we will see more of a return to a new normal of life. I look forward to being able to worship with you, have fellowship, meals, Bible study and ministry. We are not there yet, but we will make it together. As we prepare for the changes in our lives and church, I wish to share with you our church's plan for transitioning into our next phases of church life.

I have developed a 5 phase plan for our Church. Each phase takes a step forward with everyone's safety and health as the primary focus. I am amazed and thankful to how we all have adapted and adjusted to the trials of this season without becoming jaded or losing faith. On the following page will be each step we take as a church. Unfortunately, I cannot give a specific timeline for each phase. We will take it one step at a time. However, I promise to communicate clearly and consistently as we take each step. Through faith, God will lead us through this wilderness, and we will come out on the other side stronger, not because of our actions, but because of God's grace. I leave you with this prayer.

God Bless,

Rev. Tom Bourke

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

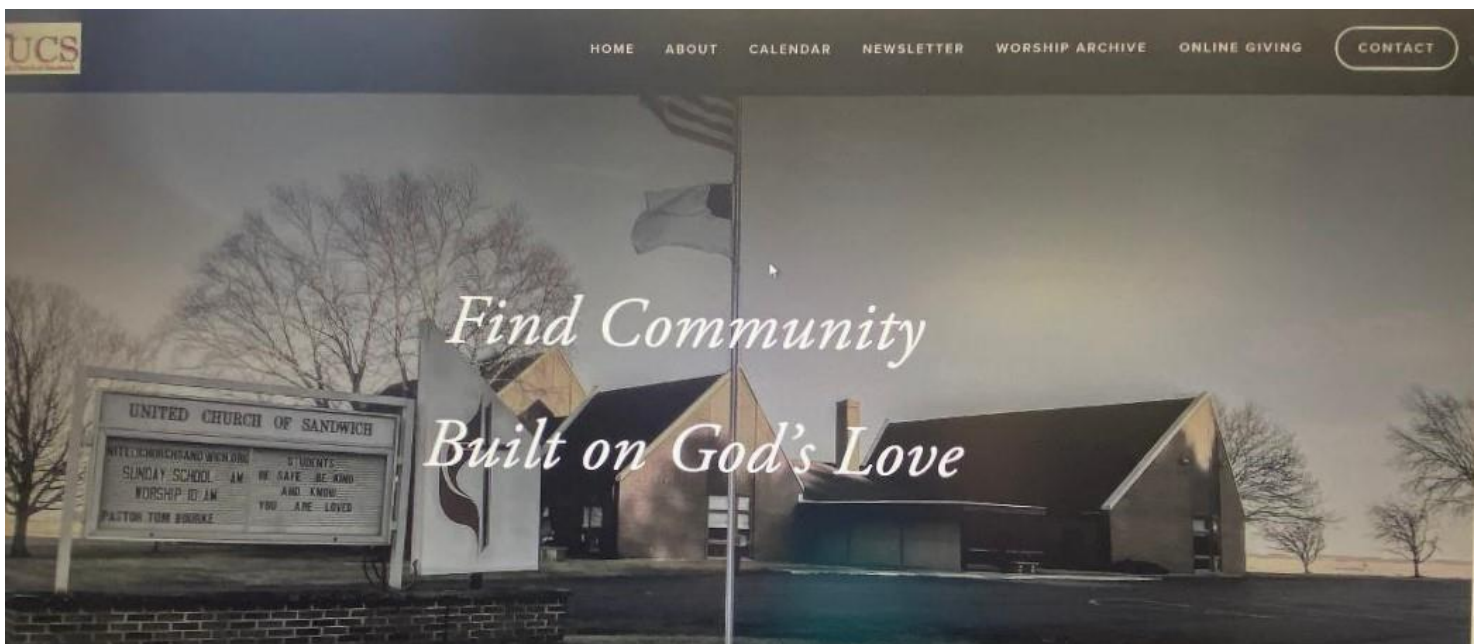
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- Phase 1: (Currently in phase 1) Online Worship. We will continue to offer worship online, and continue to meet through Zoom/Conference Calls for Bible study, devotionals, and meetings. Our church is currently able to have in person meetings of up to 10 people while practicing social distancing and positive health measures. Online meetings will continue to be preferred.
- Phase 2: Drive-In Church. We will have Sunday worship at 10am with everyone staying in their cars. People will hear by turning to the select radio station and a few members of the church will lead worship from the sidewalk (in view of everyone), providing music, the message, prayers, and sacraments. Communion will be provided following strict health measures and through a drive-thru method. Online worship will still be provided each Sunday. In person meetings can continue, but preference will be given to online meetings. (We hope to be in phase 2 at some point in June, but will follow the guidance and direction of the Northern IL Conference.
- Phase 3: Outdoor Church. We will worship together and in person during phase 3. However, our worship services will be outside in the back lawn. This will allow people to social distance in the placement of chairs. We will have drive-in church on any Sunday with bad weather. In person meetings will become the preferred form of gathering with social distancing and strong safety measures in place. Participants will be able to and welcomed to join any meeting through Zoom by teleconferencing into the meeting. The size of the gathering will be determined by State guidelines and Conference guidance.
- Phase 4: In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary. In phase four we will return to normal worship in our sanctuary. In person meetings will resume without limits on participants. However, there will be TBD modifications to worship (ie. if we are able to have choir, communal singing, etc.) and yet to be determined restrictions on communal meals.
- Phase 5: A return to a normal worshipping faith community with newly adapted changes to reflect the new realities of the current world (ie. A moratorium on shaking hands, exclusive use of communion cups instead of the practice of dipping bread into one chalice, etc.)

