

# 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 ...*

## **General Conference: Who speaks for the whole church?**

Last month I wrote about the Annual Conference: how it's structured, what it does. Each United Methodist Church belongs to an Annual Conference which meets yearly (see last month's *Messenger* for an overview of the work of Annual Conferences).

The United Methodist Church convenes a **General Conference** every four years. The 2016 General Conference was held last month in Portland, OR.

Each Annual Conference elects delegates to the General Conference — an equal number of laypersons and clergy. They do intense preparation for the Conference. There are literally thousands of documents and legislative petitions to review and consider. Any member or group of members of a UM congregation may submit a petition to the General Conference. Annual Conferences, church councils, and other groups within the denomination also may submit petitions.



General Conference is the only body that may speak for the entire church. Only the General Conference may revise the *Book of Discipline*, our rules of order. The GC also votes on a church-wide spending plan and elects officers for the boards and agencies of the church

Below I will provide some links to information about General Conference that you can use. If you are receiving the electronic version of *The Messenger*, the links are on the cover page for you to click and view automatically.

The issue that overshadowed this General Conference was the long running battles in our church about human sexuality — specifically, our stance toward those who identify as gay and lesbian. This issue, which has deeply divided our denomination for decades, has led some to speak of breaking up the United Methodist Church. Our bishops brought the General Conference a plan to move forward and hopefully maintain our unity. The conference voted to suspend all debate on the issue and to set up a commission to study all of the language in our *Discipline* that addresses sexuality.

But — this was not the only thing the General Conference did. There were celebrations of successful ministries from all over the world, and a desire to be faithful to the way of Christ in spite of our differences. Use the links I've provided to learn more.

**One other type of conference:** Each Annual Conference is a member of a *Jurisdictional Conference*. Eleven Annual Conferences in the Midwest are part of the *North Central Jurisdiction*. The same

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## **Sunday Scriptures for July 2016**

### **July 3: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 5:1-14 *A Syrian general appeals to the prophet Elisha for healing.*  
Psalm 30 *"O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me."*  
Galatians 6:1-16 *Devotion to Christ transcends all other claims on our lives.*  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 *Jesus sends followers to proclaim the nearness of God's reign.*

### **July 10: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 7:7-17 *The prophet pronounces a word of judgment against Israel and against the king.*  
Psalm 82 *"Rise up, O God, judge the earth."*  
Colossians 1:1-14 *Paul prays that the Colossians will be faithful to the gospel of hope.*  
Luke 10:25-37 *"Who is my neighbor?" The familiar parable gives a surprising answer.*

### **July 17: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 8:1-12 *Amos warns Israel that God will not ignore the oppression of the poor.*  
Psalm 52 *"In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good."*  
Colossians 1:15-28 *God has reconciled all to himself through his Son, who is his exact image.*  
Luke 10:38-42 *Jesus' friend Mary listens to him instead of helping her sister in the kitchen.*

### **July 22: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Hosea 1:2-10 *God accuses his people of prostituting themselves and becoming unfaithful.*  
Psalm 85 *"Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?"*  
Colossians 2:6-19 *Live in Christ, who has brought you from death into life.*  
Luke 11:1-13 *Jesus teaches his disciples to pray and to ask God to supply their needs.*

### **July 31: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Hosea 11:1-11. *Even though Israel has been unfaithful, God will not abandon his people.*  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43. *"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."*  
Colossians 3:1-11. *Those who Christ has raised up must live a new life in him.*  
Luke 12:13-21. *Jesus' parable warns us against complacency and false security.*

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delegates that served at General Conference (with a few others added) also attend the Jurisdictional Conference every four years. Our Jurisdictional Conference will meet next month in Peoria.

The Jurisdictional Conference has one main agenda: to elect bishops. The Annual Conferences nominate pastors to be bishops, and they are examined and voted on at the Jurisdictional Conference. Once elected, a bishop serves (with some exceptions) in the jurisdiction that elected him/her. There's a link to the Jurisdictional Conference web site below as well.

*Steve Mindrup*

**Links to learn more about General and Jurisdictional Conference:**

Reports from General Conference: <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2016>

Our conference delegates' report: <https://www.umcnic.org/nic-general-delegation-report-to-ac/>

Jurisdictional Conference: <http://www.ncjumc.org/>

## Mission of the Month

*United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission*

The fund helps children learn about and make contributions to a select group of mission projects that are chosen for their value in helping children understand what it means to "be in mission." Four projects, two international and two US-based, are chosen. Projects change each year, so that children will have a variety of learning experiences and a diverse understanding of children in other states and countries.

