

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 ...



Annual Conference: What is it? Why should I care?

The United Methodist Church is organized into **Conferences** of about 400 congregations in a geographic area. We are in the Northern Illinois Conference, which takes in all of the United Methodist churches in Illinois above I-80. .

Every year there is an **Annual Conference session**. Each church sends their pastor(s) and at least one lay member to that meeting. Our lay member of the Conference is David Seymour. Our Annual Conference meets in St. Charles; this year's session will be June 5-7.

The Annual Conference session votes on a **budget**, which allocates the apportionment dollars that each church contributes. These funds support all of the work of the United Methodist Church beyond the local church — literally hundreds of line items.

The Annual Conference session approves **candidates for ordination** as pastors. This involves a careful screening and candidacy process before an individual can be approved. There is a festive celebration of ordination each year.

The Annual Conference session recognizes and celebrates the important ministries of our churches and church related institutions.

The Annual Conference session celebrates the ministries of the pastors who are retiring, holds a memorial service for pastors and their spouses who have died, and acknowledges the bishop's report of where each pastor will be assigned. Each bishop has final authority over where each pastor will serve.

Each Conference is led by a **bishop** (some of the smaller Conferences share a bishop). Our bishop is Sally Dyck. Our Conference is divided into six Districts, each of which is led by a pastor appointed as Superintendent. We are in the Aurora District; our District Superintendent is Pastor Richard Wisdom.

United Methodists are a **connectional** church. Our congregations are not separate entities; we all serve together, and through our Conference can act in concert to proclaim Christ and do his work of love. It means that authority and decision making are shared by a wide variety of groups and individuals; each pastor, congregation, board and agency are accountable to one another. While cumbersome at times, our structure allows us to do ministry in ways that greatly multiply our efforts.

Next month I'll discuss the Jurisdictional Conferences and the General Conference. I hope your head will stop spinning by then!

Steve Mindrup

Want to learn more about our Annual Conference? Go to www.umcnic.org

Sunday Scriptures for June 2016

June 5: The Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-24 *God sends the prophet Elijah to heal a Gentile woman's son.*

Psalms 146 "Praise the Lord, O my soul."

Galatians 1:11-24 *Paul tells of his history, his conversion, and his calling.*

Luke 7:11-17 *Like Elijah before him, Jesus heals a Gentile woman's son.*

June 12: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 21:1-21 *Elijah confronts King Ahab, who has conspired to commit murder.*

Psalms 5:1-8 "Give ear to my words, O Lord."

Galatians 2:15-21 *Jew or Gentile, our status before God depends on his grace in Christ.*

Luke 7:36-8:3 *Jesus declares a woman's sins to be forgiven, angering the Pharisees..*

June 19: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-15 *Elijah receives a vision of God in desperate circumstances.*

Psalms 42 "My soul thirsts for God, the living God.."

Galatians 3:23-29 *Those who live by faith are subject to Christ, not to the law.*

Luke 8:26-39 *Jesus confronts demonic powers by healing a disordered mind.*

June 26: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 *Elisha receives the Spirit's power and the prophetic vocation.*

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20 "I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord."

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 *Those who are led by the Spirit manifest the fruits of the Spirit.*

Luke 9:51-62 *Jesus' call to God's kingdom is radical and uncompromising..*

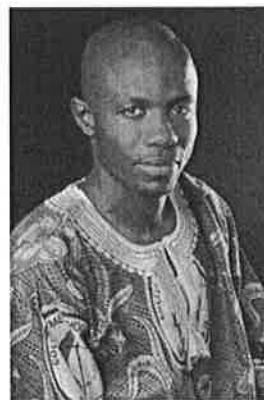
Presentation by the Gideons June 12

On Sunday June 12 we have invited The Gideons to present their ministry to us in worship.

The Gideons are an international organization that distributes Scripture to hotels, prisons, hospitals, and many other venues. The Gideons representative will tell us about their work, and we will have an opportunity to support them with a special offering.

Meet missionary David Makobo at UCS, Thursday, June 23, 7:00 pm

We have an opportunity next month to have a conversation with David Makobo, an agriculturalist working with our United Methodist mission in Senegal, Africa.