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





BIBLE STUDY

~Matthew Bible Study~

We've begun a Bible study on the book of Matthew, Monday evenings, at 6:45pm, via Zoom. We're studying the scripture each week and discussing what God is teaching us in that scripture. Zoom allows us to connect through our computers, our smart phones, and by calling in on our home phones. If you are interested in joining the Bible study, please call the church or email pastor Tom at pastortomucs@gmail.com

We have two Zoom Devotionals every week. Wednesday mornings, at 10:15am and Friday evenings, at 7:15pm. Each devotional lasts about 30 minutes allowing time for sharing prayer concerns, fellowship and a short devotional. Here are instructions for joining us...

•On the Computer through Video Chat:

Click on the link

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6123355334>

When asked, enter the Member ID: 612 335 5334 Password: 2468

•On your Tablet or Smart Phone:

Go to the App Store on your tablet or Phone and search for 'ZOOM Cloud Meetings'. Download the app.

On the app will be an option to 'JOIN'. When it is time, click on 'Join' and when you are asked for your member ID, enter: 612 335 5334 Password: 2468

•By calling on your phone through a conference call:

Call the Number: [408-638-0968](tel:408-638-0968)

When Prompted for Meeting ID Number, enter: [612 335 5334](tel:612-335-5334) and then hit #

When asked for Participant ID, just hit # Password: 2468

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS NOW ONLINE

FOR A TIME OF DEVOTION AND CONNECTION WE WILL GATHER ON ZOOM EACH SUNDAY. ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO JOIN. (WE ASK PARENTS AND/OR GRANDPARENTS TO ASSIST KIDS IN SETTING UP THE ONLINE VIDEO FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL.) PLEASE SEE ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE.



MISSION OF THE MONTH



Sager Brown Depot

In 1996, a 48,000sq ft processing/warehousing facility was constructed on the historic property at the Sager Brown Center in Baldwin, LA. Over 3,000 volunteers stay and work each year processing supplies for worldwide disaster relief and working in local outreach programs.

?? Bible Quiz ??

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- A. a time to teach, and a time to learn
- B. a time to mourn, and a time to dance
- C. a time to fast, and a time to eat
- D. a time to work, and a time to rest



Answer: B (See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.)

