

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 at United Church



Passion (Palm) Sunday: March 20, 10:00 am

Palm Sunday is now more frequently called "Passion Sunday." Not only do we process with palms and recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we also read the whole story of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial. Several readers will tell the story of the Passion of Christ from the gospel of Luke.

Passion (Palm) Sunday Vespers: March 20, 4:00 pm

As we did last year, we will participate in a Sunday vesper service to begin Holy Week. Our service will be in the style of the Taizé community. Taizé is a monastic community based in France, which has evolved a very simple yet very profound style of meditative worship which many Christians of all traditions find very meaningful. This is a mostly musical liturgy; we will learn some easily sung choruses and hymns. There will be periods of silence for prayer and reflection.

Holy Thursday Love Feast: March 24, 6:00 pm

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a service which has a long tradition in our heritage. The "Love Feast" (also called the "Agapé meal" from a Greek word for *love*) was brought to the early Methodists by John Wesley, who borrowed it from the Moravian Christians with whom he was sometimes associated. We'll share a fellowship meal together, sing and pray, and bless the bread and cup to recall the Last Supper. Those who wish may also give a *testimony* — a witness to what God is doing in our lives.

Good Friday: March 25, 12:10 pm

Our first service on Good Friday will begin just after noon (the traditional hour of Jesus' crucifixion). This will be a brief service of prayer and Scripture; participants will be able to attend over the lunch hour if they are at work. We will hear the story of the Passion from the gospel of John.

Good Friday: March 25, 7:00 pm

The evening Good Friday service will be a multi-media meditation on the "seven last words" which our Lord spoke from the Cross.

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27: 8:00 AM SUNRISE SERVICE FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST.
10:00 AM FESTIVAL SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION.**

Sunday Scriptures for March 2016

March 6: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 *Under Joshua, the Israelites claim the promised land and live there.*

Psalms 32 *"Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven."*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 *As new creatures in Christ we bear his message of reconciliation.*

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 *Jesus tells a story about two brothers, and their Father's forgiving love.*

Theme: "Do Good, Part 2: Practicing the Rule"

March 13: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 *The creator of all things will restore his people's integrity and safety.*

Psalms 126 *God's people sing of his salvation and the restoration of their nation.*

Philippians 3:4-14 *Paul lays aside the sins of his past and presses on toward God's future.*

John 12:1-8 *The daughter of Lazarus anoints Jesus, who praises her devotion.*

Theme: "Stay in Love with God, Part 1: Understanding the Rule"

March 20: Passion (Palm) Sunday

Luke 19:28-40 *Jesus enters Jerusalem, hailed as a king.*

Isaiah 50:4-9a *Even though God's servant suffers, he is unwavering in his mission.*

Psalms 31:9-16 *"I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.'"*

Philippians 2:5-11 *Christ empties himself of divinity in order to completely share our nature.*

Luke 22:14-23:56 *Luke tells the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, execution and burial.*

Theme: "Stay in Love with God, Part 2: Practicing the Rule"

March 27: Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 *Peter witnesses to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 *"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."*

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 *Jesus' resurrection takes away the curse of death.*

John 20:1-18 *The risen Lord meets Mary Magdalene in the garden.*

Theme: "Are You Afraid of Death?"

Sandwich/Somonauk

Ministerial Alliance

4TH TUESDAY COMMUNITY

FREE FELLOWSHIP FEAST

4:30 — 6:00 pm

Tues., March 22, 2016

Union Congregational Church

305 South Gage St.

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, April 26, 2016 @ Salem Lutheran Church

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 @ Federated Church



A Bowl of Thanks

†Thank you to my volunteers for helping with the newsletter assembly, stewardship campaign and Christmas letter mailing last month.

Heidi Eaton

Mission of the Month

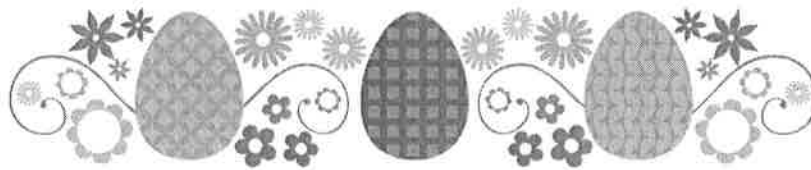
Clara Midrula Biswas

Clara Midrula Biswas works in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She works with the "poorest of the poor" in slum areas and garbage dumps to facilitate their move to relocation and rehabilitation centers. She assists education programs, giving 620 public school students music, computer, and art classes, and she also assists health programs that refer patients to hospitals and local organizations. Email: clarabiswas@online.com.kh

THANKS
GIVING

February 7	\$3918.00
February 10	\$ 198.00
February 14	\$1414.50
February 21	<u>\$1325.00</u>
Total	\$6855.50

Our generous gifts glorify God!



