

# 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 ...*

## **Supporting the work of God: Our annual financial appeal**

*Lloyd Bower, a retired former District Superintendent, volunteered to help with a capital funds campaign for a building program in a church I served years ago. The congregation was offering construction bonds as a way to finance the new building. I overheard Lloyd arguing with a man who didn't want to buy a bond because "they aren't guaranteed." Lloyd responded, "Guaranteed? These bonds are guaranteed by God himself!"*

Are we convinced that the church does the work of God — and that we are called by God to be part of that work in every way we can? At its heart, that's the reason for the church's existence: to love and know God, and to make God known.

In a few days you'll receive a letter inviting you to share in God's work with your gifts in the year to come. On three Sundays this month, we will share our thoughts and hopes about our church for the coming year.

- **November 13: Thanksgiving**

Faithful giving begins with the conviction that all comes from God, and that God has given many excellent gifts to his people. We are called to nurture and care for those gifts. During Holy Communion on November 20 we will invite you to express your gratitude for God's goodness, and to thank God for the ways that he has blessed your life. Giving thanks in this way will not only lead us toward faithful giving, it will prepare us for the Thanksgiving feast later in the month.

- **November 20: Testimony**

On this last Sunday of the Christian year we celebrate Jesus Christ as King and sovereign Lord of all. We will consider how our participation in the life of his church has made a difference in our lives. Have you experienced healing, forgiveness, joy, genuine love, and a sense of purpose as a follower of Jesus Christ? On November 20 we will invite you to give your testimony to the wonder of grace and the power of the Holy Spirit.

- **November 27: Commitment**

The first Sunday of Advent begins a new church year. This will be the day to honor God with our gifts, and pledge our financial support to God's work through UCS and the United Methodist Church.

In the days to come, think about the ways God has blessed your life, and give God thanks and praise. Pray about your commitment and ask God to lead you to a faithful response.

*Steve Mindrup*

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## Sunday Scriptures: November 2016

### November 6: All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18. *Daniel's vision is of a holy people who will inherit God's kingdom forever.*  
Psalm 149. *"The Lord takes pleasure in his people, and adorns the humble with victory."*  
Ephesians 1:11-23. *The faithful live in hope of living in Christ forever.*  
Luke 6:20-31. *Luke's Beatitudes promise victory for the faithful and woe for the powerful.*

### November 13: 26th Sunday after Pentecost

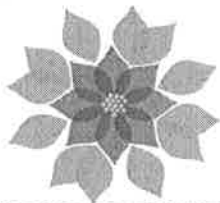
Isaiah 65:17-25. *The new age that God promises is a time of blessing, fulfillment, and peace.*  
Song: Isaiah 12. *"Surely God is my salvation."*  
2 Thess. 3:6-13. *Church members must be diligent and not live in idleness.*  
Luke 21:5-19. *Jesus asks us to remain faithful, even in the most difficult times.*

### November 20: Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6. *God himself will be the shepherd of his people in the age to come.*  
Psalm (Luke 1:68-79). *This song is the praise hymn of Zechariah for his son John the Baptist.*  
Colossians 1:11-20. *All things receive their ultimate purpose in the resurrection of Jesus.*  
Luke 23:33-43. *Even from the cross, Jesus is revealed as a king.*

### November 27: The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 *The prophet uses the restoration of Zion as a metaphor of peace and salvation.*  
Psalm 122 *"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"*  
Romans 13:11-14 *The light of God's presence is about to overtake the night of sin.*  
Matthew 24:36-44 *Jesus reminds us to stay awake and alert for the presence of God.*



ORDER YOUR  
**Poinsettias**

We will be ordering poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Delivery will be on Saturday, December 23. The choice of colors are red or white and come in a 6 1/2" pot, and cost \$15.00 each. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the following form and return to the church office no later than **December 4**.

#### POINSETTIA ORDER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Given (in memory of) or (in honor of) \_\_\_\_\_

My order is for \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ White (\$14.00 each)

Total Cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed)

**ORDER MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 4.**



# All Saints' Day

## All Saints Sunday November 6

On Sunday, November 6 we will honor and remember those significant persons in our lives who have gone before us.

In our prayers and during Holy Communion we will read the names of UCS members, friends and family who have died since last November. Please contact the church office with your loved one's name and supply a picture if you wish. You may also remember a friend or family member from previous years by bringing in a picture or a brief word of remembrance.



