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# The Tidings

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***“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”***

## ***Psalm 136:1***

November brings thoughts of Thanksgiving and gratitude. This year we have experienced so many losses and disappointments and it would be so easy to focus just on them. No one could really blame us. But as I have had conversations with people, they are deeply aware of the blessings of this time as well. There is still so much for us to be grateful for. Here is a partial list of things I am grateful for in this time of pandemic.

- Technology – I never would have thought I would have seen technology as something to be grateful for, but I am. Technology has allowed us to stay connected when we weren't able to meet in person. We have progressed from recording a worship service to now live-streaming so all can worship no matter where they are physically located. There are exciting opportunities out there with this technology and I am grateful that the Consistory is exploring options so what we produce is a quality product.
- Care for one another - I am grateful that those who are attending in-person worship respect the guidelines for safe gathering put in place by the Consistory.
- Financial Stewardship – throughout this pandemic members and friends of Saron UCC have continued to financially support our mission and ministry. We have not faced the financial difficulties many congregations are.
- Flexibility – there is a sign at Back Bay Mission that says, “Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not get bent out of shape!” That has certainly been our motto this year. We have been willing to bend together.
- Saron UCC – I am so grateful to be a part of this congregation as your pastor.

While our Thanksgiving celebrations may not be the same as they usually are (see information about Thanksgiving Eve services later in newsletter), we can still celebrate and give God thanks for God's presence in our lives.

Thanksgiving blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn



## THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

This service has traditionally been well attended. In order to maintain social distancing, Consistory has decided to offer **two worship service times on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25, 2020 -**

**one at 5 PM and one at 7 PM.**

Only 50 people will be able to worship at each service, so the congregation will need to sign-up for the service they would like to attend. You can sign up using the link below (it will also be shared in the Thursday Greetings) or on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. Please sign up the total number from your family that will be attending.

Thank you!

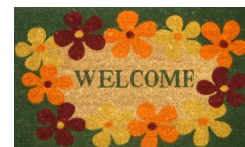
Sign-up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DAAAE2EA7FA7-thanksgiving>



## News From The Consistory

- ♦ Due to the high volume of Covid 19 cases in Sheboygan County we encourage the use of face masks inside of the Church.
- ♦ Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Clean-Up inside and outside of the Church and the Church House.

Welcome to our new Office Administrator Kathy Schwartz. Kathy will share more about herself in the next month's *Tidings*.



**Daylight Savings Time end on Sunday, November 1st.** Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

**We Extend Our Christian Sympathy** to the family of Saron member **Ilene Struve** who passed away on October 12, 2020 and whose funeral was held on October 20, 2020.... And to the family of **Wayne Schuldt, (Sarah Mauk's Step-Father)**, who passed away October 12, 2020.....





## Christmas 2020!

We all know that Christmas this year will be a little different, but there are still families in need and children who are hopeful that they will receive gifts on Christmas morning! This year the Women's Guild will be sponsoring Head Start families.

For the early bird shoppers, look for the Angel display on the kiosk in the Narthex on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thanksgiving Eve. The Advent Angel Tree will be decorated with ornaments to pick from beginning on Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition, there will be a link (Advent Angel Tree Genie) in the Thursday greetings you can click on to sign up for the gifts you would like to purchase.

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 Advent Angel tree or you can mail a check to the church. Please make checks out to: Saron Women's Guild, then the Guild will purchase items needed.

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. If you sign up online, please create your own tag listing what the gift is and attach it to the gift. You can drop off your gifts inside the back entrance during church office hours.

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

## Blanket Fund Offering

***Hebrews 13:16 says: "And don't forget to do good and share with those in need."***

It's the time of year that the Saron Women's Guild sponsors the Church World Service Blanket Fund. All it takes is one night in the cold to remember how important a blanket is. Around the world people are struggling to sleep on freezing sidewalks, in unfamiliar evacuation centers, and shelters. In 2019, congregational gifts provided over 118,000 CWS Blankets and Kits to families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises (including homeless and poverty). Here's what your gift today could mean in 2020 \$10 provides one blanket; \$50 gives blankets to an entire family; \$250 stocks shelves in a shelter with blankets before wintry lows hit. Dedicated congregations such as ours make this possible. During the COVID-19 pandemic, these donations can be life-saving.

