

# 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!"*

*From the Pastor ...*

## Can Christians still be peacemakers?

Recent events in our nation have been heart breaking and tragic. I have brought our flag to half staff at least three times in the past month.

The murder of police officers makes us all fearful. We mourn with their families and communities, at the same time leaving us feeling vulnerable and unsafe.

The shootings of African-American men by law enforcement reminds us that blacks are many more times likely to be arrested and confronted by police than the rest of us.

Our political discourse is filled on both sides with polarizing and hateful rhetoric. I cannot remember a time when the biggest motivator in politics was hatred for the other party's candidate rather than admiration for the person I support.

Our United Methodist Church is divided over many issues. Many of our gatherings are fraught with tension and anxiety. We are doing some wonderful things in God's name, but we seem to be focused more on our problems and divisions rather than on our blessings and accomplishments.

What is our best response when evil seems to overshadow good? How do we connect with a God of justice and peace when almost everything seems out of control?

We can pray — for a restoration of trust and civility, and for healing of our nation's deep wounds. Earnest, persistent, humble prayer — full of "thy will be done" — changes our relationship to the world and to God. When all is said and done, we are a people who stand before God trusting in his grace alone. I believe that prayer will lead us to a place where we can be more trusting and less fearful, more understanding and less hateful

We can examine ourselves and our motives. I believe that there is a great deal of mostly unspoken racism and bigotry in our patterns of thought and behavior. We are increasingly suspicious of the "other", whether of a different race, or nationality, or religion. Even though I have served multi-racial congregations, and have worked with colleagues from many different cultures, I still find myself occasionally given to racist remarks and unthinking dismissal of those who are different. If I am to be the peace maker that Jesus calls me to be I must get beyond my prejudices and fears of the stranger.

A positive step toward peace for us I believe will be the several outreach events that we will sponsor this summer and fall with our Hispanic neighbors. When we meet them with openness and caring rather than with suspicion and mistrust, we will in our own small part move the world toward peace.

*Steve Mindrup*



## **Sunday Scriptures for August 2016**

### **August 7: The 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 *Israel's offerings are meaningless without a moral foundation.*

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 *"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth."*

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 *Faith is defined through the example of Israel's ancestors.*

Luke 12:34-40 *Be alert every moment for the advent of Christ.*

Worship leader: Pastor Rich Rubietta

### **August 14: The 13th Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 5:1-7 *The prophet compares Israel and Judah to an unfruitful vineyard.*

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 *The metaphor of a ruined vineyard describes God's people.*

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 *We are close to the fulfillment of God's promises to his people.*

Luke 12:49-56 *Jesus warns that his coming will bring upheaval and division.*

### **August 21: The 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 1:4-10 *God calls Jeremiah to speak a word of warning and judgment.*

Psalm 71:1-6 *"In you, O Lord, I take refuge."*

Hebrews 12:18-29 *Through faith, believers participate in God's new order of creation.*

Luke 13:10-17. *Jesus is reprimanded for healing a woman on the Sabbath.*

### **August 28: The 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 2:4-13 *Israel is a "cracked cistern" that will not contain God's living water.*

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 *"O that Israel would walk in my ways."*

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 *Christian life is mutual love, hospitality and simplicity.*

Luke 14:1, 7-14 *"Those who humble themselves will be exalted."*



*Happy Birthday!*

Happy 90th Birthday to  
John Kell and  
Bernice Nicholas

Happy 80th Birthday to  
Carol Larson

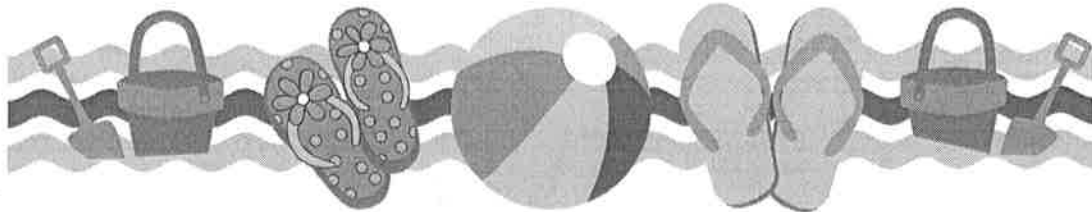
## Mission of the Month

### Scouting Ministries Sunday

The United Methodist Church has had a close partnership with the civic youth-serving agencies in our society, especially Camp Fire Boys and Girls, 4-H, Girl Scouts of the USA and Boy Scouts of America. These funds will be administered by the Northern Illinois Conference Committee on Scouting which operates under the auspices of the NIC United Methodist Men.