### THANKS GIVING

September 6	\$1354.40
September 11	\$1342.00
September 18	\$2697.00
September 25	\$1244.00
Total	\$6637.40

Our generous gifts glorify God!



United Methodist Women are sponsoring a mitten, hat and scarf tree collection in October thru the 1st Sunday in November.

They will be collecting these items to be distributed by the Sharing Pantry on November 10th and 17th when turkeys are given to families.

Starting next month, bring in NEW hats, mittens and scarves to decorate the UMW tree. Contact Vivian McMaster or Myrtie Warren for more information.

## Mission of the Month

### The Sharing Pantry

YOU CAN HELP



The Sharing Pantry is the local food pantry with facilities in St. John's Lutheran Church in Somonauk. In addition to

weekly distribution of food items, they provide holiday meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Several members of UCS spend most of their Thursday mornings volunteering at the Sharing Pantry.

In addition to the financial support that UCS provides, we also contribute food items throughout the year, and we provide freezer space at our church for the pantry to use for meat and other perishables.

We also help the pantry by recycling our cardboard boxes. Earl Shaffer is able to redeem the cardboard for cash, which benefits the pantry.

## November Worship Assistants

### Greeters

11/6/16 Clint Updike  
 11/13/16 Linda & Kevin Duy, Reanna Panlilio  
 11/20/16 Fred Hunter  
 11/27/16 Kelley Mindrup

### Ushers

11/6/16 Jerry and Marlene Cook  
 11/13/16 Doug Reiners, Earl Shaffer  
 11/20/16 Jim and Connie Mitchell  
 11/27/16 Mary Ann Olson, Phyllis Davis

### Liturgists

11/6/16 Doug Reiners  
 11/13/16 Diane Pearson  
 11/20/16 Sarah Stevens  
 11/27/16 Deb Seymour

### Flowers

11/6/16 OPEN  
 11/13/16 Carole Strock  
 11/20/16 OPEN  
 11/27/16 OPEN

### Communion Bread

11/6/16 Kelley Mindrup  
 11/20/16 Jim and Connie Mitchell

### November Communion Ministers

Rick and Debby Hill, Deb Seymour

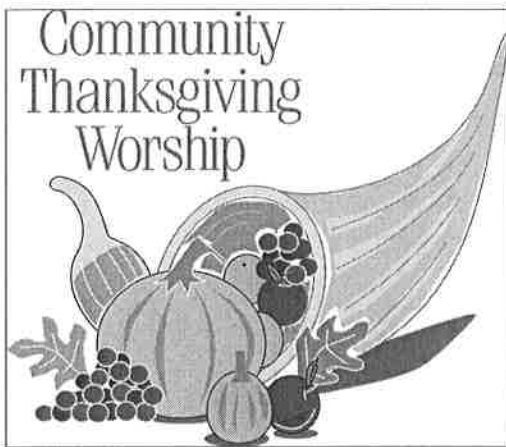


11/1	Dana Morton
11/2	Bob Carpenter
	Brooke Updike
11/4	Christian Sleezer
11/6	Becky Spoonmore
11/7	Jonathon Sommerfeld
11/9	Billy Gammon
	Michael Jerabek
11/15	Zachary Peppers
11/17	Lela French
11/18	Bart Breon
11/19	Todd French
11/21	Pam Nehring
11/22	Dave Munson
	Dave Scharenberg
11/23	Dan Reimer
11/24	Carl Gustafson
11/25	Carole Wampler
11/26	Doug Johnson
	Colton Sleezer
11/27	Beth Ann Calder
	Angie Miller
11/28	Mike Cassell
	Ashley Guilinger
	Mark Guilinger



## **Anniversaries This Month**

11/4	Jim & Doris Carpenter
11/18	Glenn & Ruth Chivers
	Kevin & Rochelle Rose
	Gary & Amy Sleezer
11/27	Bart & Heather Breon

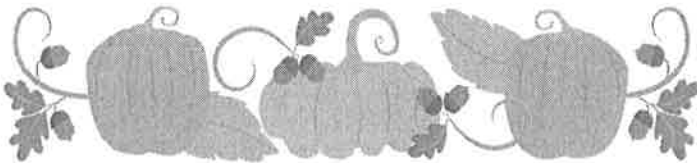


**Celebrate Thanksgiving with us, Wed. Nov. 23, 7:00 pm at Federated Church**

We will gather for the annual community Thanksgiving service this year at Federated Church, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 7:00 pm.