JUNE

Activities

Finance Committee meets Thursday, June 11th at 6:30pm. To be announced if by Zoom or in person or a combination.



Trustees Board meets Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30pm in the chapel or conference call.

SPRC meets June 9th at 6:30pm online.

Ministry in Action

Members of United Church baked 11 homemade pies and delivered the pies to the Emergency Room, Police Station, Fire Station, and Post Office. Awesome job and what a God sighting!



Protective Homemade Masks

For the requirement of wearing a face mask in many public places several members from UCS have been busy making homemade masks. If you are in need of one or two please contact the church office, or Pastor Tom.



At this time we are optimistic that the Sandwich Fair will be held as usual. We would still like to collect some rhubarb, cleaned and chopped. Freezer space will be available at the church. Even if the fair is cancelled there will be other uses for the fruit. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you!



We are in the process of asking for help delivering Meals on Wheels in June. If you are able to help with this mission, please email or call

the church. Even one day would be appreciated. Every act of being the hands and feet of Christ brings His love to our community. Thank you for your help with this mission.



FYI ~ United Church of Sandwich was notified by the Hill family that the September Craft Show has been cancelled for 2020.

"We are passionately United to feed all people-body, mind & spirit-to the Glory of God"- this is the United Church's mission statement. With that being said it has been decided that we want to help our local neighbors with a free lunch!

June 20,2020 from 11AM-1PM.

This will strictly be a drive thru, so, very little contact will be made with the public. All safety guidelines will be adhered to, such as, wearing masks, gloves and social distancing.

A very simple lunch of a grilled hot dog, bag of chips, a homemade cookie, and a bottle of water will be placed in a paper lunch bag. We will need lots of homemade snickerdoodle cookies, so bakers get out your cookie sheets. The cookies can be made in advance, baked, and frozen. We will provide the recipe because we want them all the same. 12 volunteers will be needed for prep work and serving with various jobs available. This is an opportunity for our congregation to reach out to those in need showing them we care. If you can bake or work, please contact one of us as soon as possible. We will gladly accept any donation to offset our costs.

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Tom, Sarah, Gwen and Pam



FREE HOT DOG LUNCH

June 20, 11AM ~ 1 PM

Drive-thru @

United Church of Sandwich

512 Lions Rd Sandwich

(across from Sandwich High School)

815-786-9243

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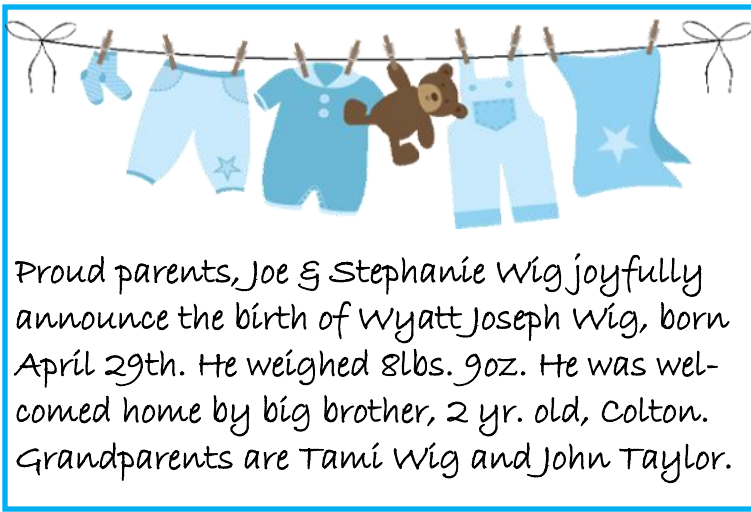
Social Distancing and Safe Health Practices will be adhered to.

Please join us as we come together as a community!

