



# THE TIDINGS

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Dear Ones,

By the time this arrives in your mail box, I will have been your interim minister for a month. It has been a lovely experience for me. Your caring attitudes for Saron Church reflect the very same open welcome you have extended to me. It is a pleasure to be among you and share with you the faith of Christ and his ministry. It is therefore, that a moment in time whose influence affects us as his disciples, is elevated and shared for our collective thoughts and prayers.

The tragic and all too, sorrowful event that took place at the AME Church in Charleston, SC has not gone unnoticed in Christian churches the world over. We bow our heads and speak our prayers for our brothers and sisters. Yet, it is not something that we then can put aside and forget. We must consider thoughtfully and prayerfully what leads to such atrocities in our land. So, what follows reflects upon how it is that prejudices enter our lives and become part of our thinking at times.

There's a song in the musical South Pacific that declares, "We must be carefully taught." It's a song with a message not unlike the hymns we sing. It is a message that has to do with biases and prejudices that warp our attitudes regarding people we discern as "different." Sometimes we take for granted that our thinking is unaffected by our mind set. Things are what they are. Some groups of people are lazy; another group is stubborn. Another group holds a higher standard of morals. You get the idea. We get to thinking that we're on the side of what's true, of what's real, and are discerning when it comes to making generalities that fit to a 'T' the group of people we're referring to.

For some of us the statement of Jesus ("The poor are always with us".) justifies a careless attitude about the poor. Trying to turn that statement into an attitude of disregard about them misrepresents our Lord's caring for the disenfranchised of the world. It must be considered that such careless attitudes simply but profoundly affect and perpetuate attitudes of indifference or scorn. We need to be careful about what attitudes we project if not to be conscious of offending some others (and some declare their attitudes represent the truth of the matter) but more importantly, such attitudes erode and in time, corrode the sinews of our souls. If we do not consider the "others" of our world as also belonging and loved of God, we diminish God's nature and constrict our world to "us" and "them."

It is of a certainly that I have not arrived at the pinnacle of having mastered biased attitudes. I have tried to be more selective in my judgments regarding laziness or stubbornness or entitlement to specific situations rather than with a broad brush include all people stemming from a particular instance. The fact of the matter is that no one group of people has a claim of being just one thing. And that is true for whatever group I identify with and those I don't. We live in a diverse world, and since God is the creator of this world of ours and all who are in it, I embrace the diversity among us.

Warmest Best Wishes to You,  
Rev. Huntzinger

## "Traveling Through Tales"

VBS 2015

July 27 - 29, 2015

Have your child(ren) join us as we take a trip "Traveling Through Tales" and explore a few of the parables from the Bible. Your child(ren) will receive a passport and with each evening's journey they will receive a stamp to show their participation. We hope they can join us for an exciting trip!! Registration forms are available on the Church's website or on the table in the narthex.



Sign-up deadline is July 5th.

### Mission Trip—Note Change—Cash Donations Requested

As the Saron youth and adults prepare for their **mission work in Ohio July 12-18**, there are items that were being requested in previous bulletins & Thursday Greetings to help the families that the mission group will be serving. **Unfortunately, because of vehicle space limitations**, the mission group would request that **cash donations** be given and then the requested items will be purchased locally. There is an envelope on the bin in the narthex to collect these donations. Any checks should be made out to Saron UCC. *The deadline for these donations is Sunday, July 5th* when the Mission Group will be commissioned during the worship service that day. Thank you.

### 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 Kleinhaus (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 Hazel "Peggy" Schuette (grandmother of Heather Zimbal and Dave Wehmeier) who passed away on May 4, 2015.....

**The Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated for:** Lana Marie Jankus on June 14, 2015. Lana was born on February 24, 2015, and is the daughter of Adam and Heather (Mauk) Jankus and the sister of Kara. Baptism godparents are Kim Abston, Chad Jankus, and Brette and Joel Donlon.

**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.**

## Do you have Saron's Cookbook?

If not, would you be interested in getting one for yourself or someone else?

