



The Tidings

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From the Pastor

In the course of our every day we at times fail to see among the things we take for granted the unusual, the inspirational, and perhaps the most grievous omission of all, we fail to see beauty in our days. I recently came across a passage from William Blake which alerted me to that dilemma. William Blake, a person given little acclaim during his life time as a poet and artist in England, during the 1700's, and now is almost reverently appreciated by many people, wrote to his clergyman expressing his disappointment at the minister's attitude regarding life in this world of ours. The minister apparently had the view that misery was the fate of earthly beings while in the world to come, beauty and inspiration were at last to be realized. Blake wrote; "as a person is, so he sees." He went on to declare that the miser might see money to be more beautiful than the sun, or a tree to be something that stands in the way of a rich man's view. "Some", Blake wrote on, "pay no attention to the natural world save to exploit it... You are mistaken when you say that beauty cannot be found here. The world is one continuous revelation of beauty." It is as Blake reminds us, that where we are determines what we see. Or in Blake's words, "as a person is, so he sees".

I grew up in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania. As a child I saw the exploitation of the land by the coal barons. The Schuylkill River running its way a dozen miles from my home was literally an ugly black as it moved toward Philadelphia. The mine owners diverted the river to wash the coal and sent it back into its confines as a lifeless entity blighting everything it ran by. And, the land. It was a ravaged, treeless pile upon pile of useless refuse. Those coal barons saw coal and exploited the land. They did not see beauty, and they denied others from seeing it. It's what happens when we fail to appreciate the beauty that God has bestowed upon us.

From time to time we might experience something in our lives that from where we stand casts an ugly view upon the landscape. And while that is an unfortunate and sometimes a most devastating thing to endure, the power of God's majesty is not diminished. His beauty shines through. It is therefore, incumbent upon us not to blight another's view of beauty or to exploit for selfish gain the beauty entrusted to us.

From Saron's door we see unfolded before us a tended and beautiful land. And within, we see a church filled with a caring people whose beauty lies in tending to the hopes and needs of others who, from where we stand, add beauty to our world. We are then as one with those who declare; "as a person is, so he sees". It truly is a beautiful world in which we live.

Ernest Huntzinger



LOOKING AHEAD
Welcome Back Sunday
September 13, 2015



Traditional Indoor Worship at 8:00 A.M.
Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) at 10:15 A.M.
Dixieland Service
Communion will be served at both Worship Services
Sunday School Resumes at 9:05 A.M.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Elvera Dassow (Harvest Home), Janice Hartmann (Pine Haven), Eleanore Herzog (Pine Haven Assisted Living), Ilene Struve (Kindred Hearts, Plymouth) Milton Meinnert (at home), Evelyn Depping (The Waterford at Plymouth—*formally known as Libby’s House*), Marilyn Perronne (at home), Mae Schmidt (at home), Beverly Kleinhans (at home)...

Saron members as well as friends and family of Saron who have been hospitalized or receiving ongoing medical care for challenging health problems or are battling cancer.....

Those in military service: Jordan Rick (U.S. Marine Corps); Christopher Kletzien (U.S. Army, Germany); Jake Meinnert (U.S. Army)....

Elaine, the student we sponsor in Haiti....

To those who grieve: the family of Dale Hinze (uncle of Sarah Mauk) who passed away on July 13, 2015.....

We celebrate the birth of: Brayden Les Schneider, born to Casey Schneider and Jackie Brendel, on July 15, 2015....

Lucas Williams: Lucas is a Member in Discernment for the UCC, attending seminary at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO Lucas is in his second year. **His address at school is : 47 North Bompert #32, St. Louis, MO 63119.**

With Special Thanks

I would like everyone to know that I’m doing well. I am thankful for all the cards and well wishes you have given me and my family.

Barb Meinnert



AN INVITATION TO EDUCATIONAL BUS TRIPS

You are invited to participate in an educational bus trip to Moon Beach and/or Pilgrim Center. Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center are camps that have served the United Church of Christ here in Wisconsin. The purpose of this trip is to see these camps first-hand, and to observe certain needs and visions that have surfaced in recent years.

