

# 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!"*



## Christ is Risen!

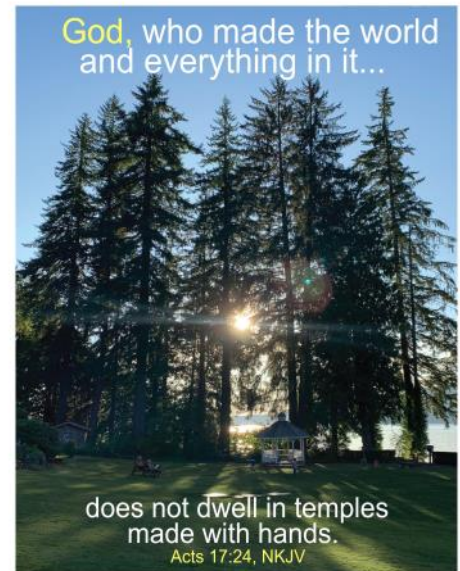
"Are we there yet?" Along with many of you, I remember speaking those words from the backseat of my family's car during any number of trips. I also remember those words more recently coming from the backseat as a parent driving my children on trips. I will admit, it got tough when a long trip got longer when we would encounter a sign that read 'DETOUR'. The kids would groan and my spirit would sink. The sign 'DETOUR' meant that our arrival was going to be delayed. It meant the kids would be saying 'Are we there yet' more and I would be on the road past the time I expected.

We have all encountered a massive DETOUR in our lives this spring. We entered this journey thinking it might be a small disruption or a slight bump in the road, but discovered that the Covid19 virus has become a major detour for everyone. A couple of months ago we did not have phrases like 'social distancing', 'homemade facemasks', and 'why in the world is Walmart out of toilet paper?!' in our lexicon. Now they are commonplace. We are asking how many more days will this crisis last? How many more weeks will we be engaging in worship online instead of in person? How many more events will be cancelled?

The detour does not mean we have been separated from God and does not mean that God is not still at work in our lives today. Paul wrote in Romans 8:28 that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." I love this realization. God is working with us to create good in whatever situation the world is in. God is taking the detour and recreating it into a new journey. It is not the path we expected, but God is creating as we speak. Our family life and routines have been turned upside down. This 'detour' has created for family time, new opportunities, to grow through activities and togetherness. It has been a challenge and a gift. My kids have shown leadership and strength in helping me to lead worship on Sunday as my worship team. The challenges of the pandemic has renewed my dependence of my faith and reminded me not to put God in a box. I am seeing a collective desire to reconnect in the faith from people everywhere.

None of us plan for detours in our lives. However, God can use detours to teach us in ways we cannot learn anywhere else. He can use the most uncomfortable detour to remind us that He is the source of our peace – not our circumstances. And he can use even the hardest and most challenging detour to reveal to us that the most important thing is not the destination, but enjoying God on the journey and seeing what he is able to show us in the process. We are separated in person, but united in the spirit. My prayers are continually with you and God Bless!

Rev. Tom Bourke





## ~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](mailto: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

When Prompted for Meeting ID Number, enter: 612 335 5334 and then hit #

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

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### *Living Well with AIDS*



Members of the Northern Illinois Conference began this program in 2012, to assist in AIDS education and support. Empowering and enabling people to understand HIV/AIDS and its impact on the community. They engage communities to develop a plan that is action oriented. Showing that testing and treatment is the key to reducing the virus in the community. Eastern and Southern Africa is home to half of the world's population living with HIV, including 48% of the world's new infections among adults, 55% among children and 48% of AIDS related deaths. The project

Never forget that you are one of God's rainbow people. Called to step outside your high church steeple To show that you have heard God's holy call By loving, serving, and witnessing God's grace to all. Live as one forgiven.

-Edith Tallent Sunday

has demonstrated that with proper tools and methods, communities in one-year campaigns can reduce HIV infections, increase testing to 82% of the community, and care for families of those lost to the virus.

## Bible Quiz

While 70 Israelite men were commissioned as prophets at the tent of meeting, two others, Eldad and Medad, were reported to have prophesied in the camp — not following “proper” protocols.

Who defended them?

- A. Moses
- B. Joshua
- C. Jethro
- D. The Lord



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:24-29.)

