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The Tidings

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PASTOR'S NOTES

Do you ever have the experience of having so many things running through your head that you have trouble focusing on one thing? If you've never been in that state then this message is not for you.

The things spinning around my head right now have to do with thoughts of unity, of hopefulness, of despair, or kindnesses and fears, and paucity and... Do you see what I mean? Another part of me says, "they're just words, man. Move on!" Except they're not just words. They are attached to things and people; and, words by the way, do make a difference.

A man comes stumbling along a brain wave – J Robt Openheimer. He was one of the scientists who worked on building the A bomb. He made a right- hand turn at one point and from a myriad of thoughts running through his brain he declared that the A bomb as not a deliverance for mankind; it was lethal to existence. And so, he focused on peace.

The slings and arrows thrust on him from many, many people forcing him to denounce his peaceful stance and to "stand down" because, well, he was un-American to say such things. Trying to get his words out amid the din of accusations and taunting jibberish he declared; "Don't tell me that words can never hurt me! Yes they can."

When words are twisted and contorted to accommodate half-truths and blatant lies they can be perilous to sanity. Black is white – bad is good – nasty is in your face slam-dunked.

Enough!

Let's pause to collect our thoughts. The Word became flesh and dwells among us. (John 1:1ff) What exactly is that word? Well, it's Christ's imprint on our world, and it has to do with truth, and integrity, and hope, and all the decent things that can bring us together as people ever seeking to be the best we can be. I hang on to that thought, that Word. It has brought refreshment to many troubled minds and storm-tossed souls. And, it might help us, too. Who knows? Nevertheless, it's "The Word of the Lord".

Ernest Huntzinger



**GOD IS ALWAYS
READY TO LISTEN
ANYTIME YOU
ARE READY TO
TALK.
PRAYER IS SIMPLY
TALKING WITH
GOD.**

A Message From The Search Committee

The Search Committee will have a series of question and answer sessions during the first three Sundays in February to help create the UCC Local Church Profile. The committee would prefer to hear from our congregation in person during these sessions instead of sending out surveys. These sessions will be your opportunity to have a voice in the selection of our new pastor.

The question and answer sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. At the church house during the following dates. To help manage group sizes the sessions will be split up alphabetically by last name. Please contact a member of the selection committee if you would not be able to attend during your time.

February 5th - A through H

February 12th - I through R

February 19th - S through Z



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Janice Hartmann (Pine Haven, Haven Drive Campus), Norb Meyer (Pine Haven, Haven Drive Campus) Ilene Struve (Rocky Knoll), Marilyn Perronne (at home), Mae Schmidt (at home), Beverly Kleinhans (at home) Gordon Feldmann (Pine Haven Drive Campus for continued medical treatment)...

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); Jake Meinnert (U.S. Army)....

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

We extend our Christian sympathy to the: families of Saron members Shirley Jacoby who passed away on December 20, 2016 and whose funeral was held on December 26, 2016 and Harold "Pinky" Grunewald who passed away on January 13, 2017 and whose funeral was held on January 17, 2017.....

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of: Sophia Claire Rick who was baptized on January 15, 2017. Sophia was born on October 5, 2016, and is the daughter of Zach & Amy Rick and sister to Evelyn; and of: Hudson David Stache who was born on November 8, 2016, and was baptized on January 29, 2017. Hudson is the son of Scott & Michelle (Post) Stache.

Lucas Williams is a Member of Discernment for the UCC, attending seminary at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. Lucas is in his 3rd (and last) year of seminary. His address at school is: 47 North Bompert #32, St. Louis MO 53119.

PLEASE NOTE

The Community Life & Hospitality Committee has decided to postpone the Winter Celebration Dinner. We will look into having it possibly at a later date.



The 3 C's of Life

Choices, Chances, Changes

You must make a Choice
to take a Chance or your
life will never Change.



WHAT TO DO IF WE ARE HAVING BAD WEATHER

Winter is here! We hate to cancel worship, but if we need to, Tune into WHBL 1330 AM (Sheboygan), Milwaukee TV Stations (WTMJ), FOX 6, 12 (WISN), 58 (CBS 58) or Green Bay TV Stations 2 (WBAY), 5 (WFRV), or 11 (WLUK); call the church

office to listen for a cancellation message (467-6202) or check the church website for a cancellation notice (www.saronucc.org).

With Special Thanks

I would like to thank the members of Saron who came to sing Christmas Carols to me at Rocky Knoll in December. To the Women's Guild, thank you for remembering me with a Christmas tree and cookies, it helps to make the Season a little brighter. And a very special "thank you" to Pastor Ernie, and Diane and Chris Frazier for their visits, it means a lot to me.

