

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 ...

Pentecost

We don't pay a whole lot of attention to the day of Pentecost (May 15 this year). The celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit — the completion of the promise of the risen Lord — is overshadowed by the beginning of summer vacations and Memorial Day weekend (when Pentecost sometimes occurs).

In ancient times the day of Pentecost was second only to Easter in importance, and was celebrated with great solemnity. There is evidence from as early as the fourth century AD that Pentecost was already an established feast day.

The word "Pentecost" means *fiftieth* in Greek. For the people of Israel it was a harvest festival which took place fifty days after Passover — called the "Feast of Weeks" in the Old Testament. It was a pilgrim festival, meaning that it was properly celebrated in the Jerusalem Temple. The book of Acts tells us that "devout Jews from every nation" were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks (Acts 2:5).

The Christian significance of Pentecost is the gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles. Jesus had told his followers to remain in Jerusalem and expect to receive God's power. The Spirit descends on the apostles under the sign of fire and of wind ("wind" and "spirit" in Hebrew are the same word). The manifestation of the Spirit's power is shown by the apostles' ability to testify to the death and resurrection of Jesus in a way that the assembled Jews from many nations could understand.

Let us celebrate the Holy Spirit this May 15 by asking God to continue to empower his church to witness to his Son. Let us celebrate the Holy Spirit by realizing that the Spirit does indeed give us power to do the works of love and devotion to which we are called. Let us learn from our ancestors in the faith how to speak and act boldly for the sake of God's kingdom.

Steve Mindrup



Sunday Scriptures for May 2016

May 1: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15 *Paul journeys to Philippi and makes disciples there.*

Psalm 67 *"May God be gracious to us and bless us."*

Revelation 21:22-22:5 *John sees a vision of "new Jerusalem": all is restored in Christ.*

John 14:23-29 *Jesus may depart, but he leaves us with his Holy Spirit.*

Theme: "Water and Light"

May 8: Ascension Sunday – Mother's Day

Acts 1:1-11 *Jesus' disciples witness his glorification, filling all of space and time.*

Psalm 47 *"God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet."*

Ephesians 1:15-23 *Jesus Christ, once humbled by death, now is fully identified with God.*

Luke 24:44-53 *Another version of Christ's ascension to the Father's glory.*

Theme: "Gone Up with a Shout"

May 15: The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 *Visions of wind and fire accompany the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b *"When you send forth your spirit, they are created."*

Romans 8:14-17 *The Holy Spirit confirms our relationship to God.*

John 14:8-17, 25-27 *God's Spirit brings his people the gift of peace.*

Theme: "The Holy Spirit and Today's Church"

May 22: Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 *Wisdom is the handmaid and servant of the Father.*

Psalm 8 *"How majestic is your name in all the earth!"*

Romans 5:1-5 *Faith in Christ justifies us before the Father.*

John 16:12-15 *The Spirit of truth reveals the Father through the work of the Son.*

Theme: "Getting to Know Sophia"

May 29: The Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 18:20-39. *Elijah confronts the prophets of the Canaanite god Baal.*

Psalm 96. *"O sing to the Lord a new song."*

Galatians 1:1-12. *Paul wants the Galatian Christians to stick to authoritative teaching.*

Luke 7:1-10. *Jesus finds faith in a Roman soldier.*

Theme: "Calling Down the Fire"



June newsletter deadline is
10:00 am Monday, May
16th.



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

UMVIM-North Central Jurisdiction

United Methodist Volunteers In Motion (UMVIM) is charged with resourcing individuals, teams, leaders, and UMVIM projects in this jurisdiction. This office maintains a future teams list, sends our e-newsletters, and maintains the National Project list. It also assists Emergency Response Training (ERT) and VIM leader training.

UCS, JFON receives grant for Hispanic outreach

Our Conference administers the Keagy Fund, a bequest that was set up 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

April 3	\$4534.00
April 10	\$2101.00
April 17	\$3152.00
April 24	<u>\$2696.92</u>
Total	\$12483.92

Our generous gifts glorify God!

