



# The Tidings

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### **From the Pastor:**

January can be rough. Christmas is over and spring is a long way off. How can we think about these days to make them a little less gloomy? I'd like to share with you the words of a hymn, written in the 1970s, that puts it better than I ever could.

**Each Winter as the Year Grows Older by William and Annabeth Gay**

**Each winter as the year grows older, we each grow older too.**

**The chill sets in a little colder;**

**The verities we knew seem shaken and untrue.**

**When race and class cry out for treason, when sirens call for war,**

**They over-shout the voice of reason,**

**And scream till we ignore all we held dear before.**

**Yet I believe beyond believing that life can spring from death;**

**That growth can flower from our grieving;**

**That we can catch our breath and turn transfixed by faith.**

**So even as the sun is turning to journey to the north,**

**The living flame, in secret burning,**

**Can kindle on the earth, and bring God's love to birth.**

**O Child of ecstasy and sorrows, O Prince of peace and pain,**

**Brighten today's world by tomorrow's,**

**Renew our lives again; Lord Jesus, come and reign!**

## The Annual Meeting of Saron United Church of Christ will be held Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:15 a.m.

The Consistory of Saron Church is made up of three elders (who are responsible for the congregation's spiritual life), three deacons (who are responsible for the stewardship of finances & property), the treasurer (who oversees the financial security of the church), & the pastor.

The nominees for elder are: Gloria Flegal & Bonnie Hanke

The nominees for deacon are: Mary Albright & Dawn Williams

*The Consistory requests the trustees to carry out repair and maintenance projects around the church building and grounds.*

The nominees for trustee are: Greg Herzog & Wally Knopp

*The Christian Education Board chooses the Sunday School curriculum, recruits and trains teachers, and plans Vacation Bible School and the Christmas program.*

The nominees for Christian Education Board are: Tammy Anhalt & Brittney Mauk

*The Cemetery Board is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery and its funds.*

The nominees for the Cemetery Board are: Jack Hanke & Roy Herzog

*The Endowment Committee is responsible for congregational awareness and prudent investing of Saron's Endowment Funds.*

The nominees for Endowment Committee are: Jay Hoogstra & Kathy Roehl

*The Pastor Parish Relations Committee meets at least quarterly with the pastor to ensure a healthy relationship between the pastor and the congregation. (2 needed)*

The nominees for the Pastor Parish Relations Committee are: Janine Gardapee, Judy Glander, & Teri Morden

### PROPOSED BUDGET MEETINGS TO BE HELD

The Annual Meeting of Saron United Church of Christ will take place on SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015, FOLLOWING THE 10:15 am SERVICE. Discussions to consider the proposed budget for 2015 (and any other questions or concerns you have for the Saron's Consistory) will take place on January 11 and 18, 2015, during the Sunday School hour, in the Fellowship Hall.

**ALL GROUPS/COMMITTEES with financial accounts must submit year-end reports to Kari Mooney, Financial Secretary by JANUARY 7, 2015.**

### 2014 GIVING STATEMENTS

Members can pick up their Annual Giving Statements for 2014 on Sunday, January 11th and the 25th in the Narthex, after that those that are remaining will be mailed out.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

- A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Program to make it a big success.
- On Sunday, January 4th the Sunday School will hold it's annual Epiphany party and we will be stuffing the mittens for the Mitten Mountain Mission Project.

## WHAT TO DO IF WE ARE HAVING BAD WEATHER

Winter is here! We hate to cancel worship, but if we need to, Tune in to WHBL 1330 AM (Sheboygan), Milwaukee TV Stations 4 (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](http://www.saronucc.org)).



## SPECIAL MUSIC COORDINATOR POSITION AVAILABLE

After seven years of faithful service, Tammy Anhalt is resigning from her position as Special Music Coordinator for Saron, effective December 31, 2014. We would like to thank Tammy for her time fulfilling this role.

We are now looking for someone to fill this paid position. If you are interested, please contact Barb at the church office ([barb@saronucc.org](mailto:barb@saronucc.org) of 467-6202) for more information.