# MAY

## Meetings & Activities Suspended In Person



**Finance Committee** meets  
Thursday, May 7th at  
6:30pm, via Zoom.

**Trustees Board** meets  
Wednesday, May 13th at  
6:30pm, via Zoom.

**U'Niter's** members hope everyone is staying well and has a good spring and summer. The group will meet again August 3rd at 1:00pm.

The monthly **BAKE SALE** that benefits the Apportionment Commitment will resume in the fall. Many **Thanks** to those who have supported us each month. The Finance Committee

**United Methodist Women** have kept busy sending out birthday cards to students in college as well as an Upper Room devotional and McDonald's gift card. They have also received a certificate recognizing them as a 5 star giving unit for missions for 2019.  
Congratulations Ladies!



World Thank Offering  
Gift in Memory  
Gift to Mission  
Special Mission Recognition  
Pledge to Mission

Presented to United Methodist Women of

**United Church of Sandwich**

In Recognition of Contributions to the

**FIVE CHANNELS OF MISSION GIVING** in 2019

Presented January 25, 2020 by Aurora District United Methodist Women

  
Betty Erickson, President

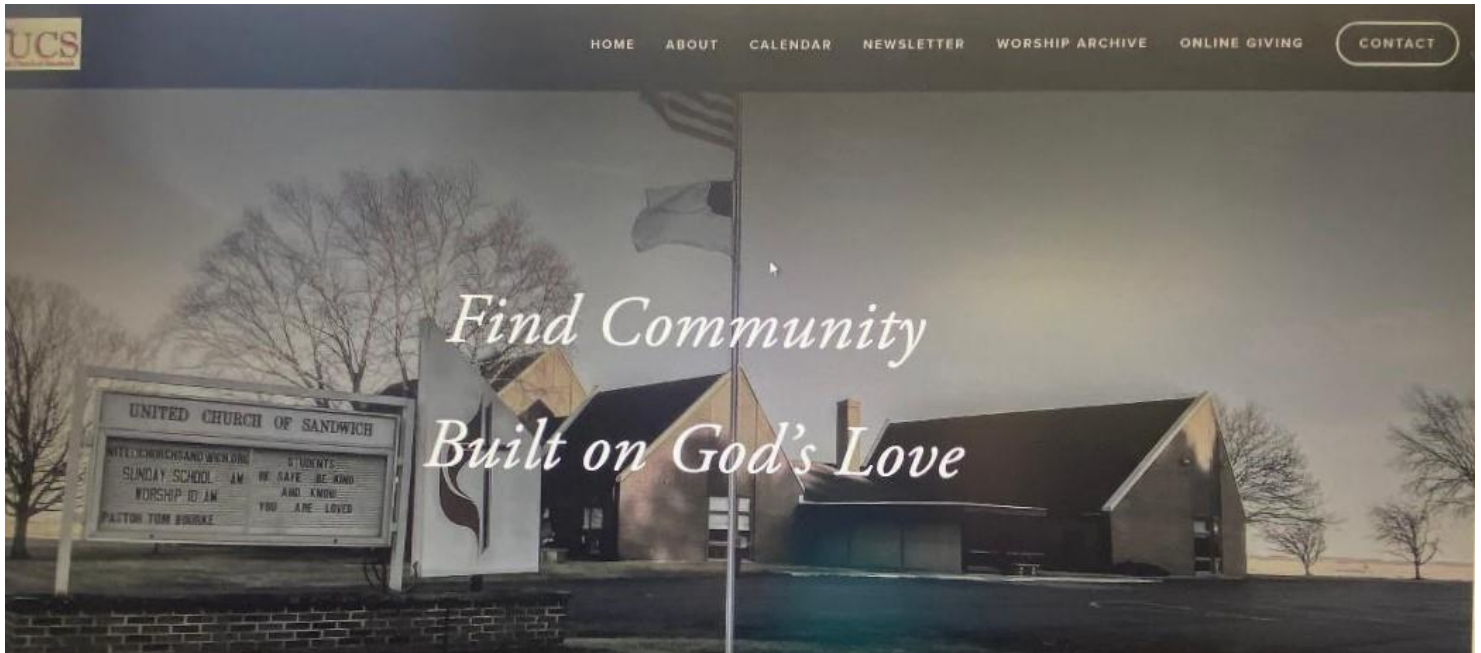
  
Chyrlie Soltau, Treasurer



## 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)



**Armed Forces Day, May 16, is a day to pay tribute to the men and women who serve the United States Armed Forces. The day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May and is part of Armed Forces Week.**



### Protective Homemade Masks

For the May 1st 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.

