

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,

In 1620, 102 Pilgrims had come to this new world to build a new life where they would be free to worship God. Fifty-six pilgrims died due to starvation, disease and the cold during the first winter. All conventional wisdom would have told them to give up. However, they did not. In 1621, 46 Pilgrims and 91 Native Americans met to give thanks for a God getting them through the winter and providing a bountiful harvest. They had every reason to be depressed and discouraged. They could have been angry and resentful. They chose to give thanks.

The book of Habakkuk was written during a time of apostasy, judgement and unbelievable hardship. It takes place when Jehoiakim, the King of Judah led the people back into idolatry and away from God. As a result, God is preparing to allow the fall of the nation. Habakkuk is having a hard time understanding why God would use a foreign nation like Babylon to punish His people. He cannot understand why God doesn't just wipe out their sins and bring them back to Himself and to righteousness. There are similarities between Habakkuk and Job. He argues his case, but in the end he realizes that God is not to be worshipped merely because of the temporary, and physical blessings of life. He is to be worshipped because He is God. Habakkuk ends his message with song of thanksgiving to God for who He is and for the unchanging benefits that belong to those who know Him! Habakkuk has reason to worry and question, but he chooses instead to be thankful.

Whatever you are going through in life, I invite you to choose Thanksgiving! Struggle is an inevitability. It will happen. Sometimes, it is because of our own actions or the actions of those around us. Sometimes, life just causes pain through no fault of our own. However, God is the never changing, never disappointing, never lacking presence in your life. We rejoice in the Lord because the Lord lives with us. I invite you to experience Thanksgiving this year in a similar attitude as the pilgrims. You have aspects in your life that cause hurt and sadness and disappointment. But you also have great blessings. You have gifts from the Lord, God. Give thanks to the Lord! Break bread with friends and family! Choose hope over despair! Choose God!

Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Tom



Sunday Scriptures and Themes for November 2019

Stewardship Sermon Series: *Money Matters*

November 3

Matthew 19:16-26 “*Devotion*”

November 10

2 Kings 4:1-7 “*Debt Free*”

November 17

Matthew 25:14-30 “*Discipline*”

November 24

Malachi 3:10-11 “*More Than Enough*”



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 kingdom.
-Edith Talbot Sunday

MISSION OF THE MONTH

RIDGEWOOD UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES, The Ridgewood United Community Food Pantry is a ministry initiated by Trinity United Methodist Church now engaging volunteers from five other United Methodist Churches (New Lenox, Hope—Joliet, Grace—Joliet, Ingalls Park, and Plainfield UMC). The Pantry serves residents of two zip codes on the East Side of Joliet. Open weekly, clients receive services once a month. Food is supplied primarily through the Northern Illinois Foodbank. Funds are used to purchase food from the Foodbank and support the utility budget of Trinity in order to defray the costs of operating freezers.



EPIC Youth Group will be meeting at Union Congregational Church in Somonauk for the month of November. Sundays 4-6 pm. Students in 6th grade through college are welcome to participate in games, Bible study, and dinner.



Come to Sunday School Class!

Each Sunday at 8:45 am, adults have been studying the book ‘Making Sense of the Bible’ by Adam Hamilton. Rediscovering the power of the scriptures for our lives today. Join us for some great discussions and fellowship. Coffee is available.

The children’s classes begin at 9:00 am and are divided into two classes. They have been learning the book of Genesis and singing and dancing to energetic Christian music at the end of class each week, they are learning the scriptures in sign language! **All children are welcome!**

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Complete the first of Jesus’ “beatitudes” correctly: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ...”

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.



Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)



November Activities



Worship Committee will meet November 10th, right after service.



Nominating Committee will meet Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00pm.

Finance Committee meets Monday, November 11th at 6:15pm

Trustees Board will meet Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30pm.

Administrative Council will meet November 21st at 6:30 pm



United Methodist Men meet on Sunday, November 3rd at 7:30 am for breakfast and fellowship. All men are invited to attend!

United Methodist Women will be meeting November 14th at 9:30 am. All women are warmly welcomed. On the agenda: December Christmas Potluck.



Please support the mitten, hat and scarf collection by adding items to the tree in the narthex. They will be collecting these items until November 17th for the Sharing Pantry. Contact

Vivian McMaster or Myrtie Warren for more information



Also, a big thank you for all who helped in any way with the rummage and bake sale. Our total was over \$1900!