## Looking Ahead To A Special Evening

Community Life and Hospitality will be holding a "Theme Dinner" on Sunday Evening, February 22, 2015 at Three Guys and a Pizza Grill (Formerly Dutch's) in Elkhart Lake. We are looking for people who would like to decorate a table and provide dessert for their guests. The dinner will be a buffet with the menu to be announced later. You may invite guests to join you at your table or the committee assigns tables to those attending. There will be a prize for the table that is chosen by those attending as the winning table. Why not share your creative skills with the Saron congregation. Please contact Erlinda Beebe or Christine Frazier from Community Life and Hospitality Committee if you would like to decorate a table or have questions about what a "Theme Dinner" is and just exactly what we are looking for when we talk about decorating a table. Please look for more information on the kiosk in the narthex after the first of the year.



## Mark Your Calendars

The Youth Fellowship will be selling pizza's during March of 2015.

Pizza making will be Saturday, March 28th, 2015 starting in the morning.



## 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 (currently at Pine Haven for rehab), Beverly Kleinhans (at home)...

**Those who have been hospitalized or receive ongoing medical care:** Milton Meinnert, Shirley Jacoby, Norb Meyer, Shirley Mitchell, Ron Imig, Brenda Mauk, Alyce Beeck....

**Those in military service:** Jordan Rick (U.S. Marine Corps); Rob Wrosham (U.S. Army, Germany); Mark Provencher, Jr. (U.S. Marine Corps, California); Christopher Kletzien (U.S. Army, Germany) Jake Meinnert (U.S. Army)....

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

**Saron friends and family with challenging health problems and/or who are battling cancer:** Andy Ford (Stephanie Walsh—Ford's husband), Jerry Mickelson (Lois Rick Knowles brother), Carol Gaedtke (Deb Rautmann's mother), Mark Chisholm (Tim Chisholm's father)....

**To those who grieve:** The family of Saron member Dennis Frazier who died December 5th, 2014 and whose funeral was held December 11th, 2014; Jeffrey Tyler (Teri Morden's brother-in-law) who passed away at the end of November.

## We celebrate the following babies who were born into the life and family of Saron UCC:

Vincent Oscar Wieck was born November 28th, 2014, to Kevin and Julie Wieck.

Kassidy Ann Taylor was born December 9, 2014, to Doug & Heidi Taylor.

**If you or someone you know would like to be included "In our thoughts and prayers", please let the church office know.**

Seasons Greetings. Wishing you joy at Christmas and Peace in the New Year.

Sheboygan Falls, Community Food Pantry

### Special Thanks

Thanks to Pastor Dan for his prayers and visits during my stay in the hospital. Thanks to the Carolers for stopping by and to everyone who said prayers, called, and sent cards.

Alyce Beeck

### Thank You

Thank you all for of the things you have all done for Milton and our family. The Communion from Pastor Dan and the pleasant visits, and thank you to the Carolers for stopping by it was very moving. Merry Christmas and God's blessing.

Milton & Lou Meinnert

### Thanks

I would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers and love for Rob Boll and his family.

Ann Boll

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**—Thanks to all who stayed and helped decorate the church on December 7th, especially Larry Gumm, Jim Rabe, and the Worship Enhancement Team. A special thanks to the Community Life & Hospitality Committee for providing a delicious lunch.

**COOKIE SALE**—The Women's Guild and the Shawl Ministry would like to send a big THANK YOU to all those who purchased cookies. The proceeds will help support projects that these groups do.

### A Special Thank You

We would like to thank the members of Saron for their prayers and support following the unexpected passing of Dennis. Also thanks to Pastor Dan for his services, Bonnie for her musical talents and to the Senior Choir for singing for the funeral. A special thank you goes to all those who sent cards, gave to the memorial fund and brought bars to the luncheon.

We feel God's love surrounding us through your caring actions.

The Family of Dennis Frazier

### Thank You From The *Women's Guild*

The Women's Guild wishes to thank all the Saron members and friends who supported the Blanket Fund and The Advent Angel Tree. What a warm feeling to know that we have been able to touch the lives of others in the name of Jesus.

### A Letter From Our SPARE Student

Dear Lori,

In the name of the Almighty, I greet you and your family. Tell me how your activities and you are doing well? How is your dog? Ours died, his name was Lopez. After that, everything is fine for me. My family is doing very good and so are my spiritual activities.