THANKS  
GIVING

June 5	\$2646.21
June 12	\$2795.00
June 19	\$1292.00
June 26	\$1915.00
Total	\$8648.21

Our generous gifts glorify God!



CELEBRATE OUR



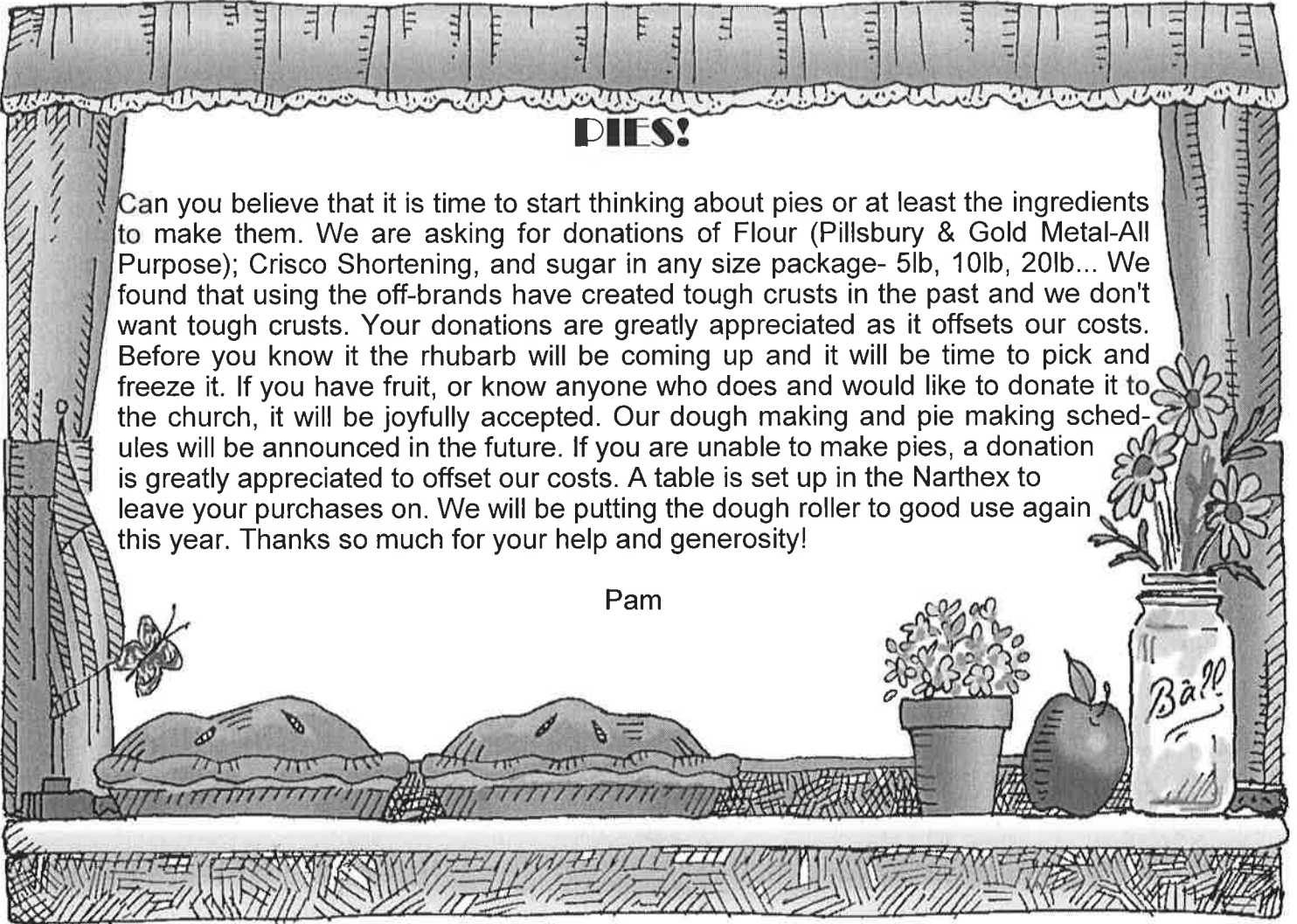
INDEPENDENCE



## PIES!

Can you believe that it is time to start thinking about pies or at least the ingredients to make them. We are asking for donations of Flour (Pillsbury & Gold Medal-All Purpose); Crisco Shortening, and sugar in any size package- 5lb, 10lb, 20lb... We found that using the off-brands have created tough crusts in the past and we don't want tough crusts. Your donations are greatly appreciated as it offsets our costs. Before you know it the rhubarb will be coming up and it will be time to pick and freeze it. If you have fruit, or know anyone who does and would like to donate it to the church, it will be joyfully accepted. Our dough making and pie making schedules will be announced in the future. If you are unable to make pies, a donation is greatly appreciated to offset our costs. A table is set up in the Narthex to leave your purchases on. We will be putting the dough roller to good use again this year. Thanks so much for your help and generosity!

Pam



### In loving memory



Wilma V. Hunter  
July 14, 1935 — June 19, 2016

+++ Grant her eternal rest, O Lord.  
May your light shine upon her forever. +++

### 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.

The program will start in mid-June. Watch for signup sheets in the narthex, 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.

## July Worship Assistants

### **Greeters**

07/03/16 Earl Shaffer  
 07/10/16 Dick & Joan Banko  
 07/17/16 Pam Nehring  
 07/24/16 Ron & Kim Henrich  
 07/31/16 Ione Martin

### **Ushers**

07/03/16 John & Pat Hallaron  
 07/10/16 Bernice Nicholas  
 07/17/16 Al & Myrtie Warren  