THANKS GIVING	
July 3	\$2451.00
July 10	\$2611.85
July 17	\$2058.00
July 24	<u>\$1858.00</u>
Total	\$8978.85

Our generous gifts glorify God!



## Welcome to Worship

### UCS welcomes Pastor Rich Rubietta on August 7th

Pastor Rich Rubietta will lead us in his unique contemporary approach to worship on Sunday, August 7th.

Rich is a gifted interpreter, song leader and communicator. He will show us how to praise God in an energetic, lively way.

Rich is an evangelist in our Conference. His ministry is to be an itinerate worship leader and preacher. He works with churches all over our Conference and the nation, from small gatherings to large events.

We have invited Rich to UCS before and he has been very well received. Make him welcome again!

Pastor Steve will be away on August 7, getting Kelley on her way to her mission trip in Hungary.





## ATTENTION ALL SWEET PIE MAKING LADIES!!

This is the schedule for Pie Making Days:

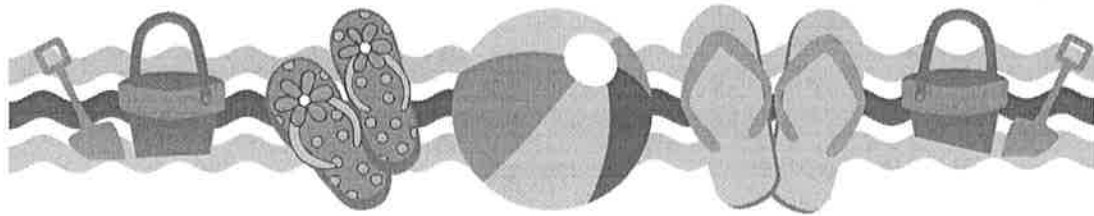
Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:00-11:00

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>-8:00-11:00

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>-8:00-11:00

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>-8:00-11:00 (We may not have to use this day if we get all our pies done on the 16<sup>th</sup>)

Everyone is welcome to join our Merry Group to have good fellowship and plenty of pie making. You do not have to be a pie maker to find a job that suits you.



*We would like to wish  
Carole Wampler and Eddie Forman  
a very happy life together.  
They were joined in marriage on  
Saturday, July 16, 2016*



### Summer lunch program for kids at the YMCA

There are three sites in Sandwich that will serve lunch. We have been asked to do as we did last year, and help to **serve at the YMCA Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

Once again this summer there will be free lunches available to school age children.

Contact Pastor Steve if your interested in helping, and take some time this summer to feed our kids. No food prep is required; the lunches come pre-packaged and ready to eat. There is minimal cleanup required, and Y staff is always on hand to supervise. The time commitment is roughly 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

## August Worship Assistants

### **Greeters**

08/07/16 Jim & Connie Mitchell  
 08/14/16 Ernie & Shirley Basler  
 08/21/16 Bev Lowe  
 08/28/16 Chet Carpenter & Lori Prickett

### **Ushers**

08/07/16 Kevin & Linda Duy  
 08/14/16 Monty & Betty Reiners  
 08/21/16 Brenda Gillispie & Bob Grotkowski  
 08/28/16 Deb Seymour & Angie Miller

### **Liturgists**

08/07/16 Sandy Whiteis  
 08/14/16 Deb Seymour  
 08/21/16 Les Banks  
 08/28/16 Kevin Duy

### **Flowers**

08/07/16  
 08/14/16  
 08/21/16  
 08/28/16

Open

### **Communion Bread**

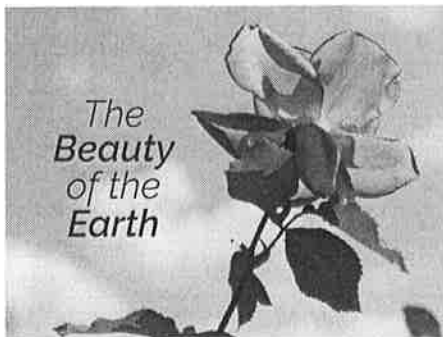
08/07/16 Bev Lowe  
 08/21/16 David Seymour

### **August Communion Ministers**

Diane Salisbury & Deb Seymour



8/01	Jerry Brown
	Dave Hunt
8/03	Allan DeGroot
8/04	Ernest Basler
	Jennifer Robinson
8/05	Heather Breon
8/07	Gary Sleezer
8/08	Josh Heiman
8/09	Madison Hallaron
8/11	Joan Triphahn
8/13	Les Banks
8/14	Jim Diemer
8/15	Kim Morel
8/16	Rochelle Rose
	Matt Anthenat
	Kara Duy
	Debby Hill
8/17	Bob Nielson
	Vicki Davis
8/19	Emily Vegrzyn
8/21	Doug Reiners
8/22	Dennis Keene
8/24	Amy Sleezer
8/25	Samantha Sommerfield
8/28	Marlene Cook
8/30	Bonnie Miller
	Peggy Morton
	AJ Ross
8/31	Robert Munson
	Dylan Reynolds



