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# The Tidings

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Dear Ones,

Bundled together like shocks of wheat or rye from times past, are the days of November. Daylight saving time ends. A national election takes place. A new president will be set forward to preside over the affairs of the nation. We will commemorate the end of a war that was said to end all wars on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour. We will celebrate the Day of Thanksgiving, and we will usher in the Advent Season on the last Sunday of the month.

In the meantime, life goes on. Apprehensions about what will occur after the election is an exaggeration of the apprehensions we face on a daily basis. These apprehensions have to do with health, with anxiety about or kids or grandkids. They have to do with money or more often, the lack of it. We have apprehensions. So, what are we about to do about them?

We can't simply raise up our hands and declare it's too, much to get our heads around and turn aside. We have to do what we can do to ease the apprehensions we have. At the least, we have to be there for one another. So, our candidate loses does that mean we'll do everything in our power to obstruct his/her leadership? Do we walk away from a youngster that makes the wrong choice at a particular point in his/her life? Do we abandon the sick? Do we become miserly when sharing is called for?

It is enough of a burden to live out our lives unable to do anything in certain situations save to offer our prayers. The rub comes when we add to chaotic situations. When we refuse to offer help where help is needed. It comes when we refuse to open our minds to rational thought and run head-long into senseless rage against whatever we perceive to be an absolute truth, 'cause there ain't no such animule. ("You could look it up!")

I love that passage from Isaiah; "Come", says the Lord. "Let us reason together... If you are willing, you shall eat the good of the land. But if you refuse, you will be swallowed up by that which will do you in"

And lastly, there is in November the beginning of Advent. The time of the coming of the Lord. It is the time of hope, of caring, of wonder. It is the time of Emmanuel, of "God with us". Let us in our times of apprehensions declare of ourselves that in so far as possible, I seek to walk with God.

Peace, dear ones, and love.

Rev. Huntzinger

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

As is Saron's tradition we will gather for worship on Wednesday evening, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Holy Communion will be served and the Senior Choir will provide the music.

**Following the worship service** that evening the Community Life & Hospitality Committee will be providing snacks and beverage after the service for everyone to enjoy.



## BLANKET FUND –

This year's theme for the Saron Church World Service Blanket Fund Offering is: ***"As Snow Flakes Begin to Fall, Help Keep More People Warm and Cozy".***

Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. hold CWS Blankets events, providing funds to help people in need around the world. For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

Blankets, tents, food, and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster.

Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields.

Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens.

Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

In 2015, CWS distributed 7,820 blankets around the world. Saron can be part of an even greater response in 2016. Blankets will reach families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more.

Church World Service Blankets not only offer protection and warmth but a sense of COMFORT. Every \$10.00 donation for a blanket will be felt where disaster happens, helping communities respond to the situation, far away or here in the United States.

Please give generously throughout November and know that YOU are making a difference around the world. Watch the Women's Guild display in the narthex add snowflakes as the contributions add up.

To receive credit on your Saron giving statement, please make your check out to Saron UCC.

Sponsored by the Women's Guild of Saron.





## A Message From Saron's Search Committee

This month the search committee met with the consistory and the UCC Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Jane B. Anderson. Rev. Anderson provided our group with the information for what the search process will be and the resources needed from the UCC.



The first step in that process will be creating a church profile for the search. That profile will include information about Saron that candidates will see and information about what Saron is looking for in our next pastor. The search committee will be meeting regularly during the month of November to define the church profile. We look forward to connecting with the congregation to gather valuable feedback for the church profile.



## Looking Ahead to Christmas!

Christmas time will soon be upon us! This year the Women's Guild is pleased to be sponsoring Head Start families again. Also you can purchase gifts for senior citizens in the area who otherwise would not receive very much.

For the early bird shoppers, look for the Angel display in the Narthex on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Advent Angel Tree will be decorated with ornaments to pick from beginning on Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>.

We invite you to take an ornament, purchase the item, wrap it or bag it, attach the ornament to the gift and bring it back to church. **All gifts need to be returned by Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>.** The gifts will be delivered on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to participate in this mission, but do not care to shop, there will be a donation box located next to the display. The Guild will then purchase items still needed.

The Women's Guild wants to thank the members of Saron UCC for your participation in this Christmas project.

