



The Tidings

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Pastor's Notes

*"When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" (John 20:22)*

I am writing this article after the April snow showers that didn't bring May flowers, but the cancelation of Sunday services and my installation. It is Wednesday, and they are predicting more snow! I would have loved this in December or January but am pretty tired of it now. My energy is lagging, and my spirits are sagging. I need something breathed into me! How many of you are right there with me?

Pentecost, the birthday of the church, is just the thing we need to get us out of this rut we are in. I love Pentecost. It is my favorite celebration in the church. I think because the focus is not just on what God does, but on what God does to and through us. It isn't until the Holy Spirit is breathed into the disciples that they are able to understand their call from God. It isn't until the Holy Spirit is breathed into them that they have the courage to leave that upper room and preach the Gospel. That's exciting to me because that same Holy Spirit is breathed into us, giving us understanding of our call in this community, giving us the courage to go out and do what God is calling us to do. Each year we are reminded of this. Each year we get to experience it all over again. Just thinking about it boosts my energy and lifts my spirits!

I haven't met with the Worship Enhancement Team yet, but I am sure the sanctuary will be bursting with the Spirit. Red is the color of Pentecost, so I am inviting all of you to wear red on May 20th to worship.

Stay safe in the snow. Spring will be coming. Have faith.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn



A Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 6th, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service, to discuss and vote on the repaving of the cemetery driveways, to consider adding 12 additional parking spots to the parking lot, and potentially adding 4-5 spaces to the grass area south of the church house. Please plan to

congregational meeting



Spring Clean-Up Day Rescheduled

Due to the inclement weather we've had the Spring Clean-Up Day has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 5th, 2018 starting at 8:00 a.m. until everything has been completed.

Refreshments will be waiting so bring your tools and gloves and let's work together and enjoy a time of fellowship with one another. The rain date is May 12th. See you there!



Men's Breakfast Club

The Men's Breakfast Club will meet on Monday, May 7th at 8:00 a.m. in the Saron Church House. Join us for stimulating conversation, great fellowship, all served up with donuts and coffee.



Scheduling Summer Music For The Summer

Becky Charbonneau is using Sign-up Genius to schedule summer music. If you are interested, please type the link in your browser and enter your name and email address and you'll be scheduled for that Sunday. We are so thankful for your time. Any questions, please call Becky at 946-8345. Thanks!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44aba72ea0fa7-summer>

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LAKESIDE- WOMEN'S DAY BUILD

Friday, May 11, 2018 From 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Pastor RaeAnn and the Saron Women's Guild is organizing a "Women's Day Build" for a Habitat for Humanity house in Sheboygan. All women of Saron are invited to participate. The maximum number of women we can bring is 20 – so sign up on the kiosk in the narthex. Lunch will be provided.



News From The Board of Christian Education

The Sunday School children will be singing for the 10:15 a.m. worship service on May 20th.

Save The Date:

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, July 23 through Wednesday, July 25th. There will be a supper at 6:00 p.m. with the Bible School running from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. This year these will be County Fair—Fruits of the Spirit. Registration sheets will be going home with the kids in May and will be due back to the church office by early July.





HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LAKESIDE "SHANTYTOWN 2018"

Saron Youth (grades 6th – 12th) are invited by Pastor RaeAnn to participate in **"Shantytown 2018!"** It will take place at Fountain Park in Sheboygan beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18th and ending at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 19th. Each participant will build a shanty out of cardboard and tape (which will be provided) and spend the night sleeping in this shanty. An informational meeting will be held at Saron on Wednesday, April 25th at 5:30 p.m. at the Church House. Contact Pastor RaeAnn at 467-6202 or revraeann@saronucc.org if you need more information or have any questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to increase understanding and awareness of homelessness and how as people of faith we are called to respond. A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.



Saron Youth (age 13 and over) and Adult Mission Trip

Sunday, June 10- Thursday, June 14, 2018

To: Wooster, Ohio

Cost: Each participant to pay \$50 (Fundraising will cover remaining cost). The total cost is \$200.00 per person per week and includes lodging, breakfast each day and packed lunch and 2 evening meals.

Here is some information about the trip: Trinity UCC in Wooster, Ohio, is the host for this mission trip. Volunteer groups will begin each day by working with Trinity volunteers preparing and serving their Breakfast Program. Following breakfast, volunteers will have the opportunity to work with one of several community organizations including People to People Ministries (a local food pantry), Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, and more....

The group size is 20 people maximum – so get your name on the list soon.

A SIGN UP SHEET IS LOCATED ON THE KIOSK!

Any Questions? Call Amanda Boedecker at 207-9700



2018 MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER SPRING BEDDING FLAT & HANGING BASKET SALE

The last day to order your bedding plants (flats, half flats, quarter flats) and hanging baskets from Caan's Floral will be Sunday, April 29th, in the Narthex. Payment must be placed at the time of your order with checks being made out to Saron UCC Mission Fund.