WEDNESDAY MORNING FRIENDS

A monthly forum for believers from area churches and friends to learn about a topic of mutual interest.

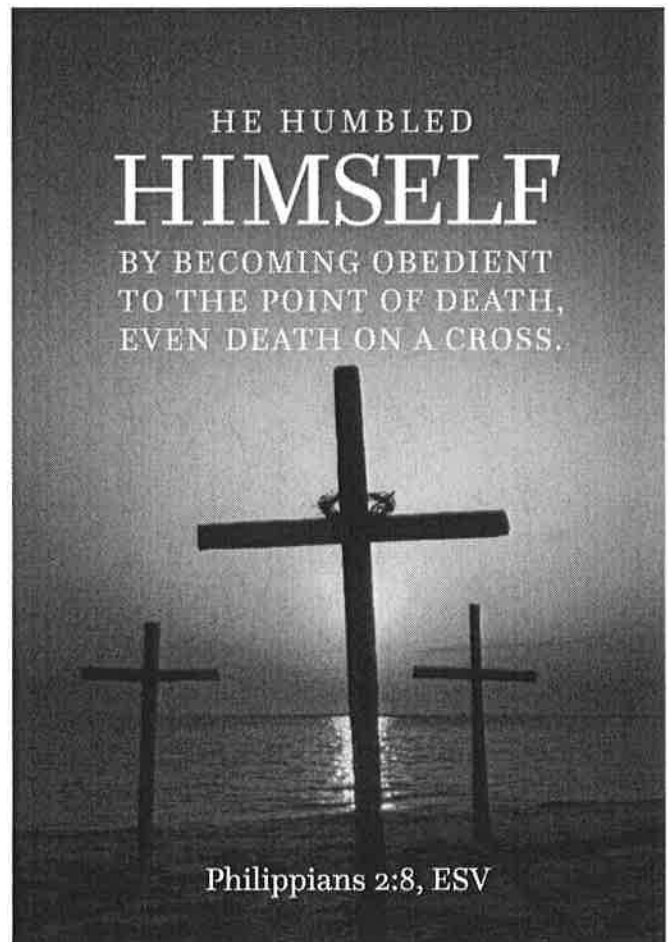
- † **When:** 1st Wednesday of each month, 9:00-10:00 am
- † **Where:** Federated Church, Sandwich, IL
403 N. Main St., 815-786-8595
www.sandwichfederatedchurch.org
- † **Does it cost?** No. All programs are free.
- † **Do you have to sign up?** No. Come when the topic interests you.
- † **What:** Here are programs for upcoming months:

Wed Mar 2: Lenten Community Breakfast & Devotion

Wed Apr 6: Disaster Preparedness: Who Does What?

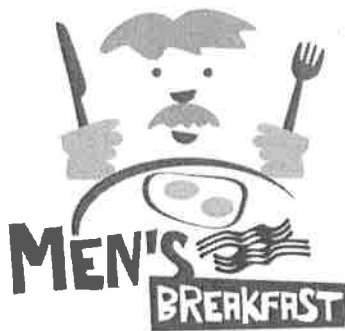
Wed May 4: Serving the World's Needy Children
Contact: Rev. Kirk Scott

Sponsored by Sandwich/Somonauk Ministerium. If you have an idea for a program, tell your pastor!



**Next Men's breakfast
March 6, 7:30 am**

All men are welcome to our men's group first Sunday breakfasts: 7:30 am in the Friendship Corner. Next meeting is March 6. The men of UCS have a good time together at our monthly breakfasts. Join us!



Powerful Tools for Caregivers

If you regularly spend time helping a loved one with errands, personal care, living arrangements, financial and legal concerns or other activities, you are a caregiver. This six-week course is designed to give you the tools to take care of yourself as you provide care. Classes are held at KishHealth System Hospice, Tuesdays, March 8-April 12, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Call Sue Goudy at 815-756-3000 to register or for more information. Classes and The Caregiver Helpbook are no cost to participants, but registration is required.

Indoor Flea Market

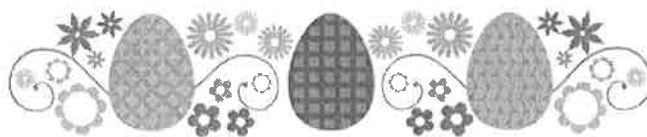
NEW! This church fundraiser is available to anyone that wants to sell their treasures! Clean your closets, your garage, gather all your goodies. Knick Knacks, Collectables, Household miscellaneous, clothing and/or whatever you have and make some money!

