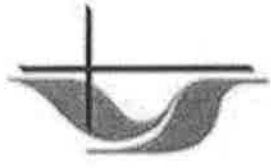


The Messenger



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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!"*

Holy Week and Easter Schedule of Services

Passion/Palm Sunday, April 9

10:00 am: Palms procession; reading of the Passion Gospel according to Matthew

This service begins with a palms procession as we join those who welcome our Lord into Jerusalem. It then moves to the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion as we hear the story from the gospel of Matthew.

4:00 pm: Taizé Vesper Service

The monks of the Taizé Community in France have developed a type of meditative prayer that is very appropriate for Holy Week. We will use some of the Taizé songs and worship style for this vesper service. Simple repetitive melodies and periods of silence offer us a chance for deep reflection and prayer.

Holy Thursday, April 13

6:00 pm: "Love Feast" fellowship meal and Communion (bring a dish to share)

We will gather around a table in Fellowship Hall to recall Jesus' final meal with his disciples. We will share Scripture, songs, prayer, and Holy Communion. If they are moved to do so, those present may give a testimony to the work of God in their life.

Good Friday, April 14

12:10 pm: Prayer service; Passion Gospel from John.

This brief prayer service is conducted without music in a bare worship space. We recall the perfect sacrifice of Jesus by reading the passion story from the gospel of John.

7:00 pm: "Seven Words from the Cross"

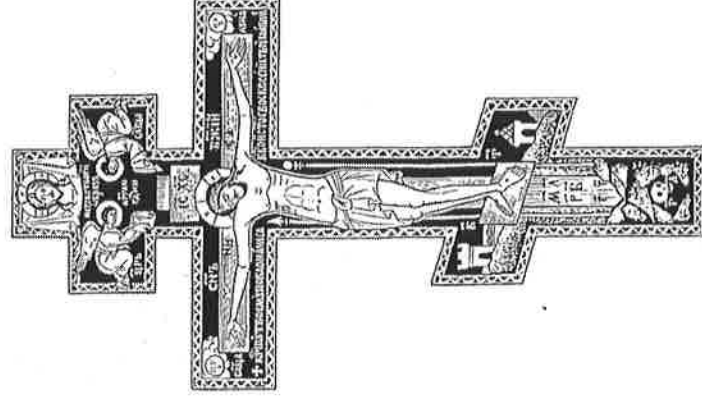
We will meditate on the last words of Jesus from the Cross, using song, Scripture, and images.

Easter Sunday, April 16: CHRIST IS RISEN!

8:00 am: Worship

8:45 am: Easter breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:00 am: Festival service with Communion



Sunday Scriptures for April 2017

April 2: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14 *In a valley filled with corpses, Ezekiel encounters the living God.*
Psalm 130 *"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord."*
Romans 8:6-11 *Christ moves us from the dying world of the flesh to the world of the Spirit.*
John 11:1-45 *Jesus brings his friend Lazarus back from death, foreshadowing his own rising.*

April 9: Palm/Passion Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 *Jesus enters Jerusalem, hailed as a king.*
Isaiah 50:4-9a *Even though God's servant suffers, he is unwavering in his mission.*
Psalm 31:9-16 *"I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.'"*
Phil 2:5-11 *Christ empties himself of his divine status in order to completely share our nature.*
Matthew 26:14-27:66 *Matthew tells the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, execution and burial.*

April 16: Easter Day

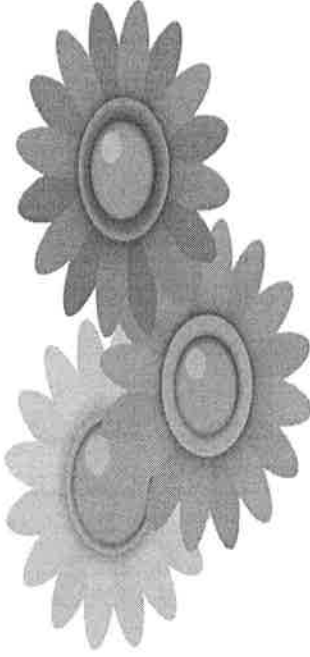
Acts 10:34-43 *Peter witnesses to the power of Christ's resurrection.*
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."*
Colossians 3:1-4 *We do not simply believe in Christ's resurrection, we participate in it.*
John 20:1-18 *The risen Lord meets Mary Magdalene in the garden.*