David will speak about his work in Senegal, and tell us about his college experience at Africa University, our United Methodist college in Zimbabwe.

David and his wife will be our guests for coffee and dessert at 7:00 pm.

A Bowl of Thanks

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

Heidi Eaton



Mission of the Month

West Suburban PADS

West Suburban PADS was founded in 1992 with the formation of our Emergency Shelter program. We still provide that safety net to hundreds of people in crisis every year. But our solution to homelessness now goes beyond the sleeping pad and warm meals to encompass five integrated programs that address clients' needs no matter their circumstances or level of self-sustainability. These five programs, in addition to the Emergency Shelter, are: Housing, for stability and structure; Support, for basic needs and medical, mental health and substance abuse issues; Employment, preparing for successful, sustained re-entry into the workplace; and Prevention before the crisis occurs.



UCS, JFON receives grant for Hispanic outreach

Our Conference administers the Keagy Fund, for innovative ministry in rural areas. Recently our church received a Keagy grant to work with our local Hispanic community. Marta Dunne, the educator who works with bilingual education in the Sandwich Schools, will administer the grant (with oversight from me and our Finance Committee). Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON), our immigrant ministry, will also play a part in this outreach. Marta Dunne also directs the multicultural dance group that has used our Fellowship Hall for many years for their rehearsals. JFON will be represented by board member Shalley Wakeman, a United Methodist from Plano. Marta will be directing bilingual tutoring and enrichment programs for children, beginning this summer and extending into the 2016-17 school year. We will also offer information and assistance with college applications to Hispanic high school students.

JFON will be presenting some seminars in Sandwich on immigration law, and will be available to assist residents with clarifying their immigration status.

UCS has been recognized in past years for our willingness to help our Hispanic brothers and sisters. This grant is another step in that process. There will be volunteer opportunities for us when the program gets going; watch for announcements.

THANKS GIVING

May 1	\$4722.00
May 8	\$2711.93
May 15	\$1891.98
May 22	\$ 948.00
Total	\$10273.91

Our generous gifts glorify God!



Walk by Faith – June 5-7, 2016

By Alka Lyall, Annual Conference Committee Chair

It will be a packed Annual Conference session of the Northern Illinois Conference scheduled for June 5-7, 2016 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles.

We continue to look for volunteers to help us during Annual Conference. If you are interested in volunteering as part of our pre-Annual Conference prayer team, we invite you to contact our team coordinators

Joanne Mendicino joanne.mendicino@gmail.com

or David Jungnickel pastordave03@gmail.com.