The sale will be held inside on March 5, 2016 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. To participate "rent" an 8 ft. table for only \$15.00 which is provided, (maximum of 2 tables per family at \$15 each). Electric is available for an additional \$10 per table. Sellers may sell any item unless prohibited by law, guns, mattresses, animals, etc. All "treasures" must fit on the table. Clothes racks are permitted but will take the place of a table and the \$15 fee will apply. If a seller prefers not to have a table, the space of an 8ft table will be provided for the \$15 fee. Advertising and a concession coupon are included in the \$15 table fee. Sellers must remain set up the entire sale time, and are responsible for their own table set up, tear down, clean up, cash box, taking home items that don't sell and any empty boxes! Set up begins at 7:30 am on March 5, for an additional \$5 set up is available from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, March 4. This is a church fundraiser. The church will not be responsible for any valuables, tables left unattended or any accidents. Sellers must reserve and pay for the table space in advance.

Contact the church at 815.786.9243 or call Christine at 815.786.243

Reserve your space today!

Buyers: The Flea Market opens at 9:00 am. No early birds please. Payment for items must be made at each individual table. Don't like to flea market, come for lunch! Bakery goods and concessions available for purchase. Donation of baked goods is welcome.



2016 COMMUNITY LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES

The Federated Church
403 N. Main St., Sandwich
Wednesdays, 9:00—10:00 a.m.



- February 10** "I Am The Bread of Life" (John 6:35-40)
Pastor Dan DeWitt, Federated Church of Sandwich
- February 17** "I Am The Lord" (Exodus 3:1-17; John 10:30)
Pastor William Weidenback, Jr., St. John's Lutheran Church of Somonauk
- February 24** "I Am The Light of the World" (John 9:1-15)
Pastor Steve Mindrup, United Church of Sandwich
- March 2** "I Am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:1-18)
Pastor Wayne Derber, Solem Lutheran Church of Sandwich
- March 9** "I Am The Way, Truth, Life" (John 14:1-6)
Pastor Chuck Maney, Union Congregational of Somonauk
- March 16** "I Am The True Vine" (John 15:1-17)
Pastor Joe MacDonald, Emmanuel Church of Sandwich

Please join us for a continental breakfast, fellowship, worship, prayer and study!
Everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to attend.
A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund.
Call the office at the Federated Church with any questions: 815-786-8595.

March Worship Assistants

Greeters

3/06/16 Jerry & Marlene Cook
 3/13/16 Al & Phyllis Whitehead
 3/20/16 Ed & Jane Heyer
 3/24/16 Kelley Mindrup
 3/25/16 John & Pat Hallaron
 3/27/16 8:00 am Mary Ann Olson
 10:00 am Monty & Betty Reiners

Ushers

3/06/16 Phyllis Davis & Carole Strock
 3/13/16 Ron & Bonnie Miller
 3/20/16 Brooke & Clint Updike
 3/24/16 Linda Duy & Pam Nehring
 3/25/16 Jerry & Marlene Cook
 3/27/16 8:00 am Ron & Kim Henrich
 10:00 am Jim & Connie Mitchell

Liturgists

3/06/16 Deb Seymour
 3/13/16 Carole Wampler
 3/20/16 Doug Reiners
 3/24/16 Myrtie Warren
 3/25/16 John Hallaron
 3/27/16 8:00 am Doug Reiners
 10:00 am Lori Davis

Flowers

3/06/16
 3/13/16
 3/20/16
 3/24/16
 3/25/16
 3/27/16 8:00 am Easter Flowers
 10:00 am Easter Flowers

Communion Bread

3/06/16 Jim & Connie Mitchell
 3/20/16 Jim & Connie Mitchell
 3/24/16
 3/25/16

March Communion Ministers

Deb Seymour, Diane Salisbury & Brooke Updike



3/01	Renee Reimer Cortney Scharenberg Jordan Bauer
3/02	Blake Breon
3/03	Dorothy Guseman
3/04	Dave Vegrzyn
3/05	Joshua Robinson
3/07	Mytrie Warren Karen Joyce
3/08	Bonnie Bernhardt
3/09	Bob Whiteis Ken Young Kali Olson
3/10	Mindy Chrestman Matt Miller
3/11	Nathan Heinekamp
3/12	Anna Henrich
3/13	Lindsey Olson
3/15	Katy Sommerfeld
3/16	Jeffrey Merkel
3/18	Sandy Whiteis
3/21	Al Warren
3/22	James McMahan
3/24	Ryan French
3/27	Etta Stahl
3/30	Teresa Reborn Heather Dannewitz
3/31	Dick Bark Anita Pence