Pilgrim Center has been with us over 100 years. Moon Beach was purchased in 1957. Most of our churches and many of our members have enjoyed respite and spiritual renewal at these two settings.

Our generation is being given an opportunity to strengthen its commitment to these camps. Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center have incurred some indebtedness through capital improvements. Moreover, United Church Camps, Inc. has a vision of growing its ministry for the church in the future.

Here is the plan! Two coach bus trips are being organized to transport people from our churches to Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center.

Bus Trip to Pilgrim Center—August 29, 2015

The **first one day coach bus trip** is to visit Pilgrim Center on **Saturday, August 29, 2015**. There will be a 7 a.m. pick-up at Union UCC in Green Bay, a 7:30 a.m. at the Highway 310 Park and Ride (Two Rivers), and an 8 a.m. pick-up at Ebenezer UCC in Sheboygan. We will arrive at Pilgrim Center by 9:30 a.m. Our time spent at Pilgrim Center will include a service of worship (Ley Chapel or outdoors); a tour of buildings and grounds; history; explanation of needs and visions; a meal; and free time to explore the camp on one's own. The bus will depart at 2:30 p.m. **Cost: \$30.00.**

Bus Trip to Moon Beach — September 11-12, 2015

The **second coach bus trip is a two-day trip** to Moon Beach, **Friday, September 11—Saturday, September 12**. There will be a 4:30 p.m. pick-up on September 11 at Ebenezer UCC in Sheboygan, a 5 p.m. pick-up at the Highway 310 Park and Ride (Two Rivers), and a 5:30 p.m. pick-up at Union UCC in Green Bay. We will stop in Antigo for a stretch and bathroom break, and arrive at Moon Beach by 10 p.m. Our time on Saturday at Moon Beach will include an 8 a.m. breakfast; worship at Vesper Point; a tour of the campground; explanation of needs and visions; free time to explore the camp — walk the labyrinth or one of the nature trails; and lunch at Noon. The bus will depart at 1 p.m. If you choose to come on this trip, you will need to bring a change of clothes, toiletries, towels, pillow case, and sleeping bag or bed sheets. **Cost \$35.00.**

If you would be interested in either or both of these trips contact the church office for a registration form as soon as possible.

The Deadline TO SIGN UP: August 7th.



THIS ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE NATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS

UCC peace cranes make their way to Charleston

July 14, 2015

Written by **Emily Schappacher**



Members of Everett United Church of Christ in Everett, Wash., are sending colorful wishes of peace and solidarity from one corner of the country to another. In a continuation of the peace cranes tradition that has spread throughout the UCC, the church has sent 1,000 folded paper cranes to Circular Congregational Church UCC, located just a few blocks from Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C., where nine people were killed by a gunman last month.

"This is an act of solidarity moving from UCC church to UCC church in or near communities of tragedy," said the Rev. Ruth Brandon, a member of Everett UCC. "It is a phenomenon that quite touched our Everett UCC in Washington when we received them and I suspect that is true in each place."

Everett UCC received the peace cranes from First Congregational Church of Santa Barbara UCC last December following the shooting at Marysville Pilchuck High School in Marysville, Wash., during which five students lost their lives in October 2014. The cranes have been on prominent display at Everett UCC ever since, and the church dedicated them during a service on July 5 before sending them to Circular UCC. The covey of paper cranes is meant to bring love, strength and hope at a time of pain and sorrow, Brandon said, and to be a symbol of solidarity from churches in communities that have been struck by similar tragedies.

"It is one way to show that those facing the current crisis are not alone," she added.

The tradition of the peace cranes began in 2011, when members of Saron UCC in Sheboygan Falls, Wis., folded them to mark the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Saron UCC sent the cranes to Pilgrim Christian Church UCC in Chardon, Ohio, after a shooting at Chardon High School in February 2012. Pilgrim Christian Church UCC then sent them to Newtown Congregational UCC after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, and Newtown Congregational sent them to Old South Church UCC in Boston following the Boston Marathon bombing in April 2013.

Last August, Old South Church sent the cranes to Christ the King UCC in Florissant, Mo., after the fatal shooting of unarmed African American teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. First Congregational of Santa Barbara received the cranes from Newtown Congregational in June 2014 after a shooting in Isla Vista, Calif., near the campus of University of California, Santa Barbara. A few churches, including Newtown Congregational and First Congregational Church of Santa Barbara, have since folded their own sets of cranes, which they can pass along to fellow churches when another tragedy strikes.