United Methodist Women

Thank offering boxes will be collected November 24th, Thanksgiving Sunday



BAKE SALE BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 3rd the bake sale to benefit our Apportionment Commitment returns. Luncheon committee #1 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

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

4:30 — 6:00 pm
Tues., November 26th, 2019
St Paul's Catholic Church
340 W Arnold Rd Sandwich
815-786-9266



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

There isn't a feast in December

All Saints Sunday November 3



On Sunday, November 3rd, we will honor and remember those significant persons in our lives who have gone before us.

In our prayers and during Holy Communion we will read the names of United Church of Sandwich members, friends and family who have passed away since last November.



November 24th ~ Consecration Sunday, immediately following worship there will be an all church potluck in the fellowship hall. Pledge cards are due at this time as well. Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks and table service will be provided. A food sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. Let this be a time of celebration and fellowship!



Decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas season will be Saturday, November 30th. We will be putting up lights, trees, decorations and sending Christmas cards to our shut in friends. Start time will be

8:30 am and hopefully finishing by 11:00 am. Please join us in creating a beautiful and festive sanctuary for the important Advent/Christmastide season. See you there!



Thank you to Ed & Lynn Reeder for the Toro Lawnmower donation! And, to Gary Anderson, Judy Anderson, Earl Shaffer, Ron Henrich, Jim Updike and Albert Alvarez for their donation of time in keeping the lawn mowed!!



Poinsettia
ORDERS

Poinsettias will be ordered to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. The choice of colors are red or white and come in a 6 1/2" pot, at a cost \$16.00 each. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the following form and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than **December 9.**

Name _____

Given (in memory of) or (in honor of) _____

My order is for ___ Red ___ White (\$16.00 each)

Total Cost: \$_____ (enclosed)

ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 9.

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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgists

11/03 Doug Reiners
 11/10 Diane Pearson
 11/17 Chris Bagwill
 11/24 Doug Reiners

Greeters

11/03 Josh & Mindy Chrestman
 11/10 Bonnie & Ken Young
 11/17 Reid & Deb Heinekamp
 11/24 Phyllis Davis

Ushers

11/03 Gary & Judy Anderson
 11/10 Jim & Connie Mitchell
 11/17
 11/24 Breon Family

November Communion Ministers

Rick & Debby Hill, Jim Bernhardt



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



NEWSLETTER HELPERS



Birthdays

11/02	Bob Carpenter
	Brooke Warpinski
11/08	Connie Kirby
11/09	Michael Jerabek
11/12	Josh Chrestman
11/18	Bart Breon
11/21	Pam Nehring
11/22	David Scharenberg III
11/24	Carl Gustafson
11/25	Carole Forman
11/26	Harold Dannewitz
	Lynn Reeder
11/27	Angie Miller
11/28	Michael Cassell

Anniversaries

11/28 Heather & Bart Breon

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



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 .



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

NOVEMBER



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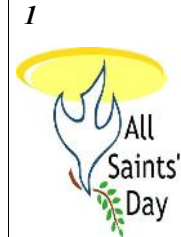
Thu

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Sat



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS



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*World
Community
Day*

³ *All Saints Sunday*
7:30 UMM
Breakfast
8:45 Adult
Sunday School
9:00 Children's
Sunday School
10:00 Worship ~
Communion

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7:00 U'Niter's
Mtg

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7:00 Nominating
Cmte Mtg


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6:00 Prayer
Group
6:30 Chimes
7:30 Choir

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8:45 Adult
Sunday School
9:00 Children's
Sunday School
10:00 Worship
11:15 Worship Cmte
Mtg

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VETERANS DAY
6:15 Finance
Cmte Mtg

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6:30 Chimes
7:30 Choir

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9:30 UMW Mtg

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8:45 Adult
Sunday School
9:00 Children's
Sunday School
10:00 Worship ~
Communion

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**Newsletter
DEADLINE**
6:30 Trustees
Board Mtg

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6:00 Prayer
Group
6:30 Chimes
7:30 Choir

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6:30 Administrative
Council Mtg

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10:30
Newsletter
Assembly

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²⁴ *Consecration
Sunday*
8:45 Adult
Sunday School
9:00 Children's
Sunday School
10:00 Worship
All Church Potluck

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4:30-6:00 4th
Tuesday Feast
@
St. Paul's
Catholic

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CLOSED

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512 E Lions Road
Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE MESSENGER — NOVEMBER 2019



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 2019

Church Council Chair	Ken Young
Recording Secretary	Deb Heinekamp
Treasurer	Linda Duy
Payroll	Pam Nehring
Financial Secretary	Pat Hallaron
Finance/Stewardship Chair	Pam Nehring
Staff/Pastor Parish Relations	Sarah Stevens
Lay Leader	Gwen Fox
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