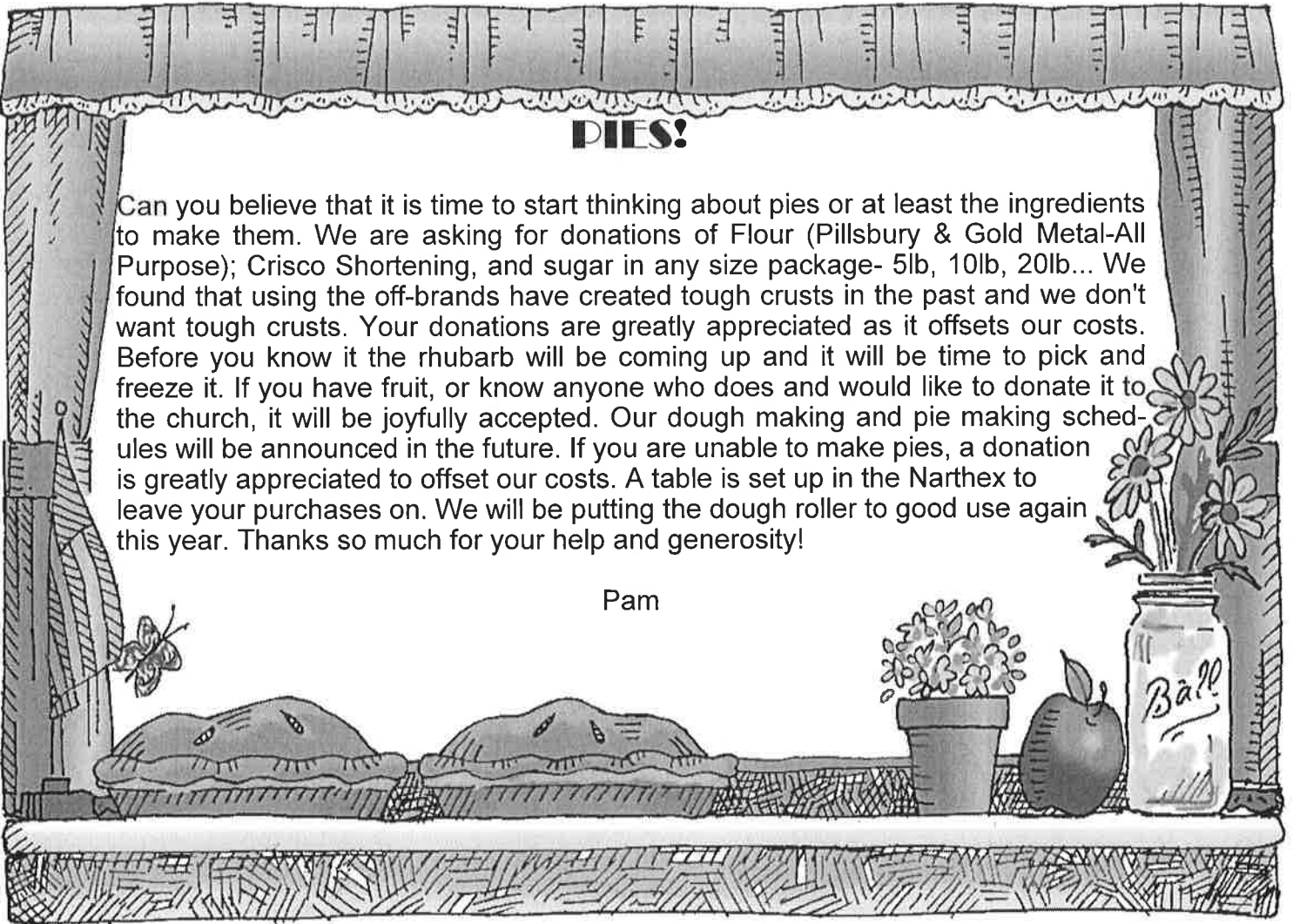
To help with ushering during worship services, contact, Will Green will.ed.green@gmail.com.

To help with ushering during plenaries, welcoming and greeting, email me at pastoralkalyall@gmail.com

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 Metal-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



**You're
Invited**

**Please join us for an
Open House Celebrating
Bob Dell's 90th Birthday
Sunday, June 26th, 2016
1 - 4 pm**

**Knights Park
1001 N. Latham St.
Sandwich, IL
(Please omit gifts)**

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.

June Worship Assistants

Greeters

06/05/16 Earl Shaffer
 06/12/16 Brooke & Clint Updike
 06/19/16 Les & Jean Banks
 06/26/16 Mary Ann Olson

Ushers

06/05/16 Jerry & Marlene Cook
 06/12/16 Gary & Judy Anderson
 06/19/16 Ed & Jane Heyer
 06/26/16 Ron & Kim Henrich

Liturgists

06/05/16 Deb Seymour
 06/12/16 Kelley Mindrup
 06/19/16 Kevin Duy
 06/26/16 Reanna Panlilio

Flowers

06/05/16
 06/12/16
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 06/26/16

Open

Communion Bread

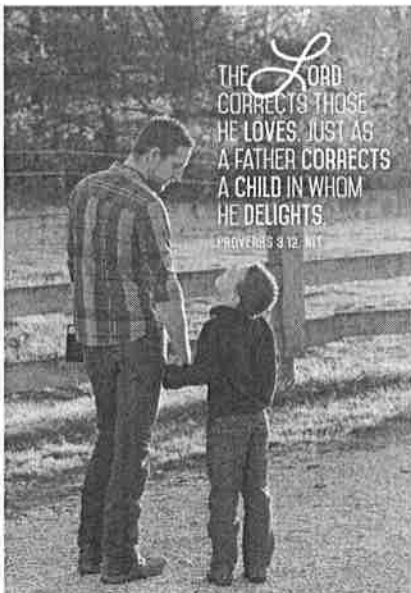
06/05/16 Jim & Connie Mitchell
 06/19/16