 07/24/16 Jim & Connie Mitchell  
 07/31/16 Matt & Joanna Olson

### **Liturgists**

07/03/16 Sarah Stevens  
 07/10/16 Bonnie Miller  
 07/17/16 Deb Seymour  
 07/24/16 Lynn Reeder  
 07/31/16 Laura Olson

### **Flowers**

07/03/16  
 07/10/16  
 07/17/16  
 07/24/16  
 07/31/16

Open

### **Communion Bread**

07/03/16 Earl Shaffer  
 07/17/16 Jim & Bonnie Bernhardt

### **July Communion Ministers**

Matt & Joanna Olson & Jim Bernhardt



7/2	Pam Anderson
7/6	Carrie Reedy
7/7	Vince Olson
7/10	Reid Heinekamp
	Kim Henrich
7/11	Zach Gustafson
7/12	Jason Yingling
7/16	Margaret Gustafson
	Colton Fox
7/19	Joe Way
7/20	Bernice Nicholas
7/21	John Kell
	Mary Guilinger
7/22	Brittney Anthenat
7/23	Bill McMahon
	Caitlyn Sleezer
7/24	Carol Larson
7/26	Noah Hallaron
	Ken Young
7/29	Cathy Keene
	Joshua Bauer

## **Anniversaries This Month**

7/5	Richard & Beverly Felstead
7/10	Todd & Jennifer Hallaron
7/11	John & Pat Hallaron
7/14	Ernest & Shirley Basler

**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 starting June 5th through September 4th. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Reserve your week now!



JUST FOR WOMEN

United Methodist Women will have their potluck meeting on July 14th at 12:00 pm in the Chapel. The guest speakers will be Marta Dunne and Shalley Wakeman and we will have many guests from other churches. Please bring a generous dish to pass and your own table service. Drinks will be provided. All ladies are invited.



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

4:30 — 6:00 pm  
Tues., July 26, 2016  
Somonauk Baptist Church  
315 East North Street  
Somonauk, IL 60552  
(815)498-2312

- 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, August 23, 2016 @ Union Congregational Church  
Tuesday, September 27, 2016 @ Federated Church