50th Anniversary Update

Due to the COVID-19 virus it has been decided that we will be postponing our Celebration *indefinitely*. We are very concerned for the health and welfare of all those who would be attending. The committee will keep you updated as we go along. If you have any questions, you can direct them to Pam Nehring, Sarah Stevens or Pastor Tom. Stay in, stay safe & be healthy. God Bless





June 21st



Happy
FATHER'S DAY

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.



**Congratulations
Graduates!**

Tyler Hauser ~ Indian Creek High School
(Jim & Bonnie Bernhardt's nephew)

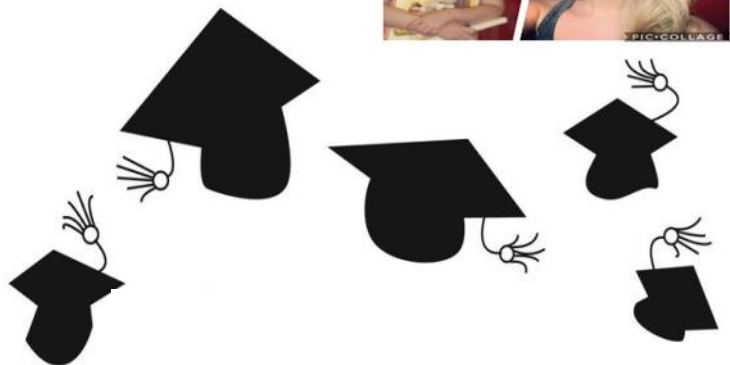
Josh Heiman ~ Sandwich High School
(John & Heidi Heiman's son)

Laura Olson ~ University of Illinois ~ Bachelor degree
(Matt & Joanna Olson's daughter)

Noah Pearson ~ Elmhurst College
(Paul & Diane Pearson's grandson)

Carolann Wackerlin ~ Northern Illinois Law College
(Carole Strock's granddaughter)

Laura Olson graduated from the University of Illinois with high honors! Congratulations



JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries

06/01	Quen Carpenter
06/02	Amber Mager
06/03	Colin Stahl
06/06	John Hallaron
06/07	Samantha Fox Clint Updike
06/09	Ryan Scharenberg
06/10	Kevin Richards
06/11	Robert Lovejoy
06/12	Joe Wig
06/18	Jeremy Mager
06/20	Joshua Eipers
06/23	Ashley Stahl Anna Bourke
06/25	Reanna Panlilio
06/28	Kris Calvert
06/08	Connie & James Mitchell
06/20	John & Heidi Heiman
06/23	Renee & Eric Eipers
06/24	Paul & Diane Pearson
06/26	Judy & Gary Anderson
06/29	Doug & Melissa Reiners

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



If you haven't already, please fill out the Members Information and Interests questionnaire provided with this newsletter and send it to the church office. Especially, at this time they have been very helpful in keeping everyone up to date and connected.

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!



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.

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>

Please send any joys or concerns or informational articles to the church office by:



The United Church of Sandwich

512 E Lions Road
Sandwich, IL 60548-2147



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE MESSENGER — JUNE 2020

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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	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
CYM: Joint Youth Coop Rep.	Joanna Olson

CHURCH MEMBER INFORMATION

Full Name _____ Preferred Name _____

Address _____ Alternate _____

Contact No(s) _____ E-mail _____

Birthday _____ Occupation _____

Spouse _____ Wedding Anniversary _____

Children _____

Member _____ Attend but not a member _____ Would like to become a member _____

Are you currently receiving the church newsletter? Yes _____ No _____

If not, would you like to? Yes _____ No _____ By E-mail _____ or Mail _____

INTERESTS & TALENTS

Check any of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Message | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Fellowship | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgist | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musician | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing | <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Speaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer (Food Pantry) | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting/Drawing | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driving for Others | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Preaching or Testimony | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Programming | <input type="checkbox"/> Heating/Air Conditioning | <input type="checkbox"/> History |

Please add any other information you would like to share and turn in to the office.
