



The Tidings

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Let your light shine before others ... Matthew 5:16

Back in 2006, I was so excited to be elected as a delegate for General Synod for 2007 and 2009. General Synod 2007 was the 50th anniversary of the United Church of Christ and was held in Hartford, CT. While there was the usual business of General Synod (the biannual gathering of the denomination) that year, the focus was on celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the merger between the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Synod of North America. I had been a member of the United Church of Christ my entire life, but I had not fully understood how this branch of the church functioned or the process followed to make decisions. Each delegate is assigned to a committee that reviews a resolution and makes recommendations on this resolution for the entire General Synod to vote on. Once a resolution is brought to the floor, delegates speak in favor of and/or opposed to it before a vote is taken. The second Synod I attended was in Grand Rapids, MI. I was grateful to have served the wider church in this way and to experience General Synod for myself. General Synod is a way of seeing that we are a part of something so much larger than our local church.

For this reason, I was so excited to hear that General Synod 32 would be held in Milwaukee. General Synod has never been held in Wisconsin before and probably will not be again in my lifetime. So much goes into hosting General Synod and it takes a lot of volunteers. Judy Dumke, Barb Post, Dawn Williams, Kari Mooney and I have already registered to volunteer during Synod. More volunteers are needed in a variety of places. I would be happy to share with you what opportunities are available or you can explore the website and register at www.wcucc.org/synodvolunteer. General Synod is June 21-25, 2019 and will be held at the Wisconsin Center.

Sunday afternoon, June 23 there will be a worship service that is open to the public and a street festival afterward. This is one of four worship services that will be held. Rev. Traci Blackmon will be preaching. Worship services at Synod are always moving and spectacular. I would encourage everyone to come and experience at least this part of Synod. The Northeast Association



Pastor's Notes Continued

is looking into a bus for the worship and festival. I will keep you posted on this.

The keynote speaker will be Matthew Desmond author of *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. Matthew embedded himself in the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee and tells the stories of eight families he encountered. You are invited to join an All Church read of this book and I highly recommend it. My eyes were opened to the cycle of poverty and the role eviction plays in it.

There are so many things happening connected to General Synod and I hope that you find some way to experience it for yourself.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn



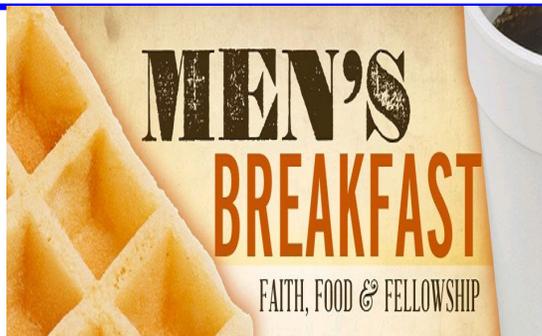
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Saron UCC is scheduled to work on the Habitat Home at 2723 Wilgus Ave, Sheboygan. We have seven people signed up to volunteer. There is still an opportunity for you to sign up. If this date does not work for you and you would like to volunteer, let Pastor RaeAnn know and we may be able to schedule an additional date.



SAVE THE DATE

Saron UCC along with several other churches will be participating in a mission trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS June 14-20, 2020.



The Men's Breakfast Club will meet on Monday, May 6th at 8:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome to enjoy a time of great fellowship, stimulating conversation all while enjoying coffee and donuts.



WHOOOO'S COMING TO SARON'S FAMILY NIGHT?



It's Jean Lord returning to Saron from Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center in Fredonia. Pine View provides rescue and rehabilitation to injured animals. Some are released if they are able to survive on their own.

Date: Wednesday, May 8th, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Fellowship Hall at Saron Church

Bring the kids, bring the Grandkids, your friends or just come yourself

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Have you ever seen an owl up close?

Jean will be bringing the following owls:

A Great Horn Owl

A Screech Owl

A Saw-Whet Owl (The smallest owl living in Wisconsin)

Learn all about owls:

Can they really turn their heads completely around?

What do they eat?

How do they survive in the winter?

What is an owl pellet?

Jean will also be bringing a hawk and some turtles. Learn about the history of these animals and how the climate change affects them.

There will be a free will offering that will be given to Pine View to support their mission.

Treats will be served!