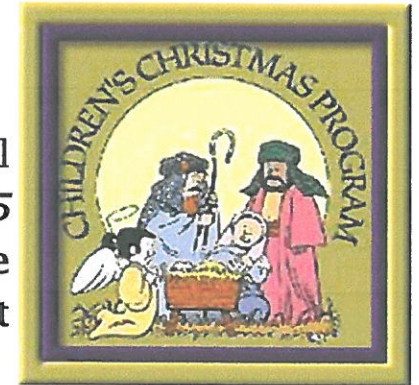
**The Hanging of the Greens and Caroling to our Shut-ins will be held on Sunday, December 4th following the second service.** Join us as we prepare our church for the Advent and Christmas season. A light lunch will be served. Once the church is decorated, we will then carol to those Saron

members who are not able to join us in worship. Yes, I know there is a Packer game at noon that day—but if you are willing to take the time to join us you will be rewarded by the joy that is present as we carol to our shut-ins. Please consider signing up—we'd love to have you participate!





## LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The Annual Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on *Sunday, December 18th at the 10:15 a.m. worship service.* (We will meet during the Sunday School hour, 9:05 a.m. that morning to get ready/rehearse).

Practices will be held as follows:

8:00—10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 10th

Time To Be Announced for Wednesday, December 14th

8:00—10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17th

### Parents:

We will be looking for volunteers to help us make the program successful! Please look for a sing-up in the narthex in November. Thanks you!

### Operation Christmas Child—Would You Like To Help

Saron members John and Kathy Zittel are involved with this project and hope to send between 1,500—2,000 shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene materials, small books and small stuffed animals to needy children over seas. If you would like to donate to this cause there will be a box in the narthex marked for you to put your items in. Any items donated need to be small enough to fit into a shoe box and would be greatly appreciated, but there is a special need for new or gently used small stuffed animals such as Beanie Babies. **The window of opportunity for donations is rather short, all items must be at church no later than Sunday, November 6th** as the boxes will be readied and shipped by November 11th in order for them to be delivered on time to the children for Christmas. A "Thank You" in advanced for your help.



## 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) Harold (Pinky) and Dorothy Grunewald (Morningside Nursing Home) Shirley Jacoby (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); Jake Meinnert (U.S. Army)....

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

### We Celebrate the Births of:

Sophia Claire Rick who was born of October 5th, 2016 to Zack and Amy Rick....

Ava Rose Schneider who was born on October 15th, 2016 to Justin Schneider and Jayla Mineau...

**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.

## A Thank You From the United Church Men & Women's Scholarship Organization

Thanks to Saron for your \$100.00 contribution to the United Church Men & Women's scholarship organization which serves deserving students pursuing an educational program that leads to ordained ministry. Thank you for your support at this time and in the past. It is always encouraging to meet with past recipients to hear their stories and what the scholarships mean both in terms of the actual monetary support and the emotional support these recipients have received.

**Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6th.**

**Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!**





**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)).

November 1 Stan & Teri Strub  
Mark & Heather Zimbal

November 2 Scott & Debbie Reichert

November 8 Linda & Carl Suemnicht

November 10 Roy & Chris Herzog

November 15 Randy & Donna Rautmann



November 19 Jim & Nancy Fritz

November 24 Jack & Dorene Hanke  
Don & Janet Klemme

November 28 Mark & Therese Schmidt—35 yrs.

November 29 Harold & Dorothy Grunewald

**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)).

November 2 Dave Bunke  
Tim Reil

November 3 Kevin Fleck

November 4 Quinn Gumm

November 5 Sarah Schuette

November 6 Marci Post

November 7 Mark Zimbal

November 9 Logan Christy

November 11 Laura Gumm  
Hermine Kwekkeboom  
Debbie Reichert

November 14 Daniel Braun  
Brian Charbonneau  
Jeanna Milz  
Mark Post

November 15 Lori Albsmeier  
Marian Jarvis  
Shirley Roebrborn

November 17 Natalie Fritzgerald

November 18 Bailey Nickel  
Miranda Rautmann  
Arlan Schlundt  
Betty Steiger

November 19 Palmer Feldmann

November 20 Katchen Ringelstetter

November 21 Breanna Anderson  
Megan Anderson  
Becky Charbonneau

November 22 Debbie Feider  
Diane Reil

November 23 Corey Albright  
Vernon Reichert  
Roseann Sargent

November 24 Laura Albright  
Allen Beeck  
Suzi Boedecker  
Rebecca Johnston  
Brynlee Sebald

November 25 Wyatt Haas  
Howie Heiden  
Helen Rautmann

November 26 Hannah Morse

November 28 Peggy Leu  
Shelly Oostdyk  
Vincent Wieck

November 29 Brent DeHart

November 39 Ron Imig  
Nicky Oppeneer