April 23: The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *Peter proclaims that Jesus has risen.*
Psalm 16 *"Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge."*
1 Peter 1:3-9 *We are confident of eternal life in Christ, even though it is not fully present.*
John 20:19-31 *Thomas' skepticism is changed to faith by his encounter with Jesus.*
Worship leader TBA

April 30: The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *Many join the "Jesus movement" after hearing Peter's sermon.*
Psalm 116 *"I love the Lord because he has heard my voice."*
1 Peter 1:17-23 *Jesus Christ's sacrifice has set you apart for salvation.*
Luke 24:13-35 *Two disciples of Jesus meet the risen Lord as they break bread with him.*
Worship leaders: United Methodist Women



We still need members to sign up for alter flowers and bread. The sign up sheet is to the left outside of the office. There are still a lot of openings left on both sign ups. Also make sure you check often as a reminder for what day you have signed up for.



Happy, Blessed, Holy Easter to all!

Pastor will be on vacation April 17—May 6

Steve and Kelley will be on vacation Monday April 17 through Saturday May 6. Call the church office if you need pastoral assistance.

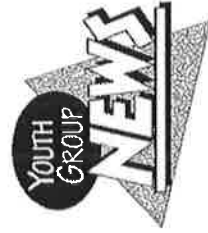
THANKS GIVING

February 26	1981.00
March 5	428.00
March 12	2579.00
March 19	1490.00
Total	6478.00

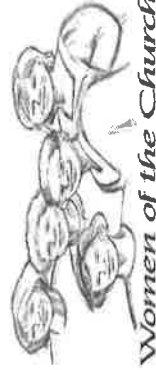
Our generous gifts glorify God!

Chili & Soup Supper

Don't forget to order your tickets for the All you can eat Chili & Soup Supper. To purchase tickets see any United Men Member. If you or someone you know are a shut-in or cannot drive, we are able to deliver the dinner to you. Cost of tickets are as follows: Adult \$8.00, Child 6-12 years \$3.00, Child under 6 is free. Hot dogs will also be available for children.



Epic Youth Group will be meeting at Union Congregational Church this month.



United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday April 13th at 9:30a.m.



Hope Circle will meet on Thursday April 6th at 1:00p.m.,

Mission of the Month

Hesed House PADS

Public Action to Deliver Shelter Inc. dba Hesed House is a comprehensive homeless resource center working to end homelessness one person-one family-at a time. Hesed House equips ninety area churches 1) to provide food, shelters, and services to homeless neighbors, 2) to provide the opportunity to hope again (job training, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, legal services, veteran's services, ect.), and 3) to work for systemic and societal justice on behalf of the last of these. Several United Methodist Churches support Hesed House PADS, both financially and with volunteers.

FLEA & market & BAKE SALE

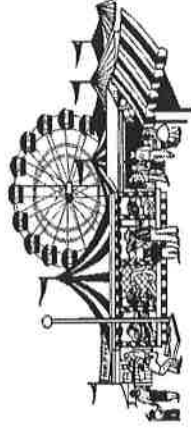
Christine McMahon is sponsoring another Indoor Flea Market at church. Saturday April 8th & 9th from 9am-4pm. The Bake Sale will be open 9am-12pm. Contact Christine @ (815)786-4243 to reserve a vendors' space or to contribute to the bake sale. (No food or beverage service available at this time).



Church Spring Clean-up will be Saturday April 1st from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. If any questions please contact Matt Olson.



Choir / Chimes will host Fourth Sunday Coffee Hour this month.