Pick-up of your flowers will be **Thursday, 10th between 4:00—5:00 p.m. at Saron.** Alternate pick-up arrangements can be made with Janice Morse at 980-1666.

Thanks for your support of the Saron Mission Trip.



Looking Ahead To Graduation

On Sunday June 3rd, 2018, Saron will be honoring their high school graduates during worship at 9:30 a.m. Please let the church office know (467-6202 or e-mail barb@saronucc.org) if you will be attending. Also, if you or a member of your family will be receiving (or has received within the past year) a degree from an institution of higher learning, please let the office know so that you too can be recognized for your achievement.





Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering

"The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11–12)

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the *Strengthen the Church* special mission offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. We continually lament the decline in church membership and closings of churches. Here is our chance to make a difference by participating in this special offering.

The Strengthen the Church Offering is one of the four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. Last year Saron UCC contributed \$420 to this offering. Let's see if we can surpass this in 2018. 50% of the money raised in Wisconsin stays in our Conference for local and regional *Strengthen the Church* efforts. We will receive this offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. Special envelopes will be available in the pew racks. Prayerfully consider your

Relax, Unwind, Disconnect, Breathe, Be with Our God

United Church Camps Outdoor Ministry

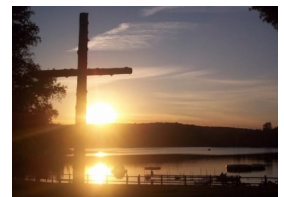
If you have ever been to Pilgrim Center or Moon Beach you know how wonderful they are. The scenery is beautiful, the staff caring and compassionate, the camp programs fun and exciting. All these things are still true, but so much more has been going on due the CAMPital Campaign – new buildings, updates to buildings, and new camps. A few of the new offerings are Eco Camp, Night Owl Camp, Guinea Pig Camp, Fall Colors and Cranberries Family Camp, Senior High Adventure Camps, and Men's "Hunting" Weekend. There are camping opportunities for every age group and interest. My grandson Dalton and I are looking forward to Grandparent & Me Camp in July. We had so much fun last year and know it will be even better this year.

So, if you have been to camp before or if you have never been, take some time and review the Camp information on the bulletin board in the Narthex or go to www.ucci.org and check out the offerings. I think you will be surprised at what you discover.

The Northeast Association offers a scholarship to youth who attend and Saron has some monies as well. If finances are what would hinder you from going, UCCI also has scholarship money available. I have the forms if you need one. - Pastor RaeAnn

Ignite Your Fire, Feed Your Soul, Build Your Faith ...

In Nature's Sanctuary



ATTENTION: SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saron's summer worship schedule begins on **Memorial Sunday, May 27th**, with **ONE SERVICE ONLY starting at 9:30 a.m.** And this will continue through **Labor Day Weekend**.

Thursday Greetings Information

Most of you have noticed that the weekly Thursday Greetings has been changed to a different and more colorful format. We are using the Constant Contact program to send out the email. However, if you are missing it and not getting it in your primary email inbox, and if you use Gmail for your email address, please look for the greetings in your "Promotions" folder. If you find it in Promotions, you should be able to move it to your "Primary" folder.



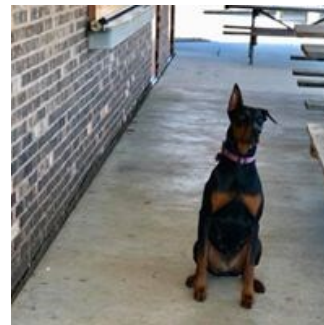
Saron Family Night

Wednesday May 16th

at 6:30 p.m. in the

Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends too.



Come and learn about

The Great Lakes Search and Rescue K-9

They are a non-profit, volunteer organization providing specially trained dogs to assist law enforcement agencies. They will explain what they do and then have a demonstration with the dogs.

Refreshments served after.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

If you are a Saron youth of high school age (just confirmed) through the age of 20, it's time to sign up for the **summer volleyball league**. Practice begins on May 20th at 6:30 p.m. with games in June and July. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk. Any questions? Call Mary Albright 838-3086 or Devin Gardapee 207-2831.



COED SOFTBALL

A Saron co-ed softball team is forming for play in the Christian Good Fellowship League in Sheboygan from May – August. If interested and you are 14 years and up, please sign up on the kiosk. If you have any questions, please call Devin Gardapee at 207-2831.



Social Hour Help!

Do like to bake and would not like to join a committee at church?

Then I have the thing for you! We are looking for people who are willing to bring baked goods when we have social hours or special events at church. Please contact Christine Frazier at 918-1169 or by email at cfroggnner@yahoo.com. Let me know that you are

willing to help and we

would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you,

The Community Life Committee



Those who are homebound or in care centers: Janice Hartmann (Pine Haven, Haven Drive Campus), Norb Meyer (Pine Haven, Haven Drive Campus), Janet Klemme (Pine Haven Assisted Living, Giddings Ave. Campus), Ilene Struve (Rocky Knoll), Marilyn Perronne (at home), Mae Schmidt (at home), Beverly Kleinhans (at home)....