The Community Life and Hospitality Committee is considering doing a reprint of Saron's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook. The cost would be \$20 per cookbook. If you are interested please email or call Barb as soon as possible. **We need a minimum of 10 to do the reprint.**

**Currently we have orders for 5 Cookbooks.**

Thank you,

The Community Life and Hospitality Committee



## New "Settled" Associate Conference Minister's Announced

The Wisconsin Conference has announced the call of two new "settled" Associate Conference Ministers. They are Rev. Jane Anderson who will serve the Eastern Corridor of the Association and Rev. Rob MacDougall who will serve the Northwest Association. Both bring many years of pastoral experience, a collaborative style of leadership, passion for future ministry models, and plenty of energy and organizational skills to serve well as your Association Conference Ministers. We anticipate they will begin their ministry on September 1, 2015.

We also gave thanks for the faithful and excellent work of Rev. Becky Johnston and Rev. Kent Ulery, who will continue as Interim Associate Conference Ministers through the month of August.

Rev. Franz Rigert, Conference Minister

Concert in the Park

Featuring Bryan Sirchio

Christian Singer/Songwriter

Where: Kiel City Park

417 Paine Street

When: Wednesday, July 15th

Time: 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Bethlehem UCC is hosting this event in celebration of their 150th Anniversary

Food and beverages available starting at 5:30 p.m.

**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](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)).

July 1 Dan & Cindy Roehrborn—20 yrs.		July 16 DuWayne & Peggy Nohl
July 3 Chris & Tiffany Suemnicht		July 19 Kyle & Brittany Thomas
July 4 Jack & Marian Jarvis—45 yrs.		July 20 Scott & Janice Curtiss—30 yrs. Rick & Mary Margenau—30 yrs.
July 5 Amanda & Dylan Bell Bob & Luann Travis		July 23 Tom & Cindy Beitler
July 6 Keith & Deb Henning—30 yrs.		July 24 Carl & Robin Lindquist Eric & Kelly Rabe
July 7 Doug & Heidi Taylor		July 30 Randy & Sue Kleinhans
July 11 Howie & Marilyn Heiden—45 yrs.		July 31 Ben & Carrie Nickel Kevin & Julie Wieck
July 13 Don & Nancy Coller Doug & Katie Van Helden		
July 15 Dave & Kathy Thomas DuWayne & Linda Wieck		

**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](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)).

July 1 Dennis Nelson Stacy Wagner	July 11 Ryan Stauber	July 22 Brian Feider Joyce Riviers
July 2 Sara Hanke Casey Schneider Logan Schreiber	July 12 Donna Rabe Harper Schmidt	July 23 Dorothy Grunewald Randy Kleinhans Rachel Peichl-McGee
July 3 Brittani Goetsch	July 14 Ralph Anger Ella Baumann	July 24 Shauna Feldmann Todd Havlinek
July 4 Jane Hanke	July 15 Patti Boedecker	July 25 Mason Fleck Judy Prange Emily Schnicke
July 5 Corin Trumm	July 16 Lexi Haas Natalie Mauk	July 26 Alyce Beeck Steve Boll Eugene Weiskopf
July 6 Bernice Justinger Lois Roehl	July 17 Kathy Herzog	July 27 Kira Athorp Katie Van Helden Riles Walsh
July 7 Heather Jankus Joesph Schuler	July 18 Brittney Mauk Sara Schnicke	July 29 Sue Nohl Dennis Roehrborn Heidi Taylor
July 8 Sharon Boedecker Zachary Dulmes Dillon Holzmann Lauren Schneider Glenn Ubbelohde	July 19 Brennan Nickel Dawn Williams Sonya Yellstrom	July 30 Diane Frazier Mike Mooney Luann Travis
July 10 Jim Karstaedt Anthony Leu Mark Schmidt	July 20 Amy Kober Morgan Reichwald Tom Roth Dale Verhage	
	July 22 Kim Abston Ethan Albsmeier	