All of my school activities have been going very well, except I didn't have a vacation because we were a little late. Our director, Dr. Fanfan, was attacked by attackers and killed. It has been very hard on us because he was a father, friend, our director and teacher. We are all in mourning. Classes were interrupted for a while and now everything is back in order. Now, his family is in charge of the school and everything is going well.

It has been a pleasure to share with you in this time of sorrow, so I will leave you until next time. May the Savior bless you all.

Elaine Dorlean

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Upcoming Mission House Center Events

January 2015

### FOUNDER'S DAY LECTURE Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Featuring **The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones**, 16<sup>th</sup> President of the historic Union Theological Seminary, New York. Dr. Jones is a prolific and popular scholar in the fields of theology, religion and gender studies. Dr. Jones earned her M.Div. from Yale Divinity School as well as her Ph.D. in theology from Yale University. She holds a B.A. from the University of Oklahoma and is an ordained minister in both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ.

The lecture will be presented at 11:00 AM in the Bradley Fine Arts Center with a luncheon will follow at 12:30 PM in the David and Valerie Black Room, Laun Center. To RSVP for the luncheon (\$10), please contact Colleen Darling at [darlingca@lakeland.edu](mailto:darlingca@lakeland.edu).

### LENTEN LECTIONARY WORKSHOP Friday, January 23, 2015

Featuring **Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause**, Academic Dean and Professor of New Testament at Eden Theological Seminary. The event, focusing on the gospel texts featured by the Lectionary for the season of Lent, will be held on campus from 9:00am–2:30pm in the David and Valerie Black Room, Laun Center. Registration is \$35 (including lunch). To RSVP for the workshop, please contact Colleen Darling at [darlingca@lakeland.edu](mailto:darlingca@lakeland.edu).

**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 (467-6202 or e-mail [barb@saronucc.org](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)).

January 11 Glenn & Linda Ubbelohde  
 January 12 Art & Janet Lammers—50 yrs.  
 January 18 Roland & Verna Groene—66 yrs.  
 January 19 Jay & Jill Grosshuesch



January 23 Mark & Linda Shaw  
 January 24 Doug & Jill Daun  
 January 26 Don & Judy Ryan

**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 (467-6202 or e-mail [barb@saronucc.org](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)).

January 2 Kris Nohl  
 January 3 Carrie Nickel  
                   Bob Travis  
 January 4 Milton Braun  
 January 5 Jamie Haack  
 January 6 Elise Cassadonte  
                   Craig Grosshuesch  
 January 7 Matt Meinnert  
 January 8 Randy Sixel  
 January 9 Ed Schmidt  
 January 10 Marcus Dumke  
                   Scott Mulder  
                   Ian Richter  
                   Heidi Richter  
 January 11 Doreen Hanke  
                   Waylon Kwekkeboom  
 January 12 Tim Feldmann  
                   Jay Pike  
 January 13 Jan Binder  
                   DuWayne Nohl  
                   Emma Pike  
                   Haley Rautmann  
                   Lois Schlichting  
 January 14 Kari DeHart  
                   Glenn Nohl  
                   Coleson Trumm  
                   Linda Wieck  
                   Kathie Zittel

January 15 Lily Bohn  
                   John Yellstrom  
 January 17 Peyton Holzmamm  
                   Nathan Roehl  
 January 18 Katie Haas  
                   Ken Justinger  
                   Laura Rautmann  
 January 19 Roberta Coppersmith  
                   David Oostdyk  
                   Benjamin Otte  
                   Russell Reichert  
 January 20 Dan Roehrborn  
 January 21 Karla Kletzien  
                   Matt Wilke  
 January 24 Erin Andrews  
                   Lisa Bunke  
                   Sarah Gonzales  
                   Shirley Schmidt  
 January 27 Jeff Lubach  
                   Marlene Mohr  
 January 28 Hunter Hueppchen  
                   Richard Koller  
                   Carleigh Milz  
                   Cindy Uraynar  
 January 29 Matt Boedecker  
                   Ryan Herzog  
                   Kate Holzmamm  
                   Carl Lindquist

January 30 Virginia Braun  
                   Bill Gardapee  
                   Kurt Mauk  
                   Bentley Schmidt  
 January 31 Katelyn DeHart  
                   Duane Hitsman