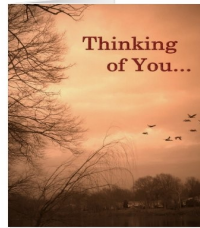
The Blanket Fund Offering will run through the month of November. There are offering envelopes on the narthex table or you can mail the offering to Saron UCC, W3830 County Rd. J, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085. If donating by check, please make it payable to Saron UCC to receive credit on your giving statement and put "Blanket Fund" in the memo line.

Check out the Church World Service Website [www.cwsblankets.org](http://www.cwsblankets.org) to find out more information about what the Blanket Fund has done around the world.

Children and adults: There are fall leaf coloring sheets available on the narthex table. Take one or more, color them, and bring them or mail them back to church. We will display all of the beautiful leaves.



**Those who are homebound or in care centers:** Joyce Riviers (Pine Haven on Haven Drive) Marilyn Perronne (at home), Helen Peichl (at home) Mickey Glander (Sheboygan Senior Community, Rm 404) Eugene Weiskopf (Field of Dreams Assisted Living, Kiel) Merlin & Shirley Schmidt at home.....



**Ben Lenz**  
(U.S. Air Force)

**Christopher Kletzien**  
(U.S. Army)



## Treasurer's Update

### As Of September 30, 2020

First and foremost, the Consistory would like to thank you for your generosity. Without your financial support the mission and ministry of Saron UCC would not be possible. The Consistory would also like to keep you, the congregation, updated on the financial situation at Saron.

The **General Fund** supports the work of the church through salaries, programs, building upkeep, office expenses, utilities, supplies, and of course insurances (the items that are included in our line-item budget).

**YTD income     \$132,037                      YTD expenses     \$142,013**

Although there is a YTD deficit, Saron currently has a surplus in our General Fund of \$98,918. This is being used to offset any difference between our income and expenses.

It should be noted that Saron has received a \$21,145 forgivable loan through the Small Business Administration as part of the CARES Act "Paycheck Protection Program" due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The loan will be forgiven and become a grant upon submission and acceptance of an application with documentation supporting the use of the funds for payroll and utilities during the period that Saron is unable to have full services.

The **Benevolence Fund** supports our OCWM commitment, our SPARE student, other mission opportunities and acts as a pass-through account for the UCC Special Mission Offerings.

**YTD income     \$15,167**

Of this total income amount, \$11,066 has been designated to OCWM which is 54% of our annual budgeted commitment of \$20,500.

Monies in this fund must be spent each year.

The **Improvement Fund** supports all maintenance of the buildings and property that is not covered under General Fund expenses.

**YTD income     \$19,866                      YTD expenditures     \$13,180**

Current amount in the fund \$32,987. Of this amount, \$8,600 has been designated to be applied to the septic system replacement costs in 2021.

Monies in this fund can be carried over from year to year.

This update does not include all funds at Saron. An update on these funds is available from the treasurer.

If you have any questions about Saron's finances, please contact Tracy Beeck, Treasurer or any Consistory member.

TREASURER'S REPORT



**Happy Anniversary** We hope you keep the following people 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 & Ter Strub—45 yrs.  
Mark & Heather Zimbal

November 2 Scott & Debbie Reichert—30 yrs.

November 4 Jenna & Caleb Hahn

November 8 Linda & Carl Suemnicht



November 10 Roy & Chris Herzog

November 15 Randy & Donna Rautmann—45 yrs.

November 19 Jim & Nancy Fritz

November 24 Jack & Dorene Hanke

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

November 2 Dave Bunke  
Tim Reil

November 3 Kevin Fleck  
Rori Mauk  
Rayah Mauk

November 4 Quinn Gumm

November 5 Amy Miles  
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 Dan Braun  
Brian Charbonneau  
Jeanna Feldmann

November 14 Mark Post

November 15 Marian Jarvis  
Shirley Roehrborn

November 17 Natalie Fitzgerald

November 18 Bailey Nickel  
Miranda Rautmann  
Arlan Schlundt  
Betty Steiger

November 19 Palmer Feldmann

November 21 Becky Charbonneau

November 22 Debbie Feider  
Diane Reil  
Lillian Rick

November 23 Corey Albright  
Rory Beebe  
Vernon Reichert  
Roseann Sargent

November 24 Suzi Boedecker  
Bynlee Sebald

November 25 Wyatt Haas

Howie Heiden  
Helen Rautmann

November 28 Peggy Leu  
Vincent Wieck

November 29 Brent DeHart

November 30 Ron Imig  
Nicole Oppeneer  
Tracy Wilke