### 50th Anniversary Update

Due to the COVID-19 virus it has been decided that we will be postponing our Celebration until August 16, 2020. We are very concerned for the health and welfare of all those who would be attending. We pray that by August we will no longer have to worry about the virus. 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

### 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>



## It's A Girl

McKenna Scott was born April 18, 2020 to Danielle & Eric Bedford. Big sisters Braylee, 5 and Lakelynn, 2 also welcomed her home. McKenna is the great grand daughter of Jerry & Marlene Cook who feel truly blessed!

# HAPPY Mother's Day

“Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.”  
~ Robert Browning

“All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”  
~ Abraham Lincoln

“No influence is so powerful as that of the mother.”  
~ Sarah Josepha Hale, 19th-century author

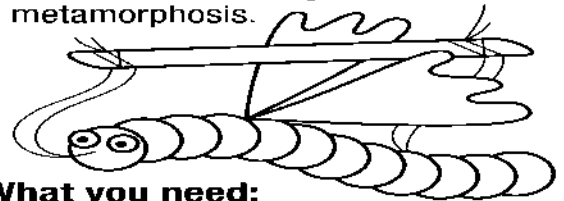
The 90th Birthday Open House for Vivian McMaster that was to take place on May 23rd has been rescheduled for July 18th. We will look forward to celebrating with her when we are able!



At this time we are optimistic that the Sandwich Fair will be held as usual. So we will go forward with plans to make pies. With ingredients being hard to find please pick any up when you do find them. Items coveted are pie fruit, Gold Medal or Pillsbury flour, Crisco shortening and sugar. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

## CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



### What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

### What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.





# MAY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

05/02	Phyllis Davis Richard Robinson
05/03	Delores Lies
05/05	Macie Chrestman
05/06	Renee Eipers Andrew Salisbury
05/07	Shirley Basler
05/09	James Bernhardt Betty Reiners
05/11	Thomas Nehring
05/12	Sandy Gustafson
05/13	Darrell Lohmeier Beverly Lowe
05/16	Gary Anderson
05/18	Linda Duy Lilly Heiman
05/19	Ron Henrich
05/26	Heath Dannewitz
05/27	Jane Heyer Vivian McMaster
05/28	Richard Banko Dakota Heiman
05/29	Richard Hill
05/30	Sandy Gillette
05/27	Carl & Sandy Gustafson
05/29	Mindy & Josh Chrestman

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

**If you haven't filled out an informational survey, please send any email, phone numbers, 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!

## Newest Members Profile



Louis and Marilyn Steenwyk were welcomed as new members of UCS on December 15, 2019, via transfers of membership from First UMC of Evergreen Park, IL.

Lou was raised in suburban Oak Lawn, IL, and Marilyn hails from a farm in southern Grundy County, near Dwight, IL. Marilyn's post-college roommate was in Lou's high school class, so that's how they met!

They married in April 1978 and have lived in Oak Lawn, Morris, and Evergreen Park prior to Sandwich.

After 28 years working at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Marilyn retired in 2015. Lou retired in 2017 from public works (water department) for the Village of Evergreen Park and had previously been a semi-truck driver.

"Our two sons are both married and we enjoy three granddaughters in Milwaukee, WI, and three grand-cats in Olathe, KS. Both of our sons are engineers: one a software engineer with Johnson Controls, Inc., and the other a train engineer for BNSF. Our daughters-in-law keep busy as a teacher and a social worker, along with parenting!"

In June 2018, the Steenwyk's moved to 1101 Vale St, Sandwich. and are enjoying their retirement years in this community!

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

**Newsletter**

**MAY**

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**Deadline**

# **The United Church of Sandwich**

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## **THE MESSENGER — MAY 2020**

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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
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