The United Church of Sandwich

512 East Lions Road, Sandwich

Mother/Daughter Banquet
Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm



Donation:

Adult = \$8.00 in advance \$9.00 at the door

Children 6-12 = \$4.00

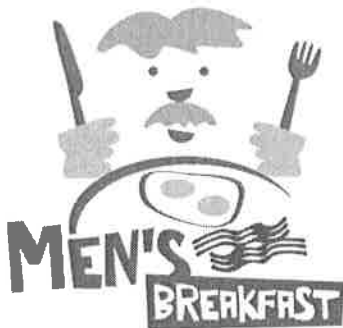
5 & Under = Free

Tickets available from any United Methodist Men member or from the church office. (815) 786.9243

**All women, even without daughters,
and daughters, even without mothers,**

**Next Men's breakfast
May 1, 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 May 1. The men of UCS have a good time together at our monthly breakfasts. Join us!



**Church Women United
Friday, May 6th at 9:15 am
Salem Lutheran Church**

All ladies are invited to the program, *"Finding Grace at the Table"*. Registration will begin at 9:15 am, continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 am, and the program will follow. The "Fellowship of the Least Coin" offering will be received.

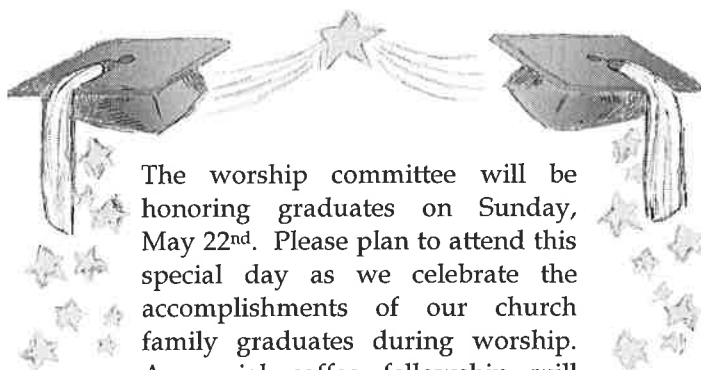
**WEDNESDAY MORNING
FRIENDS**

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 is the last program:

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!



The worship committee will be honoring graduates on Sunday, May 22nd. Please plan to attend this special day as we celebrate the accomplishments of our church family graduates during worship. A special coffee fellowship will follow the service hosted by the worship committee.

If you have a graduate, please call the church office ASAP so we may honor them during this service

May Worship Assistants

Greeters

05/01/16 Kevin & Linda Duy & Reanna Panlilio
 05/08/16 Gary & Judy Anderson
 05/15/16 Mary Leach
 05/22/16 Lynn Reeder
 05/29/16 Ione Martin

Ushers

05/01/16 Phyllis Davis & Mary Ann Olson
 05/08/16 Reid & Deb Heinekamp
 05/15/16 Josh & Mindy Chrestman
 05/22/16 Brenda Gillispie & Bob Grotkowski
 05/29/16 Gary & Judy Anderson

Liturgists

05/01/16 Carole Wampler
 05/08/16 Les Banks
 05/15/16 Lynn Reeder
 05/22/16 Carole Wampler
 05/29/16 Kevin Duy

Flowers

05/01/16 Pastor Steve & Kelley Mindrup
 05/08/16 Bernice Nicholas
 05/15/16
 05/22/16
 05/29/16