Clergy and members from UCS, Salem Lutheran, and Federated will participate. Pastor Steve will be the preacher for the service.

The choirs from each church will combine to offer music of praise and thanksgiving. The offering will be given to a community project selected by the host congregation.



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

4:30 — 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, November 22, 2016  
United Church of Sandwich  
512 E. Lions Road  
Sandwich, IL 60548  
(815)786-9308

- 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!

Remember: No Feast in December

**Our church is hosting, so we are preparing the meat. We're planning a turkey dinner for Thanksgiving. Sign up on Sunday to help!**

**LET' SPRUCE UP OUR CHURCH**

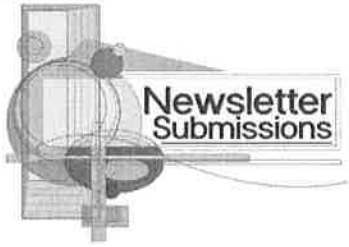
It's been a while since the church building has had a spruce up cleaning. If we put all of our hands together, the place will be sparkling before you know it. As we did when Pastor Babler retired, picking one room or area will be manageable and easy. So gather a friend or two and pick a room! Different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



# November 2016

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
		6:00 pm Trustees	6:00 pm Prayer Group  6:30 pm Chimes practice  7:30 pm Choir practice	1:00 pm Hope Circle	Church Office Closed  6:00 pm: Wedding rehearsal	3:00 pm: Updike/Warpinski wedding
6 ALL SAINTS 7:30 am United Methodist Men's breakfast  8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship	7 7:00 pm Uniter's	8	9 6:30 pm Chimes practice  7:30 pm Choir practice	10	11 Church Office Closed	12
13 8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship	14 10:00 am Newsletter Deadline	15	16 6:00 pm Prayer Group  6:30 pm Chimes practice  7:30 pm Choir practice	17	18 Church Office Closed	19
20 CHRIST THE KING 8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship	21	22 4:30-6:00 pm 4th Tuesday Community Free Fellowship Feast @ UCS	23 9:00 am: Newsletter assembly  7:00 pm : Community Thanksgiving worship at Federated Church	24 Thanksgiving Day  	25 Church Office Closed	26 9:00 am: Decorating sanctuary for Advent/Christmas
27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship	28 	29	30 6:30 pm Chimes practice  7:30 pm Choir practice			



## Indoor Flea Market Saturday Nov. 12 9:00 am—5:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall

In addition to the vendors who will participate, we will be serving sandwiches and snacks all day. Contact Pam Nehring to volunteer to help with the food concession.

Here are the details for the vendors (contact Christine McMahon with any questions):

The United Church of Sandwich Is hosting a Flea Market Fundraiser on November 12. The hours are 9:00 am to 5.00 pm. The fee is \$15 for an 8 ft table. (Or equivalent space without tables). (Maximum of 2 tables per family.) 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.

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!

Advertising and a concession coupon are included in the \$15 table fee.

Set up begins at 7:30 am on November 12 for an additional \$5 set up is available from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, November 11.

This is a church fundraiser. The church will not be responsible for any valuables, tables left unattended or any accidents.

December newsletter deadline is 10:00 am Monday, November 14.

**TIME TO Decorate**

We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season on **Saturday, November 26**. We will be putting up lights, trees, decorations and sending Christmas cards to our shut in friends. The time we will start is **9:00 AM** and we hope to be finished by noon. A light lunch will be served as well. Please join us in creating a beautiful and festive sanctuary for the important Advent/Christmastide season. See you there!

## Shopping on line? Help your church through UMCMarket.org

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

It's easy to register. Just go to 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 site for what you want.

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.



## Charge Conference set for Thursday Nov. 17 at 7:00 pm

The date of our annual Charge Conference this year is THURSDAY, NOV. 17, 7:00 PM. Pastor Ed Carroll from Manhattan UMC will preside. Only church members may vote, but the meeting is open to all.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee will meet at 6:30 pm.

Report forms that need to be completed by the Charge Conference are available in the office, or you can find them on line at [umcnic.org](http://umcnic.org).



**The United Church  
of Sandwich**

512 East Lions Road  
Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

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**NOVEMBER 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**

Ministers	All Members
Church Secretary	TBA
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	