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

**LET' SPRUCE UP OUR CHURCH**

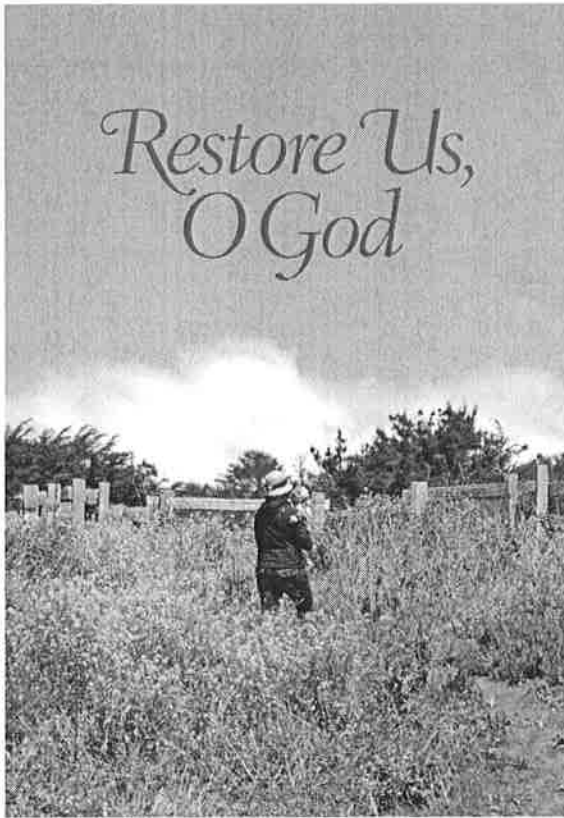
It's been a while since the church building has had a spruce up cleaning. If we put all of our hands together, the place will be sparkling before you know it. As we did when Pastor Babler retired, picking one room or area will be manageable and easy. So gather a friend or two and pick a room! Different 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.



# July 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>THANK YOU, GOD, FOR THE FREEDOM TO WORSHIP YOU IN SAFETY. PROTECT PEOPLE PERSECUTED FOR THEIR FAITH. AMEN.</p> </div>						1	2
<p>3 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>4 INDEPENDENCE Day Office Closed Today</p>	<p>5 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 7:00 pm Fair Stand</p>	<p>6 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 6:00 pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>7 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 1:00 pm Hope Circle</p>	8	9	
<p>10 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Special Church Conference</p>	11	<p>12 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA</p>	<p>13 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA</p>	<p>14 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 12:00 pm UMW Potluck Luncheon</p>	15	16	
<p>17 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>18 10:00 am Newsletter DEADLINE</p>	<p>19 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA</p>	<p>20 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 6:00 pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>21 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA</p>	22	23	
<p>24 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee Fellowship hosted by Prayer Group</p>	25	<p>26 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 4:30-6:00 pm 4th Tuesday Community Free Fellowship Feast @ Somonauk Baptist Church</p>	<p>27 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA</p>	<p>28 11:00 am Serve Lunch @ YMCA 9:00 am Newsletters Assembly</p>	29	30	
<p>31 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship</p>							



## **A Bowl of Thanks**

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

Heidi Eaton



## **A good place**

This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

—Theodore Roosevelt



## **Kelley Mindrup seeks support for mission trip to Hungary**

Kelley Mindrup is traveling next month to Hungary to work with Methodist congregations there. She will be teaching Vacation Bible School and doing other work with children and the people of the churches.

The congregations she will be helping are made up of the *Roma* people. The Roma are the migrating ethnic group found all over the world, but mainly in eastern Europe. We often refer to the Roma as “gypsies” but they consider that term an insult.

Kelley is asking the congregation for help purchasing supplies for the VBS, and for funds to make a donation to the Methodist outreach to the Roma people. *She is paying for her travel, etc. with her own funds*, but each member of her mission team has pledged to raise extra funds for the work of the church.

We are going to take a special offering on **Sunday July 24**. If you would like to support Kelley’s trip, make your check payable to United Church, and write “Kelley trip” on the memo line.




## Love's freedom

Love is the power to grant freedom without desiring to limit or inhibit its exercise. It is the power to give freedom without any will to take it back. And it is only Omnipotence that can refrain absolutely from trespassing upon freedom. Only God can give and not take back ... [God] suffers within himself the entire consequence of allowing man absolute freedom. That is his love ....

Thus, the existence of evil and suffering in the world is a proof, not that God is either good but powerless, or all powerful but not good. On the contrary, it is a proof that God is both loving and omnipotent. Only absolute love could grant unhindered freedom, and only omnipotence can endure the operation of that freedom.

—D.R. Davies



### **SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE SUNDAY JULY 10 11:15 AM**

All UCS members are eligible to speak and to vote at the Church Conference.

Agenda: We will discuss a proposal to offer a day care program in our building.

You must be present at the meeting in order to vote.

## 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><b>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</b></p>		Grill Cook		Fry Cook		Kitchen		Steam Table		Cashier		Counter Server		Drinks		Pies		Dining Room
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<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!**



**The United Church of Sandwich**

512 East Lions Road  
Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

July 2016



**The United Church of Sandwich**

512 East Lions Road, Sandwich, IL 60548-2417  
Church: (815) 786-9243  
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**

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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	