Fair stand Committee will hold their next meeting on Tuesday April 8th @ 7:00PM

March Worship Assistants



Greeters

4/2/17 Phyllis Davis
 4/9/17 Jim & Bonnie Bernhardt
 4/13/17 Monty & Betty Reiners
 4/14/17 Kelley Mindrup
 4/16/1 (8:00 am) Etta Stahl
 (10:00 am) Matt & Joanna Olson
 4/23/17 Bev Lowe
 4/30/17 Delores & John Lies

Ushers

4/2/17 Marlene & Jerry Cook
 4/9/17 Kim & Ron Henrich
 4/13/17 Deb & Reid Heinekamp
 4/14/17 Myrtie & Al Warren
 4/16/17 (8:00 am) Carole & Ed Forman
 (10:00 am) Carole Stroock & MaryAnn Olson
 4/23/17 Pam Nehring & Deb Seymour
 4/30/17 Betty & Monty Reiners

Liturgists

4/2/17 Kevin Duy
 4/9/17 Bonnie Miller
 4/13/17 Sarah Stevens
 4/14/17 Rick Hill
 4/16/17 (8:00 am) Lori Davis (10:00 am) Deb Seymour
 4/23/17 Lynn Reeder
 4/30 Jim Bernhardt

March Communion Ministers

Matt Olson, Joanna Olson, Pam Nehring

Reaching our inactive members

During Lent, Pastor Steve is making a special effort to contact our inactive members and to invite them to come back to fellowship with us.

He would like those who have not participated in the life of our church for awhile to contact him and talk about their relationship to Christ and to United Church.

All of us probably see folks regularly who once were an active part of this congregation but who are no longer connected.

Reach out to them! Let them know that we miss them and want them to be with us! If you have a friend who has had a relationship to our church in the past, invite him or her to come to worship with you.

Lent is about many things; one thing it surely is about is reconciliation and the restoration of relationships. Let's make Jesus' forgiving love very visible!

This Month's Birthdays

4/1 Barb Bark
 4/2 Katelyn Bedford, Ryan Ivemeyer,
 Matthew Olson, Thomas Johns
 4/3 Lori Davis, Tom Reedy
 4/5 Jenna Henrich
 4/6 Jared Vegrzyn
 4/7 Jaclyn Munson
 4/8 Jack Tisinai
 4/10 Betty White, Garrison Rose
 4/11 Gerald Ode
 4/12 Donna Way
 4/13 Jackie Hargrave, Wayne Hargrave, Gwen Fox
 4/17 Mark Jerabek, Nate Heiman
 4/18 Robert Morel
 4/20 Dave Severson, Paul Pearson
 4/21 Carole Stroock
 4/22 Laura Olson
 4/24 Scarlett Paul
 4/26 Rebecca Peppers
 4/27 Pat Hallaron
 4/28 Christine McMahon

Anniversaries This Month



4/8 Melanie & Dave Vegrzyn
 4/15 Barbara & Gary French
 4/17 Sarah & Wayne Reynolds

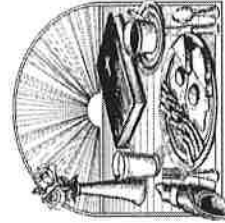
Sandwich/Somonauk
Ministerial Alliance
**4TH TUESDAY COMMUNITY
FREE FELLOWSHIP FEAST**

4:30 — 6:00 pm
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
Salem Lutheran Church
1022 N. Main St.
Sandwich
815-786-9308

- Looking for fellowship? Join us!
- Having trouble making ends meet? Join us!
- Love community dinners? Join us!

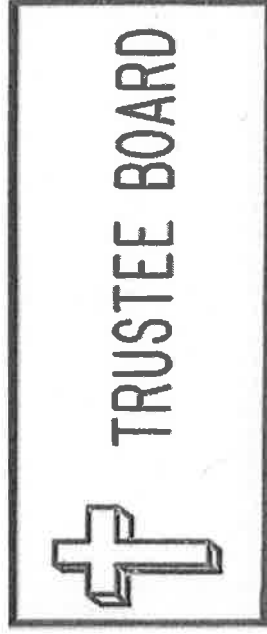


ALL ARE WELCOME!
Invite your friends and family to come as well!