Communion Bread

05/01/16 Mindrup's
 05/15/16

May Communion Ministers

Deb Seymour & Rick & Debby Hill

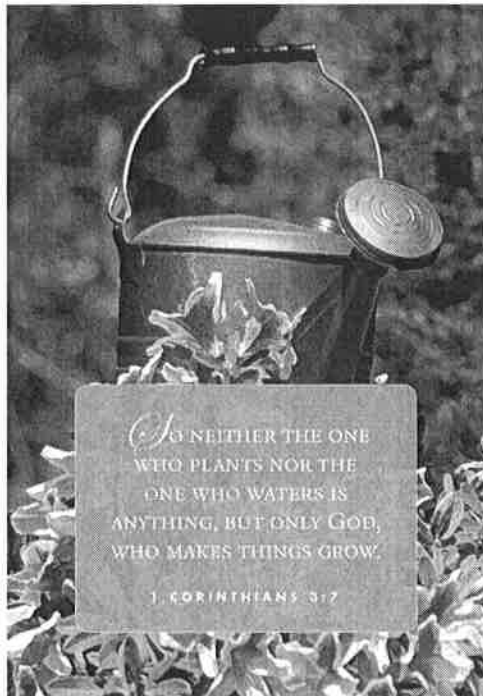


MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/02 Phyllis Davis
 Richard Robinson
 Zachary Morel
 05/03 Delores Lies
 05/05 Macie Chrestman
 Cindy Carr
 05/06 Renee Richards
 Renee Eipers
 Andrew Salisbury
 05/07 Shirley Basler
 Justin Vegrzyn
 05/09 Jim Bernhardt
 Betty Reiners
 05/11 Tom Nehring
 05/12 Sandy Gustafson
 05/13 Bev Lowe
 Glenn Chivers
 Darrell Lohmeier
 05/14 Jennifer Bauer
 Sherrie Johns
 05/16 Gary Anderson
 05/18 Linda Duy
 Lilly Heiman
 05/19 Ron Henrich
 05/23 Nina Covert
 05/25 Kevin Rose
 05/26 Heath Dannewitz
 05/27 Jane Heyer
 Olivia Whitmer
 Verian Cassell
 Vivian McMaster
 05/28 Dakota Heiman
 Richard Banko
 Roger Rebhorn
 05/29 Rick Hill
 05/31 Matt Hill

Anniversaries This Month

05/05 Vince & Sue Olson
 05/12 Thomas & Sherrie Johns
 05/17 Dan & Cindy Carr
 05/22 Wayne & Jackie Hargrave
 05/27 Carl & Sandy Gustafson
 05/29 Josh & Mindy Chrestman
 Dave & Linda Munson



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

4:30 — 6:00 pm
Tues., May 24, 2016
Federated Church
403 North Main St.
Sandwich, IL 60548
(815)786-8595

- 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, June 28, 2016 @ St. Paul's Catholic Church
Tuesday, July 26, 2016 @ Somonauk Baptist Church

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



United Methodist Women will be meeting on May 12 at 9:30 am. Please join us for fellowship and prayer.

United Methodist Women Purpose

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know GOD and to experience freedom as whole persons through JESUS CHRIST; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

MISSION CHALLENGE

The Mission Challenge for this year's 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.



May 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>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>2</p> <p>6:00 pm Uniter's</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4-5:00 pm Dance practice</p> <p>7:00 pm Fair Stand</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 pm Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30pm Chimes practice</p> <p>7:30pm Choir practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 pm Hope Circle</p> <p>6:30 Mother Daughter Banquet Hosted by United Methodist Men</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:15 am Church Women United May Fellowship Day @ Salem Lutheran</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>  <p>8:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30pm Chimes practice</p> <p>7:30pm Choir practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am UMW</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>  <p>8:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 am</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 pm Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30pm Chimes practice</p> <p>7:30pm Choir practice</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>  <p>8:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p>11:15 am Coffee Fellowship hosted by Worship Committee</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30-6:00 pm 4th Tuesday Community Free Fellowship Feast @ Federated</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30pm Chimes practice</p> <p>7:30pm Choir practice</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am Newsletters Assembly</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>30 office closed</p> 	<p>31</p>				

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS PART 2

2016	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters
03-Jul	Sarah Stevens	John & Pat Hallaron	Carole Strock
10-Jul	Bonnie Miller	Bernice Nicholas & Bev Lowe	Dick & Joan Banko
17-Jul	Pam Nehring	Jerry & Marlene Cook	Pam Nehring
24-Jul	Lynn Reeder	Jim & Connie Mitchell	Ron & Kim Henrich
31-Jul	Laura Olson	Matt & Joanna Olson	Ione Martin
07-Aug	Sandy Whiteis	Kevin & Linda Duy	Jim & Connie Mitchell
14-Aug	Deb Seymour	Monty & Betty Reiners	Ernie & Shirley Basler
21-Aug	Les Banks	Brenda Gillispie & Bob Grotkoski	Bev Lowe
28-Aug	Kevin Duy	Deb Seymour & Angie Miller	Chet Carpenter & Lori Prickett
04-Sep	Kelley Mindrup	Al & Myrtie Warren	Jerry & Nancy Brown
11-Sep	Sarah Stevens	Earl Shafer & Doug Reiners	Al & Phyllis Whitehead
18-Sep	Bonnie Miller	Reid & Deb Heinekamp	Etta Stahl
25-Sep	Lori Davis	Jim & Bonnie Bernhardt	Mary Ann Olson
02-Oct	Sandy Whiteis	Ed Foreman & Carole Wampler	Josh & Mindy Chrestman
09-Oct	David Seymour	Phyllis Davis & Carole Strock	Etta Stahl
16-Oct	Myrtie Warren	Josh & Mindy Chrestman	Jerry & Nancy Brown
23-Oct	John Hallaron	Diane Salisbury, Craig Johnson, Andrew Salisbury	Deb Seymour
30-Oct	Laura Olson	Matt & Joanna Olson	Carole Strock
06-Nov	Doug Reiners	Jerry & Marlene Cook	Brooke Updike & Clint Updike
13-Nov	Diane Pearson	Doug Reiners & Earl Shaffer	Linda & Kevin Duy Reanna Panlilio
20-Nov	Sarah Stevens	Jim & Connie Mitchell	Fred & Wilma Hunter
Thanksgiving eve 11/24/2016	Lynn Reeder	John & Pat Hallaron	Phyllis Davis
27-Nov	Deb Seymour	Mary Ann Olson & Phyllis Davis	Kelley Mindrup
04-Dec	Carole Wampler	Bernice Nicholas & Bev Lowe	Reid & Deb Heinekamp
11-Dec	Pam Nehring	Jim & Bonnie Bernhardt	Ione Martin
18-Dec	Les Banks	Jim & Lori Updike	Updike
5:00 pm 12/24/2014	Reanna Panlilio	Jane & Ed Heyer	Al & Phyllis Whitehead
10:00 pm 12/24/2014	Bonnie Miller	Ron & Kim Henrich	Jenna Henrich
25-Dec	Kelley Mindrup	Monty & Betty Reiners	Doug Reiners