## **Anniversaries This Month**

8/04	Jim & Bonnie Bernhardt
	Jeremy & Amber Mager
8/05	Richard & Monica Robinson
	Bob & Diane Nielson
8/09	Doug & Sue Johnson
8/10	Jerry & Marlene Cook
8/12	Tom & Pam Nehring
8/14	Rick & Debby Hill
8/17	Josh & Jennifer Bauer
8/18	Dick & Joan Banko
	Bob & Quen Carpenter
8/24	Owen & Bev Severson
	Jerry & Nancy Brown
8/25	Ken & Bonnie Young

## SUMMER MUSIC!!

Worship committee is looking for anyone interested in providing special music during worship this summer! We would like special music to be included in every service through September 4th.

All remaining Sundays are available except August 7 and 14.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Reserve your week now!



United Methodist Women will have their next meeting on August 18th at 9:30 am in the Chapel. All ladies are invited.



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

4:30 — 6:00 pm

Tues., August 23, 2016

Union Congregational Church

305 S. Gage Street

Somonauk, IL 60552

(815)498-2277

- Looking for fellowship? Join us!
- Having trouble making ends meet? Join us!
- Love community dinners? Join us!
- Need a ride? Give us a call!
- Like to help to provide food? Give us a call!

#### **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Invite your friends and family to come as well!

Future Dates for:

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 @ Federated Church

The United Church of Sandwich is responsible for desserts this month. Please sign up in the narthex.

## LET' SPRUCE UP OUR CHURCH

It's been a while since the church building has had a spruce up cleaning. If we put all of our hands together, the place will be sparkling before you know it. As we did when Pastor Babler retired, picking one room or area will be manageable and easy. So gather a friend or two and pick a room! Different areas will require different processes, but as a rule of thumb, let's make sure the windows are clean, the window sills, etc. dusted, counters, cabinets and surfaces washed down or polished. The outside of windows and screens could use a good cleaning, too. In the narthex you'll find a diagram of the church building. Sign up for the area that appeals to you and decide when you want to bring your supplies and get our place of worship and fellowship sparkling! You decide who you want to team up with and when you want to accomplish the tasks over the summer. Thanks in advance for your help with this project.





# August 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6-8:00 pm Spanish Camp	2 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 7:00 pm Fair Stand 6-8:00 pm Spanish Camp	3 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6-8:00 pm Spanish Camp	4 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 1:00 pm Hope Circle 6-8:00 pm Spanish Camp	5	6
7 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion	8	9 8-11:00 am Pie making 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 6:00 pm Trustees	10 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA	11 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA	12	13
14 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	15 10:00 am Newsletter Deadline	16 8-11:00 am Pie making 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 6:30 pm Finance	17 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 6:00 pm Prayer Group	18 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 9:30 am UMW meeting	19	20
21 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion	22	23 8-11:00 am Pie making (if needed) 4:30-6:00 pm 4th Tuesday Community Free Fellowship Feast @ Union Congregational	24	25 9:00 am Newsletter Assembly	26	27
28 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee Fellowship hosted by SPRC	29 7:00 pm Uniters	30 7:00 pm Fair Stand	31	<p>“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.” –Mother Teresa</p>		

## A small laugh

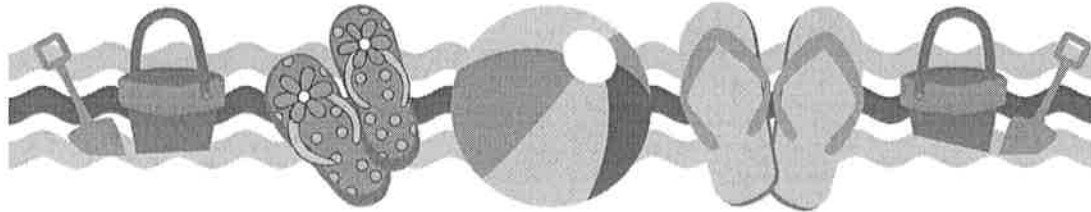
“God warned a man named Lot to take his wife and flee out of the city,” said the Sunday school teacher, “but Lot’s wife looked back and was turned to salt.”

A curious boy then asked, “What happened to the flea?”

## A Bowl of Thanks

†Thank you to my volunteers for helping with the newsletter assembly.

