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“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?” (Isaiah 58:6)

Shortly after I started here at Saron UCC, I attended an informational meeting in Sheboygan on Human Trafficking. My interest in this topic had been peaked in Oshkosh as a member of my congregation had a neighbor girl who had acted in a short film about human trafficking. She said the film had really opened her eyes to the magnitude of the problem right in the Oshkosh community. So, I decided to check in out in Sheboygan.

I was overwhelmed! First by the number of people who attended the meeting. I had expected there to be a few concerned citizens, but the VFW Post where it was held could hardly contain all of the people. More and more chairs were brought in and many had to stand along the sides. Then I was overwhelmed by how prevalent human trafficking is in our county. It has been called “a crime hidden in plain sight” and it really is. As of 2016, 24.9 million people have been affected in addition to 15.4 million who have been forced into marriage. Human trafficking is modern slavery and it is growing because slave labor is profitable, and poverty and marginalization makes many vulnerable.

At the 27th General Synod of the UCC in 2009, a resolution, *A Call to Awareness and Action to End the Practice of Trafficking in Persons*, was passed. The resolution called for congregations to study the issue and take action in their own communities. I bet most of you didn't know this. I didn't know this, and I was a delegate at General Synod that year.

As Christians, we believe that all are created in the image of God and have value and worth. God also calls us to care for those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. On November 25, 2018, Detective Tamara Remington of the Sheboygan Police Department will share her presentation with us at our 10:15 worship service. She has been working extensively with human trafficking for quite awhile and brings hope in the midst of despair.

Women's Guild has been in conversations with Love, INC, an organization that provides Restoration Bags for women who have been rescued from trafficking. This is a project the entire congregation can get involved in. We are hopeful that a representative from Love, INC will be able to join us on November 25th as well.

Activities for younger children will be provided and refreshments after the presentation so the conversation can continue. Human trafficking can be stopped the more we are aware of the signs and take action. In the meantime, supporting those who have been rescued by taking care of them and showing them they are valued is a step we can all take.

I know that this is a sensitive topic and may be uncomfortable for some, but it is an important topic for us to engage in. My office door is always open if you would like to have a conversation.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn



As is Saron's tradition we will gather for worship on Wednesday evening, **November 21st, 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 breads and warm apple cider after the service for everyone to enjoy a time of fellowship.

BLANKET FUND

It's that time of year again for the Women's Guild sponsored Blanket Fund working through Church World Service.

All it takes is one night in the cold to remember how important a blanket is.

A blanket is as treasure.

Around the world people are struggling to sleep on freezing sidewalks, in unfamiliar evacuation centers and shelters. This is so relevant in this season of disastrous hurricanes, tornados and earthquakes affecting so many people around the world.

Hopefully our congregation can make this treasure a priority and we can show our generosity to help others.

For \$10.00 you can give a Blanket to provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, and healing and hope wherever God's people may need care.

The Blanket Fund Offering will run through the month of November, if making a donation by check they should be made payable to Saron UCC to receive credit on your giving statement.



Planning For Special Music

Planning is now starting for the Spring worship season if you are interested in providing music for worship please contact- Becky Charbonneau at 920-946-8345.



A Note From The Treasurer

Our OCWM Goal for 2018 stands at \$19,200.00. The current balance in the Benevolent Fund is \$12,700.00





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. You can also 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 18th. The Advent Angel Tree will be decorated with ornaments to pick from beginning on Sunday November 25th.

We invite you to take an ornament, purchase the item, wrap it or bag it, and attach the ornament to the gift and bring it back to church.

All gifts need to be returned by Sunday December 16th.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO RETURN YOUR GIFT OTHERWISE A CHILD OR AN ADULT MAY NOT GET THAT PRESENT.

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 mission project.

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), Mae Schmidt (at home), Beverly Kleinhans (at Prairie Crossing).....



We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Thomas Morse (David Morse's father) who passed away on October 5, 2018 and to the family of Elizabeth Hennings (Rev. RaeAnn & Rory Beebe's future daughter-in-law's grandmother) who passed away on October 6, 2018.



Jordon Rick (U.S. Marine Corps)

Christopher Kletzien (U.S. Army)



Saron officially welcomed the following new members into the life of the congregation on Sunday, October 21st, 2018.

New & Returning Members



Randy Beebe lives in Plymouth, WI and is engaged to be married this December to Alexis Hardin. Randy is the son of Pastor RaeAnn and Rory Beebe. Randy is the Dining Supervisor-Outside Food and Beverage for Blackwolf Run and Whistling Straits. His address is: 987 Torke Terrace, Plymouth, WI 53073 and his phone number is 402-960-7287.

Rory & Rev. RaeAnn Beebe live in Plymouth, WI. Pastor RaeAnn is our pastor here at Saron and Rory is an RN at St. Agnes Hospital. They have two sons, Ryan and Randy and two grandsons. In their spare time, Rory is a member of the Plymouth Fire Dept. and likes baseball. RaeAnn likes to read and play with the grandchildren. Rory is possibly interested in play dartball, interested in being a Sunday liturgist, and may be willing to do the computer on Sunday mornings. Their address is 136 Fairview Dr., Plymouth, WI 53073. Phone numbers: Rory-980-3065 RaeAnn-838-3172.

Joy Fessler lives in Plymouth, WI and is married to Saron member Ann Mitchell-Fessler. She has three children, Lisa, Kathy, & Shane, and six grandchildren. Joy is retired and likes to do crafting. Her address is: 416 McColm St., Plymouth, WI 53073 and phone number is 980-4240.