The United Church of Sandwich Funeral Luncheon Committees

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Nancy Brown
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Phyllis Davis
786.1349

Bonnie Miller
786.9346

Pam Nehring
786.8153

Etta Stahl
786.7163

Eleanor Anderson	786.2353
Judy Anderson	815.970.1960
Pam Anderson	815.570.2231
Jean Banks	496.3366
Barb Bark	786.2291
Shirley Basler	498.1107
Marilyn Bulson	786.9406
Kris Calvert	815.970.5036
Mindy Chrestman	815.509.3533
Lori Davis	815.786.4215
Linda Duy	630.385.2373 H 630.913.7869 C
Sandy Gillette	630.552.8812
Brenda Gillispie-Jacobs	786.6631
Sandy Gustafson	498.9636
Pat Hallaron	786.8897
Kim Henrich	498.2651
Mary Leach	786.2337
Beverly Lowe	498.6181
Ione Martin	815.570.2333
Vivian McMaster	815.797.1063
Angie Miller	815.712.0399
Kelley Mindrup	815.786.8244
Linda Munson	786.2646
Bernice Nicholas	786.6274
Mary Ann Olson	815.570.2231
Vickie Scharenberg	498.2658
Tami Wig	786.5049

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Bonnie Bernhardt
786.3020

Marlene Cook
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Sarah Stevens
786.4997

Carole Strock
498.2968

Phyllis Whitehead
498.3522

Joan Banko	498.2699
Carol Cronin	815.786.2991
Ginger Dannewitz	786.8152
Barb Diemer	630.788.6162
Carol Erickson	786.2922
Renee Eipers	815.793.2765
Jackie Hargrave	498.3415
Heidi Heiman	498.9251
Debbie Heinekamp	630.624.5396
Jane Heyer	815.286.3074
Debby Hill	498.9405
Carol Larson	498.2183
Delores Lies	630.553.7869
Christine McMahan	786.4243
Connie Mitchell	786.9226
Brenda Moland	801.633.4229
Mildred Morris	786.2284
Joanna Olson	498.3868
Diane Pearson	498.6014
Lynn Reeder	630.207.4611
Betty Reiners	786.2471
Diane Salisbury	815.790.8118
Lori Updike	815.822.7322
Carole Wampler	786.6057
Myrtie Warren	498.2586
Sandy Whiteis	630.552.3818
Bonnie Young	786.8990