Everett UCC's liturgy to bless the cranes stated: "We send these peace cranes as a sign and testament to our hope for peace with justice in our world and our belief that violence does not have the last word. We send them carrying our love that it may energize for the overcoming of hate and racism. We ask God's blessing on their flight and on their new resting place that once again these humble peace cranes may testify to the presence of God in the midst of trouble."



Happy Anniversary We hope you keep the following couples in your prayers as they celebrate their Anniversary this month. If we missed your special day or reported a wrong date please let us know by calling the church office at (467-6202 or e-mail barb@saronucc.org).

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| August 1 Eric & Lori Albsmeier
Roger & Alice Thomas | August 10 Brittani & John Goetsch
Dale & Vicky Verhage | August 21 Mark & Marci Post |
| August 2 Glenn & Kris Nohl | August 12 Amy & Tyler Kober
Bryan & Lois Rick—15 yrs. | August 22 Allen & Alyce Beeck
Bob & Geri Clouston—45 yrs.
Ashley & Jeremy Guell |
| August 3 Lee & Barb Post | August 14 Mike & Cheryl Walsh | August 26 Ron & Vicki Imig |
| August 4 Brian & Deb Rautmann—25 yrs. | August 16 Amanda & Jacob Otte
Arlan & Sharon Schlundt | August 28 Gary & Jane Hanke |
| August 5 Heather & Adam Jankus
Dave & Janice Morse—20 yrs. | August 17 Bill & Janine Gardapee | August 29 Tasha & Terrence Tolliver |
| August 6 Greg Bohn & Carla Ross
Steve & Amber Casadonte—10 yrs. | August 18 John & Katchen Ringelstetter | August 31 Adam & Stephanie Konz
Warren & Shirley Mitchell |
| August 7 Ron & Penny Nicolous—50 yrs. | August 21 Brian & Laura Gumm | |



Happy Birthday We hope you keep the following people in your prayers as they celebrate their Birthday this month. If we missed your special day or reported a wrong date please let us know by calling the church office at (467-6202 or e-mail barb@saronucc.org).

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| August 1 Cody Pike | August 9 David Johanning
Brian Rautmann
Eric Roehl | August 17 Anna Travis | August 29 Bryce Holzmann |
| August 2 Andrew Boll
Cindy Doebert
Ruby Feldmann | August 10 Julie Fitzgerald | August 18 Rob Andrews
Scott Bergquist | August 30 Eric Albsmeier
Justin Boedecker
Tom Kanzelberger
Diane Voelker |
| August 3 Dan Albright
Verla Peichl
Sharon Schlundt | August 11 Jenny Beltran
Amber Boll
Sarah Ebbott | August 19 Jill Adamavich
Tom Beitler | August 31 Joan Laack
Scott Reichert |
| August 4 Vern Boedecker
Gloria Flegal
Sandy Herzog
Mitchell Nelson
Kari Nyhof
Cheryl Walsh | August 12 Tim Chisholm
Myka Roethel | August 21 Elizabeth Barthels
Kyle Pennell | |
| August 5 Miranda Boll
Lou Meinnert
Kennidy Pelnar
Roger Thomas
Jacob Wield | August 13 Sharon Feldmann
Peggy Lubach
Ann Mitchell | August 22 Adam Beltran | |
| August 6 Janice Curtiss
Chris Frazier | August 14 Liam Kober
Tasha Tolliver | August 23 Linda Barthels
Tracy Beeck
Marvin Boedecker
Jeff Bubolz
Miles Hanke
Kaedin Roethel | |
| August 7 Cooper Ebbott
Nancy Fritz | August 15 Bonnie Post
Heath Taylor | August 25 Kyle Mauk
Benjamin Nyhof
Justin Schneider
Cole Suemnicht | |
| | August 16 Austin Justinger
Don Klemme
Diane Provencher
Chad Schreiber | August 27 Donna Rautmann | |
| | August 17 Max Post | August 28 Jeff Hanke
Sally Nohl | |