Ilene Struve

Thanks From Haiti Allies

Thanks to you and others who support Haiti Allies, our work in partnership with Haitian colleagues and friends continues to thrive. Your gifts in support of CSCS, SPARE, and Hurricane Matthew relief have made a huge difference in the communities to which we are intimately connected. Despite the tremendous challenges that our loved ones in Haiti face on a daily basis, many hungry people are being fed, jobs are being created and sustained, educational programs are flourishing, relationships across culture, class, and race are being established and nurtured, seeds of hope for a meaningful present and a more promising future are being planted and watered, and lives are being transformed both in Haiti and here in the U.S. In other words, a lot is being accomplished, and we are grateful beyond words for your participation in this beautiful work!

Please know that we will continue to work hard to make sure that the gifts we receive are used wisely, efficiently, and with dignity and respect.

Grace and Peace to you, and thank you again,

Bryan Sirchio, For Haiti Allies

Dear Friends at Saron UCC

Thank you for your continued support of Church World Service and your recent gift to CWS Blankets. Your generosity will keep so many people around the world feeling warm and cared for.

LOOKING AHEAD! ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

The Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be served and there will be the Imposition of Ashes. The Senior Choir will sing. NO CONFIRMATION CLASS.



WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS

**NEW MEMEBERS were received in to membership of Saron Church on
Sunday, January 29th.**

Jill & Jamie Farnum live in Plymouth with their two children, Julia (2nd grade) and Chase (Kindergarten), who are both in Saron's Sunday School. Jamie and Jill both work at Kohler Co., where Jamie is a machinist and Jill is an Accounts Receivable Processor. They love to camp, go swimming, go to movies, go to Door County and Jamie loves the Packers a lot. They live at 9 Terrace Ct., Plymouth, WI, 53073; Phone numbers: (Jamie) 920-207-0625 and (Jill) 920-207-6512.

Tyler and Erin Gumm live in Sheboygan with their son, Cameron, who is 17 months old. Tyler is the brother of Saron member Brian Gumm, is a tool shop manager and Erin is a 4th grade teacher. They like fishing, camping, biking, reading, and swimming. Their address is: W1955 W. North Ave., Sheboygan, WI, 53083; 920-254-2597.

Shaun Haas and Jennifer McCraw live in Howards Grove and will be getting married on July 8, 2017. Shaun is the brother of Saron member Eric Haas. Both Shaun and Jennifer work at Sargento Foods and they like to spend time with family. Together they have 4 children – Pearl McCraw (7th grade), Destinee McCraw (3rd grade), and August and Hailey Haas (1 year old twins) They live at 221 S. Lincoln Dr., Howards Grove, WI, 53083; (Shaun) 414-380-9578 (Jennifer) 920-287-4223.

Amy Miller lives in Howards Grove, WI, and has two boys, Harrison, who is in 7th grade and in the Saron Confirmation class and Reed, who is in 3rd grade and attends Saron's Sunday School. Amy likes to quilt and watch her children play sports. They live at 1074 Forest Hills Dr., Howards Grove, WI, 53083; 920-627-0920.

Eugene and Vickie Schaap are the parents of new member Jill Farnum. They also have another adult child, Jamie. They live in Plymouth, WI, and are both retired. Eugene and Vickie like spending time with their grandchildren and have classic cars and enjoy going to car shows. Their address is: 1006 Krumrey St. Plymouth, WI 53073; 892-8816.

Linda Schuler lives in rural Plymouth. Linda is the mother of Saron member Cindy Doeber. She also has two other adult children, Timothy & Christi. Linda likes to volunteer for Camp Y-Koda and sew and quilt. She lives at W6777 County Rd. Z, Plymouth, WI, 53073; 893-5234.

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).

February 6 Jeff & Kim Hanke

February 11 Glenn & Maureen Schnicke

February 17 Russ & Erlinda Beebe



February 24 Jim & Peggy Leu

February 27 Randy & Verla Peichl

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).

February 1 Jill Imig
Michelle Johanning
Bryan Rick
Arwin Zimbal

February 2 Al Blasel
Chloe Bohn

February 3 Hartley Bell
Haley Post
Rachel Rautmann

February 4 Brandon Gumm
Jada Lorenz

February 5 Lisa Schneider

February 6 Lloyd Feldmann
Mairin Jarvis
Ilene Strueve
Kevin Wieck

February 7 Adam Konz

February 8 Collin Dulmes

February 9 Julie Wieck

February 10 Brian Wagner

February 11 Nate Dassow

February 12 Anna Depping Herzog
Julianna Kuzulka

February 13 Starr Boldt
Tyler Chisholm
Jaiden Haack
Ava Imig
Calob Rautmann
Katie Steiger

February 15 Ann Boll
Sara Rautmann

February 16 Tammy Grunewald
Heather Zimbal

February 20 Judy Dumke
Shaun Haas

February 21 Roy Herzog
Brynn Oppeneer
Barb Sebald

February 22 Kristi Belcher
Bonnie Hanke

February 23 Gretchen Herzog

February 24 Lana Jankus
Peggy Nohl

February 25 Dan Doebert
Karl Fasse

February 27 Debbie Rautmann

February 28 Gloria Kanzelberger
Ron Nicolous