Ryan & Deann Harper live in the Town of Sheboygan. They have three children, Brevan, Brynn, & Reid. Deann grew up at Saron and we welcome her and her family back to Saron. Their address is: 6028 Hawthorn Rd., Sheboygan, WI 53083 and phone numbers are: Ryan-414-254-3200 Deann-414-254-4220.

Matt & Amy Miles live in Plymouth, WI. They have one daughter, Amelia, who was recently baptized here at Saron. Amy is the niece of Pastor RaeAnn. They live at 822 Woodland St., Plymouth, WI 53073 and Amy's phone number is 920-226-0271.

Nancy Weinberger lives in Sheboygan and was a member of Saron years ago. Nancy is a retired school teacher with the Sheboygan School System and now likes to golf and travel (she's been to 101 countries). She volunteers at the Weill Center and at Maywood and likes spending time with her family and her best friend, her dog Bella. Nancy lost her best friend and husband, Bob, 2 days short of their 60th wedding anniversary. They have 2 daughters, Cindy Knopp (who is a Saron member with her husband Wally) and Jennifer Weinberger; 5 grandchildren and 10 greatgrandchildren. Nancy lives at 3824 N. 13th St., Sheboygan, WI 53083 and her phone number is 452-7042.

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who helped in any way with the Fall clean-up in and around our church. Your willingness to volunteer your time to help with the projects to get Saron ready for the winter season showed the true caring nature of our church family. **Thanks Again!**



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities at Lakeland University

Lakeland University Mission House Lecture: So Many Ways of Saying God

This program will explore the ways in which faith is being remade for the modern age through a dialogue between two acclaimed authors: Christian Wiman, a professor in religion and literature at Yale Divinity School, published poet and former editor of Poetry magazine; and Barton Sutter, retired faculty member of University of Wisconsin in Superior, winner of the Minnesota Book Award and author of the newly published book of poems, *Nordic Accordion*.

Thurs., Nov. 1 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Free

Younger Family Campus Center, second floor.

Lakeland University for REAL (Religious Education, Awareness and Literacy) Program Understanding Buddhism

Join us for an evening of enriching learning and discussion on Buddhism, a form of religious observance with steadily increasing numbers of adherents in the United States. Dr. Paul Norton, a practicing Mahayana Buddhist in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh and President of the Mindfulness Community of Milwaukee, will be our guide for the evening. Dr. Norton will provide an overview of Buddhist tradition and practice, and respond to questions from participants.

Mon., Nov. 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Free

Younger Family Campus Center, second floor.

Back Bay Mission Dinner

Sunday, December 2, 2018

At Bethlehem UCC

11608 Lax Chapel Rd, Kiel, WI

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Presentation by Carol Merriman

(Back Bay Mission Representative)

Cost of dinner and donation to Back Bay Mission

\$15.00 per person

Call the church office (467-6202) to let Barb know you plan to attend no later than November 16th.

We are hoping to organize a joint mission trip to Back Bay Mission in 2019.

This event is being sponsored by Rural Church Fellowship
(you don't have to be a member of RCF to attend).

The Church and Ministry Team of the Northeast Association of the WI Conference, UCC

**Invite all members, friends and clergy of
the NEA Congregations**

to the following 2 special events:

**Celebration of Call for Dale Miller, As
pastor at Salem Plankroad UCC**

On Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

**Celebration of Call for Rev. Jon Pahl
serving at Union Congregational UCC,
Green Bay**

On Sunday, November 4, 2018
at 10:00 a.m.

A Note From The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry

We thank you for your generous contribution to the Sheboygan Falls, Food Pantry. It was much appreciated and always needed. Thank you.

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).

November 1 Stan & Teri Strub
Mark & Heather Zimbal—10 yrs.

November 2 Scott & Debbie Reichert

November 4 Jenna & Caleb Hahn

November 8 Linda & Carl Suemnicht

November 10 Roy & Chris Herzog—45 yrs.



November 15 Randy & Donna Rautmann

November 19 Jim & Nancy Fritz

November 24 Jack & Dorene Hanke
Don & Janet Klemme

November 28 Mark & Therese Schmidt

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).

November 2 Dave Bunke
Tim Reil

November 3 Kevin Fleck
Rori Mauk
Rayah Mauk

November 4 Quinn Gumm

November 5 Sarah Schuette

November 6 Marci Post

November 7 Jamie Farnum
Destinee McCraw
Mark Zimbal

November 8 Hudson Stache

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 Roehrborn

November 17 Natalie Fitzgerald

November 18 Bailey Nickel
Miranda Rautmann
Arlan Schlundt
Betty Steiger

November 19 Palmer Feldmann

November 20 Katchen Ringelstetter

November 21 Rebecca Charbonneau

November 22 Debbie Feider
Diane Reil
Lillian Rick

November 23 Corey Albright
Rory Beebe
Vernon Reichert
Roseann Sargent

November 24 Laura Albright
Allen Beeck

November 24 Suzi Boedecker
Brynlee Sebald

November 25 Wyatt Haas
Howie Heiden
Helen Rautmann

November 26 Hannah Morse

November 28 Peggy Leu
Michele Oostdyk
Vincent Wieck

November 29 Brent DeHart

November 30 Ron Imig
Nicol Oppeneer
Tracy Wilke