Confirmation

On Sunday, May 5th at the 10:15 a.m. worship service 7 young people will be Confirmed into the membership of Saron. They are as follows: Ethan Albsmeier, Carson Anhalt, Lillian Charbonneau, Anna Depping Herzog, Gage Fleck, Jackson Picard, Calob Rautmann.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTING THE END OF THE MONTH!

Saron's summer worship schedule begins with **Memorial Sunday, May 26th, with ONE SERVICE ONLY starting at 9:30 a.m.** This will continue through Labor Day Sunday.

Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

The Strengthen the Church Offering is one of the four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. Last year Saron UCC contributed \$801 to this offering, was almost double the previous year. Let's see if we can surpass this in 2019. 50% of the money raised in Wisconsin stays in our Conference for local and regional Strengthen the Church efforts. Saron will receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, 2019. Special envelopes will be available in the pew racks. If you write a check, please make it payable to Saron UCC to receive credit on your giving statement.

Looking Ahead To The Picture Directory



Church Photo Directory

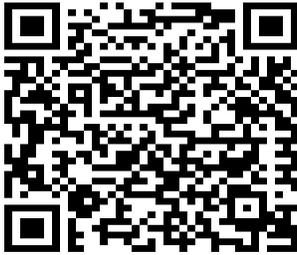
Just looking ahead to summer. We plan to start working on our church picture directory and we will be taking family pictures. You will get a FREE 8x10 and a directory, We would like to have 100% participation. More information coming soon.

Thank You from the Picture Directory Team





Mobile **ELECTRONIC GIVING INFORMATION**



Here is the mobile QR code for your mobile device.

"Scan to pay or give." When you scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of your web page. Try it yourself! To individuals who are familiar with QR codes, it will provide a quick and easy way to access your web page without having to type out a long web address and locate your link. There is also a paper Authorization Form on the narthex table if you would like to sign up for direct deposit that way.

Looking Ahead To Graduation

On Sunday, June 3rd, 2019, 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 with 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.



Mark Your Calendar, Vacation Bible School will be held July 22, 23, and 24th.

Please plan to attend and enjoy the fun!



*A Very Special
"Thank You!"*

Audrey Laack would like to "Thank" everyone who came to help celebrate her 90th Birthday. It made it a special day for her.

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



Mae Schmidt is now residing at Meadow View Health Service (3613 South 13th Street, Sheboygan)

And

Mickey Glander is now at the Sheboygan Senior Community (3505 County Road Y, Sheboygan)

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Douglas Ryan Felde (son of Maureen Ryan-Schnicke) who died in an automobile accident on March 4, 2019 and to the family of Tom Reinke (Diane Voelker's brother) who passed away on March 6, 2019.....



Jackson Hugo Imig was baptized on Sunday, April 28th, 2019. Jackson is the son of Josh & Jill Imig and the brother of Ava. His sponsors are Lindsay Schuette and Joshua Pieper...



Our Prayer Concerns

Please remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all who are undergoing treatments due to illness and for those who have had or will have surgery.

Jordon Rick
(U.S. Marine Corps)

Ben Lenz
(U.S Air Force)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)





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).

May 1 Tyler & Nicole Pike

May 2 Michelle & Scott Stache—10 yrs.

May 10 Heidi & Dave Baumann
Ricky & Nancy Decker
Josh & Jill Imig—5 yrs.

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—25 yrs.
Terry & Diane Kaestner Provencher

May 24 Larry & Darlene Gumm—50 yrs.
Ron & Lois Roehl

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

May 26 Brian & Becky Charbonneau
Ryan & Deann Harper
Richard & Sandy Herzog

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 calling the church office at (1467-6202 or e-mail barb@saronucc.org).

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 Jim Hanke
Jack 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 Abby Charbonneau
Sketter De Groff

May 22 Debbie Meinnert

May 24 Harper Kaiser
Wendy Mauk

May 25 Rylee Curtiss

May 26 Deanna Milz
Steve Milz
David Thomas

May 27 Alex Nyhof

May 28 Jay Grosshuesch
Braxon Mauk

May 29 Tyler Kober

May 30 Joyce Kruse
Ashley Schmidt

May 31 Erlinda Beebe
Art Lammers
Wade Sebald