June Communion Ministers

Jim Bernhardt, Mary Ann Olson & Phyllis Davis



6/1	Quen Carpenter
6/2	Amber Mager
	Christopher Cartwright
6/3	Colin Stahl
6/6	John Hallaron
	Zackary Bauer
6/7	Samantha Fox
	Clint Updike
6/8	Sheri Anthenat
6/9	Leslie DeGroot
	Ryan Scharenberg
	Jacqueline Joyce
6/10	Kevin Richards
6/11	Robert Lovejoy
6/12	Joe Wig
6/16	Jane Mosher
	Lucas Thompson
6/18	Jeremy Mager
6/20	Joshua Eipers
6/22	Chad Cartwright
	Jessica Joyce
6/24	Kerry Anthenat
6/25	Danielle Olson
	Reanna Panlilio
6/27	Tina Oldeen
6/28	Kris Calvert



Anniversaries This Month

6/3	Dennis & Cathy Keene
6/8	Jim & Connie Mitchell
6/12	Robert & Kimberly Morel
6/13	Roger & Teresa Rebhorn
6/14	Dan & Karen Joyce
6/15	John & Karen Thompson
6/20	John & Heidi Heiman
	Keith & Carolyn Olson
6/23	Eric & Renee Eipers
6/24	Paul & Diane Pearson
6/26	Gary & Judy Anderson

Meals on Wheels needs our help

We have been asked to help deliver Meals on Wheels this month. There will be a signup sheet on the narthex table; or, you can contact Kelley Mindrup (815.988.7075) to volunteer. Delivering meals takes only about two hours. And, we're used to doing this in February, so this will be easy! Please help with this important community ministry.



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

4:30 — 6:00 pm
Tues., June 28, 2016
St. Paul's Catholic Church
340 West Arnold St.
Sandwich, IL 60548
(815)786-9266

- 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, July 26, 2016 @ Somonauk Baptist Church
Tuesday, August 23, 2016 @ Union Congregational Church

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



United Methodist Women will be meeting on June 9th at 9:30 am. Please join us for fellowship and prayer.

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!

MISSION CHALLENGE

The Mission Challenge for this years Annual Conference will be **School Kit items for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center** (<http://midwestmissiondc.org/>), our United Methodist disaster relief supply center located just south of Springfield, IL.

The Aurora District is challenged to bring 1250 rulers(12" long with metric) AND an additional 2500 pencil sharpeners (about 50 per church). Pencil Sharpeners can be bought in bags on-line at a much cheaper rate than individually in stores. Please note: All items must be NEW and not washed; free of advertising, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols; No hand prints, foot prints or paw prints.

There will be a truck available for the drop-off of items in front of the Mega Center on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning. Let's bring out items to Annual Conference to help make ALL schools a place to thrive.



JUNE 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 pm Prayer Group	2 1:00 pm Hope Circle	3	4
5 7:30 am United Methodist Men's Breakfast 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Holy communion Annual Conference	6 6:00 pm Uniter's Annual Conference	7 Annual Conference	8	9 9:30 am UMW	10	11
12 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Gideons	13	14 2 & 2:30 pm Nursing Home Worship 6:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Fair Stand	15 6:00 pm Prayer Group	16	17	18
19 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion	20 10:00 am Newsletter DEADLINE	21	22	23 7:00 pm Meet Missionary David Mokobo @ UCS	24	25
26 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 1-4 pm Bob Dell's 90th Birthday Party @ Knight's Park	27	28 4:30-6:00 pm 4th Tuesday Community Free Fellowship Feast @ St. Paul's Catholic Church	29	30 9:00 am Newsletters Assembly		



The United Church of Sandwich
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

June 2016



The United Church of Sandwich
 512 East Lions Road, Sandwich, IL 60548-2417
 Church: (815) 786-9243
 New Email: ucssandwich@frontier.com
 website: 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
Mobile: 815.988.4992
Kelley Mindrup's mobile: 815-988-7075

Church Staff



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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	

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