MEN'S BREAKFAST
welcome!

**United Methodist Men's
Breakfast** will be held
Sunday April 2nd at 7:30
a.m. Men's group meet
first Sunday every month
for breakfast, fellowship,
and devotions. All men are



The next Trustee Meeting will be held on
Tuesday April 11th at 6:30p.m.

**Shopping on line? Help your
church through UMCMarket.org**

Here is an easy way to support UCS. Before you make an on line purchase, go to UMCMarket.org. Once you establish an account at UMCMarket.org, over 3,000 businesses with donate a portion of your purchase to United Church. Automatically.

It's easy to register. Just go to UMCMarket.org and set up an account. It takes less than five minutes. It will take you through the steps to get your donation directed to UCS. Then when you are shopping on line you can look on the UMCMarket site for what you want.

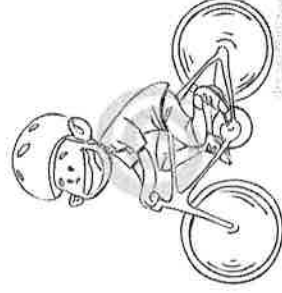
Each purchase you make will earn UCS a percentage of the total (in some cases as much as 5%). If a lot of us take advantage of this (especially on big ticket items like TVs or other appliances), the donations will add up.

**Uniters will meet on Monday April 3rd
at 7 p.m.**

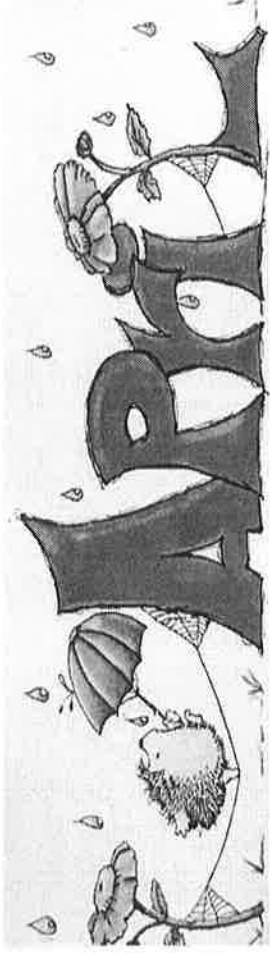
Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet
on Tuesday April 25th at 6:30 p.m.



Deadline to turn all newsletter information will be
Monday April 10th at
10:00 a.m.



April 30th is Ride Your Bike to Church Day. Girl Scout Troop 1701 will be participating. If any members of the congregation would like to participate, meet at Woodbury School located 322 E. 3rd St. in Sandwich no later than 9:15 a.m.



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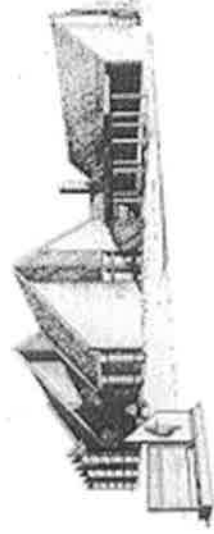
April Showers Bring
May Flowers...

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	3 7:00 pm Uniters Meeting	4	5 9:00 am Lent breakfast 4:30 pm- 7:00 pm chili & soup supper 5:30 pm New members class 6:00 pm Prayer group 6:30 pm Chimes 7:30 pm Choir	6 1:00 pm Hope Circle Meeting	7	8	
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Sunday Schedule

Worship 10:00 am

Adult Sunday School 8:45 am

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Rev. Steven Mindrup

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday , 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

or by appointment

Email: pastormindrup@gmail.com

Mobile: 815.988.4992

Kelley Mindrup's mobile: 815-988-7075

Church Staff

Secretary: Andrea Knasel

(Tuesday-Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Choir and Chimes Director: Kevin Duy

Organist/Pianist: Carol Larson

Ministers and Missionaries: All Members

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Leadership Team 2017

Church Council Chair

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Treasurer

Pam Nehring

Financial Secretary

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Finance/Stewardship Chair

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Brenda Moland

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