Heidi Eaton



## Shopping on line? Help your church through [UMCMarket.org](http://UMCMarket.org)

Here is an easy way to support UCS. Before you make an on line purchase, go to [UMCMarket.org](http://UMCMarket.org). Once you establish an account at [UMCMarket.org](http://UMCMarket.org), over 3,000 businesses will donate a portion of your purchase to United Church. Automatically.

On [UMCMarket.org](http://UMCMarket.org) you will find department stores (like Macy’s, JC Penney, Saks) — stores like Eddie Bauer, Lands End, and L L. Bean — travel sites like Expedia — hundreds of specialty stores (like Barnes and Noble) — electronics and appliances (like Best Buy and Abt).

It’s easy to register. Just go to [UMCMarket.org](http://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](http://UMCMarket.org) site for what you want. You can flag your favorite stores so that you can navigate right to them. You can invite other family members to sign up and support us.

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.



In *Laughing in the Dark* (Howard Books), Christian comedian Chonda Pierce calls God the Master Puzzler, because “in him all things hold together” (Colossians 1:17). In his infinite wisdom, God “can organize the colors better than anyone (Have you seen a sunset lately?) He knows where to fit every shape and size (Have you seen a mountain range?).”

Until God places the last piece, the final picture is a mystery to us. But in the meantime, God offers order and purpose, providing his law as the puzzle’s edges.

Pierce encourages people to let the “Master Puzzler” take over when life gets messy. Like the prophet Jeremiah, we can cry, “GOD, pick up the pieces. Put me back together again. You are my praise!” (17:14, *The Message*).



## **Bishop Sally Dyck reassigned to our Conference; New bishop Smith-Malone comes from our area**

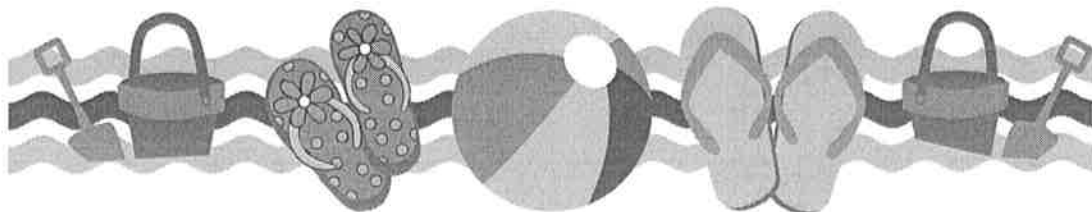
United Methodists in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota, and the Dakotas are part of The North Central Jurisdiction (NCJ). Every four years, right after the whole church meets for the General Conference, the Jurisdictional Conferences meet to elect bishops and to appoint each bishop to his/her area. Virtually the only task that the Jurisdictional Conferences have is to evaluate the candidates for bishop, vote to elect new bishops to replace those who are retiring, and assign each bishop to an area. With few exceptions, bishops serve only in the jurisdiction from which they are elected.

At its recent meeting in Peoria, the NCJ has reassigned Bishop Sally Dyck to another four year term as leader of our Northern Illinois Conference. She has already served four years in our area; prior to being assigned here she was bishop of Minnesota.

Pastor Steve says of Bishop Dyck, "She is a person of deep spirituality and clear theology. She is an excellent communicator and an inspiring leader. She is the right person to lead us during this confusing and conflicted time in both our church and our nation."

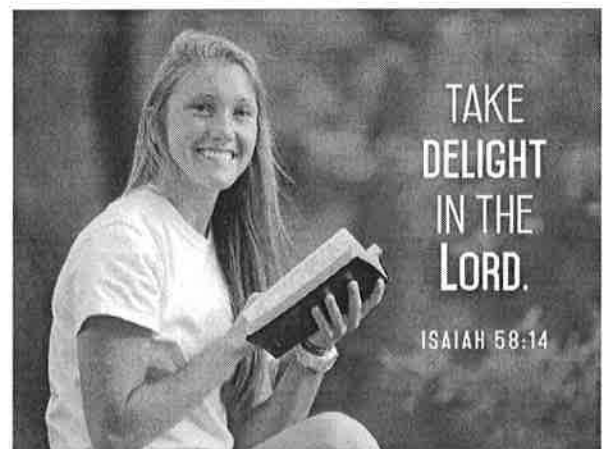
There were four new bishops elected at the NCJ Conference. Among them was Bishop Tracy Smith-Malone, currently a District Superintendent in our Northern Illinois Conference. She is assigned to the Ohio area.