Anniversaries This Month

3/14 Robert & Anna Henrich
3/17 David & Kathe Schlapp
3/25 Bob & Sandy Whiteis
3/25 Matt & Joanna Olson



NEWS UPDATE

FROM THE TRUSTEES

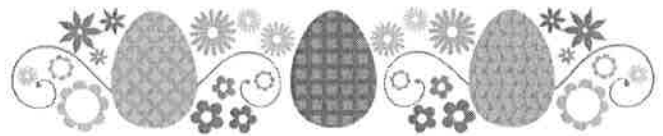
Have you driven by at night to notice our bright outside lights? The parking lot pole lights have new fixtures with LED bulbs. They will last a long time and provide security for all. The lighting project in the front sanctuary is also completed. Thanks to the Memorial Committee for helping with some of this expense!

SIDING SIDING SIDING SIDING SIDING

Siding for the parsonage and the detached garage is our number one priority. Several contractors have given bids and said we need siding. There are many bad areas requiring tear-off, especially on the south and east sides. A bid from local contractor, Robert Lawrence was unanimously accepted. He has attended the January and February Trustee meetings. We have discussed details of removing rotten boards, what trim work will be needed, vinyl siding thickness and color, hanging the shutters, total cost and when the money is due, etc. The Methodist tax exempt number will save for cost of materials. Last year's Brat Fest donated \$2,100 to the siding to begin our fund. Thanks to generous church family contributions, we now have \$8,200. Please consider making a donation soon to support this project!! The bid is \$13,014. Talk to your Trustees if you have questions. Work is planned for 2016 Spring.



Church Women United will meet for World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4th at St. John's Lutheran Church, 235 S. Green Street in Somonauk. Registration begins at 9:15am. There will be a continental breakfast served, followed by the program "Receive Childre, Receive Me" which was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cuba. All area women are invited to this morning of fellowship and worship.

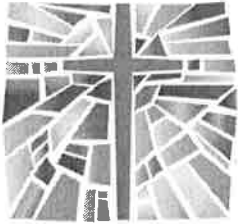


UMCOR OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO SYRIAN REFUGEES

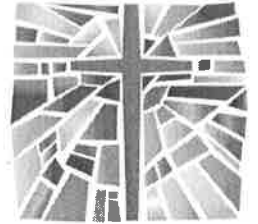
In response to the needs of millions of Syrian refugees UMCOR is hard at work in the face of great demands. UMCOR is working in partnership with others. Some of these are International Orthodox Christian Charities and the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch.





Gifts to UMCOR may begin at any time during the year. Gifts should be designated "UMCOR Global Refugee Response".

From Ed Heyer



March 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 1:30 pm Discussion Group</p> <p>4-5:15 pm Girl Scout Junior meeting</p>	<p>2 9:00am Lenten Breakfast</p> <p>6:00 pm Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30pm Chimes practice</p> <p>7:30pm Choir practice</p>	<p>3 1:00 pm Hope Circle</p> <p>4-5:15 pm Girl Scout Daisy/Brownie meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Discussion Group</p>	<p>4 9:15am World Day of Prayer @ St. John's Lutheran Church</p>	<p>5 9-2:00 pm Flea Market @ UCS</p>
<p>6 7:30 am United Methodist Men's Breakfast</p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>4:00 pm Discussion Group</p>	<p>7 7:00 pm Uniter's</p>	<p>8 1:30 pm Discussion Group</p> <p>6:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p>9 9:00am Lenten Breakfast</p> <p>6:30pm Chimes Practice</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>10 9:30 am UMW</p> <p>6:30 pm Discussion Group</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 12-5:00 pm Brenda Birthday Party</p>
<p>13 8:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p>11:15 am Worship Committee</p> <p>4:00 pm Discussion Group</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 1:30 pm Discussion Group</p> <p>4-5:15 pm Girl Scout Junior meeting</p>	<p>16 9:00am Lenten Breakfast</p> <p>6:00 pm Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30pm Chimes practice</p> <p>7:30pm Choir practice</p>	<p>17 4-5:15 pm Girl Scout Daisy/Brownie meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Discussion Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>27 </p> <p>8:00 am Sunrise Service w/Breakfast following</p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:30pm Chimes Practice</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>31</p>		



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 Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

March 2016



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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

Ministers
 Church Secretary
 Choir & Chimes Director
 Organist/Pianist

All Members
 Heidi Eaton
 Kevin Duy
 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	