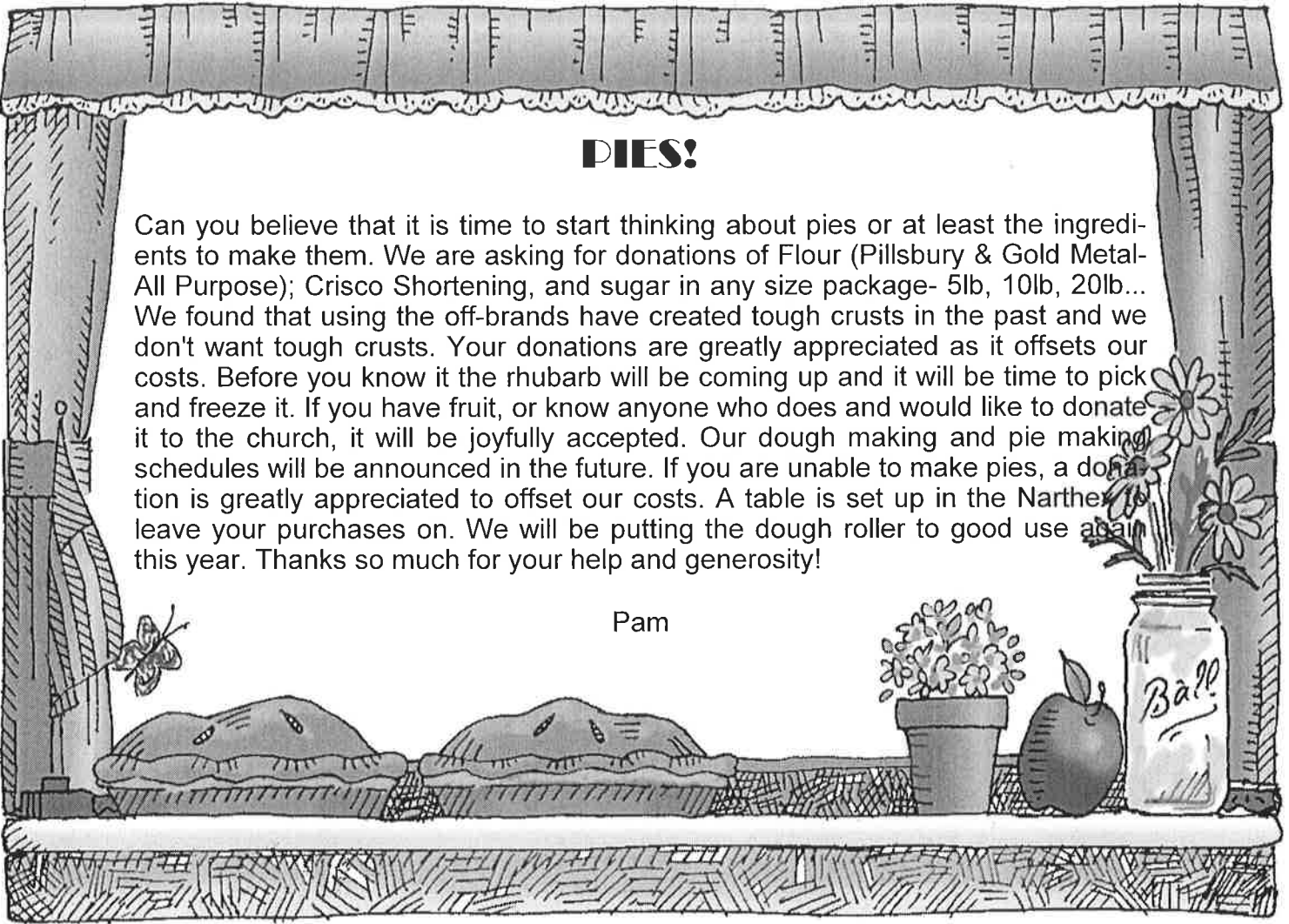
Concerning the Funeral List...

The names of the ladies who are either members or friends of UCS are on this list to help with the funeral luncheons. We ask for a vegetable dish, a salad, or a desert that would **serve 10-12 persons**. If you cannot provide food, a cash donation for beverages is appreciated. We also need help with the lunch on the day of the funeral or with the set-up before the luncheon. If anyone would like to have her name removed from the list, let Heidi, Carole Strock or Mrytie Warren know.

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



Camp Scholarship Offered

A scholarship to Camp Reynoldswood or Wesley Woods is being offered to any child or youth from our church. The UMW is making this available for someone who wishes to have a wonderful experience at church camp. Early registration in April offers a reduced price in registration fees, so this is the time to give it serious consideration. Anyone interested may contact Myrtie Warren or Vivian McMaster.

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!



Procrastinators



A pastor waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but many cars were ahead of the pastor at the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Sorry about the delay," said the young man. "Everyone seems to wait until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The pastor chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."



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 pastoralkalvall@gmail.com



Prayers of Thanks

I want to thank Pastor Steve for visiting me at the hospital and his prayers before my surgery. The prayer, warmth and concern of my church family touched my heart. Thank you and God bless all of you!

Carol Erickson



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 512 East Lions Road
 Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

May 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

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



**We are passionately united to feed all people –
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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	