**We extend our
Christian Sympathy**

to the family of
Virginia Williams
(Paul William's mother) who passed
away on March 21st.



Jordon Rick
(U.S. Marine Corps)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)



April 11th, 2018

Dear Ones-

The celebration time you accorded Nancy and me last Sunday was very special. I am all too aware, of the many people who took the time to plan the occasion and to follow through on details to have it come to pass. Thank you for your efforts. It is something we'll always cherish.

In my mind's eye, I see the beautiful flowers and I can almost taste the delicious cake. The picture of Saron with the Reformation Cross suspended alongside brings a smile in remembering how it came to pass.

You have been entrusted with a magnificent church and you accept the responsibility of not only maintaining it, but you continue to strengthen it.

It was a privilege to serve you. It was even more significant that we became friends and as such, you remain in our hearts. Blessings upon you as you continue to journey on. And as you do, be assured that our best wishes will accompany you.

Nancy joins me in this expression of deep regard and love for you all.

Rev. Huntzinger aka. Ernie

A Great Big Thank You!

The Passion of Christ came to life this spring for the confirmation students, families, assistants, and teacher as they journeyed to Appleton WI for the Passion Play. This experience of witnessing the recreation of Christ's teachings and holy week has become an important spiritual event for the confirmation students each year. Not only do they get to spend some quality fellowship time with their classmates and other members of the church family, but they are able to visualize the meaning and significance of the Bible stories that they have heard and studied over the years. The Bible comes to life—it's not just a bunch of stories compiled together.

This year, we want to especially thank the Consistory and the Senior Choir for making this evening possible. The Consistory decided as part of the education of our students to cover the cost of admission and transportation. The Senior Choir graciously gave of their time to come early and prepare food for us to take along on the trip up to Appleton. This thoughtfulness and "coming together" for a common goal is what makes our church special and shows the meaning of being servants of Christ. For everyone who made this trip possible, our deepest appreciation goes out to you. We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts. This evening will be remembered for years to come.

Much Thanks,

Confirmation Students, Assistant Teachers (Courtney Booth, Lori Knuth Gumm, John Zittel) and Pastor Ernie



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The members and friends of
Saron United Church of Christ
are cordially invited to attend a
Service of Installation for

Rev. RaeAnn Beebe

as pastor and teacher

at

Saron United Church of Christ

on

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Service at 3:00pm

Clergy are invited to robe and the stole color is red.



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

May 1 Tyler & Nicole Pike

May 2 Michelle & Scott Stache

May 10 Heidi & Dave Baumann—15 yrs.
Ricky & Nancy Decker
Josh & Jill Imig

May 12 Jason & Erin Hanke

May 13 Mike & Jill Adamavich

May 14 Ed & Jessica Schmidt

May 17 David & Shawna Wehmeier

May 19 Tom & Melissa Roth



May 21 Dennis & Amy Nelson

Terry & Diane Kaestner Provencher

May 24 Larry & Darlene Gumm
Ron & Lois Roehl—10 yrs.

May 25 David & Roberta Coppersmith
Karla & Chris Kletzien
Nicole Nohl & Kevin Ress—10 yrs.
Jerry & Mary Jo Quilling

May 26 Brian & Becky Charbonneau
Richard & Sandy Herzog—45 yrs.

May 30 Dan & Mary Albright

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

May 1 Lauren Rabe

May 2 Chuck Kaiser
Doug Van Helden

May 3 Royce Booth

May 4 Lola Kober

May 5 Scott Greger
Hayden Hanke
Jason Schnicke

May 6 Chris Booth

May 7 Ben Holzmann

May 8 Connie Sixel
Keith Steiger

May 9 Bryce Hitsman
Michael Leu

May 10 Daniel Leu

May 11 Grace Baumann
Sara Feldmann
Lois Rick Knowles
Richard Wagner

May 12 Donna Kaat
Judy Ryan

May 13 Shar Meyer
John Ringelstetter

May 14 Doug Daun
Nathan Doebert

May 15 Jack Hanke
Jim Hanke

May 16 Terry Boeldt
Koralyn Kuzulka
Jim Rabe

May 17 Brandon Beeck
Laura Bunke

May 17 Wally Knopp

May 18 Mitchell Schmidt

May 20 Paxton Fleck
Helen Peichl
Lisa Wagner

May 21 Abi Charbonneau
Skeeter De Groff

May 22 Debbie Meinnert

May 24 Harper Kaiser
Wendy Mauk

May 25 Rylee Curtiss

May 26 Steve Milz
Deanna Milz
David Thomas

May 27 Alex Nyhof

May 28 Jay Grosshuesch
Braxton Mauk

May 29 Tyler Kober

May 30 Joyce Kruse
Ashley Schmidt

May 31 Erlinda Beebe
Art Lammers
Wade Sebald