Read about all the new bishops and see a recap of the Jurisdictional Conference at <http://www.ncjumc.org/>



A BIG **THANKS** to everyone who have so generously contributed pie dough ingredients, fruit, and money donations. Once again this year Chuck & Amy Eighner have allowed us to pick their cherries from the tree at the funeral home. Everyone's generosity helps make for a successful pie year at the Fair.

Way To Go United Church!



## 2016 United Church Log Cabin Fair Stand

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"...God is with you in all that you do." Genesis 21:22



It is once again time to start planning for another successful year. We would like to fill as many positions within the schedule as completely as possible. *We call everyone* to sign up for as many shifts as you can and in the positions you feel the most comfortable. Remember, it takes eighty-one (81) 4-hour shifts each day to run our stand - Thankfully God is with us in all that we do!

Please fill in the sign-up sheet on the back, when you are able to work at the fair, in which jobs you feel the most comfortable, and return the form to the church. We also need people who are flexible to float where needed. If an individual is able to commit to a complete 4-hour shift for *three (3) different days* throughout the week, the church will purchase a pass for your use. We do not receive free passes from the fair - we buy them.

### Fair Dates

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016  
thru  
Sunday, September 11, 2016**

### Job Descriptions Below:

- Grill cook (grilling meats for sandwiches; am sausage and hash browns)
- Fry cook (french fries and tenderloins; am pancakes)
- Kitchen (prepare chili and cold sandwiches, chop onions, wash pans)
- Steam table (wrap sandwiches, dish up chili; and dish up breakfasts)
- Cashier (take orders, handle money transactions)
- Counter server (collect food onto tray for customers)
- Drinks (dispense pop, coffee)
- Pies (slice and serve pie and ice cream)
- Dining room (refill condiment counter, wipe tables and trays)
- Floater (put me where needed)
- "Back at the Range" (baking pies at the church, transporting pies to the fair)

Thank you for your help. We look forward to fellowship with our church friends.

Over for Sign-Up Sheet

## 2016 United Fair Stand Work Schedule

Job Descriptions - See on front.

<p>Please indicate your choice of job to be assigned by listing your 1st., 2nd. or 3rd. choice. This will help me, when I make out the schedule. Thank you, Lynn Reeder</p>									
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<u>Date:</u>	<u>Shifts/ Times</u>	Grill Cook	Fry Cook	Kitchen	Steam Table	Cashier	Counter Server	Drinks	Pies	Dining Room
<u>Example:</u> Wednesday, September 7, 2016	6 am - 10 am			2			1			3
<u>Wednesday, September 7, 2016</u>	6 am - 10 am									
	10 am - 2 pm									
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<u>Thursday, September 8, 2016</u>	6 am - 10 am									
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<u>Friday, September 9, 2016</u>	6 am - 10 am									
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<u>Saturday, September 10, 2016</u>	6 am - 10 am									
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<u>Sunday, September 11, 2016</u>	6 am - 10 am									
	10 am - 2 pm									
	2 pm - 6 pm									
	4 pm - Closing	Clean-up and re-packing items to return to church.								

<b>Building Clean-up before the fair</b>			
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<b>Clean-up and re-packing items to be returned to the church</b>	<b>Building Clean-up after the fair</b>
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** All shifts and jobs will be filled on a first come basis as this form is received.  
 You will be called if the position is already filled, and asked to work at a different time.  
Please place this form in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. ASAP!



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August 2016



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New Email: [ucssandwich@frontier.com](mailto:ucssandwich@frontier.com)  
website: [www.unitedchurchsandwich.org](http://www.unitedchurchsandwich.org)

**Worship Services**  
Sunday 10:00 am  
Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

**Church Office Hours**  
Monday – Thursday  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

***The Rev. Steven Mindrup***

*Office Hours:* Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
or by appointment

*Email:* [pastormindrup@gmail.com](mailto:pastormindrup@gmail.com)  
*Mobile:* 815.988.4992

*Kelley Mindrup's mobile:* 815-988-7075

**Church Staff**

Ministers	All Members
Church Secretary	Heidi Eaton
Choir & Chimes Director	Kevin Duy
Organist/Pianist	Carol Larson



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**Church Administrative Council**

Church Council Chair	Reid Heinekamp
Treasurer	Pam Nehring
Financial Secretary	Pat Hallaron
Finance/Stewardship Chair	Ken Young
Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Chair	Deb Heinekamp
Lay Leader	Sarah Stevens
Trustees Chair	Matt Olson
Annual Conf Delegate	Bonnie Miller

**Ministry Areas**

Missions/Evangelism Chair	Ed & Jane Heyer
Memorial/Endowment Chair	Phyllis Whitehead
United Methodist Women	Myrtie Warren
United Methodist Men	