



Saron United Church of Christ November—2021
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The Tidings

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“He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, ‘His name is John.’” (Luke 1:63)

Elizabeth told the gathered neighbors and relatives that her son was to be named John, but they dismissed that outright. No one in the family had that name. Why would you choose that name? It wasn't until a mute Zechariah wrote down that his son's name was to be John, did the group relent. Choosing a name was important business. I remember when I was pregnant making lists of boy and girl names for the baby. Looking through baby name books and dismissing names because of who or what they reminded me of. Choosing a name is important business.

On October 11, 2021, Indigenous Peoples' Day, the renaming of Pilgrim Center, our camp on Green Lake, to Daycholah Center became official. Daycholah is the original Hocak (Ho-Chunk) name for Green Lake. While changing a name may seem foolish to some, this name change represents an opportunity to restore the voice of Native Americans and recognize their stewardship of this sacred place. With hearts set toward reparation and reconciliation, UCCI engaged in a 3-year process to listen to the Ho-Chunk community and to learn and understand the effects our history has had. This dialogue was led by The Hocak United Church of Christ at the Indian Mission in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, and facilitated by The Alliance for Justice. This collaborative and deliberative journey included a diverse set of stakeholders and has focused on the impact of words and the associations they can bring with them— in this case, including “pilgrim” in Pilgrim Center. “Many reading this might ask, ‘What is wrong or offensive with the name ‘Pilgrim’?’ ‘Why is this such a big deal?’ In my experience and education growing up in southeast WI, the history of the Pilgrims, Puritans, idealized Thanksgivings, westward expansion, and the settling of this ‘new country’ were all spoken of positively from a European Colonist perspective,” said United Church Camps, Inc. (UCCI) Chaplain James Schleif. “As my life experience and education broadened, I learned that there is a quite different perspective from a Native American experience. Considering the native perspective, we might have a better understanding of how a name like “Pilgrim” would be offensive. In some ways, the landing of the Pilgrims and Puritans began the end of their way of life. This change of name and the educational opportunities that it will provide is one small reparative step in building strong, supportive, and sustained positive relationships with our indigenous siblings.” (United Church Camps, Inc. Daycholah Center Renaming Story) Choosing a name is important business.

So, while the name has been changed, the ministry provided will continue to be the same. This camp has always held a special place in my heart, and I hope that you will have the opportunity to experience it or one of our other two camps – Moon Beach and Cedar Valley sometime soon. Check out the camp offerings at uccci.org, you won't regret it.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn



As is Saron's tradition we will gather for worship on Wednesday evening, **November 24th, at 7:00 P.M.** for our **Thanksgiving Eve Service.** Holy Communion will be served and the Senior Choir will provide the music.

SARON UCC BLANKET FUND 2021

"Blanket the World with Love"

*"They are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity."
2 Corinthians 8:2*

When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters. When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way.

Saron will be collecting for the CWS Blanket Fund through Thanksgiving. There are envelopes on the narthex table. Watch the display in the narthex as we receive the offering throughout November. Please make your check payable to Saron UCC to receive credit on your giving statement.





As we enter the Advent Season, how can we and our church become houses where the Holy will be born anew? This year we will be using an Advent series by Dr. Marcia McFee called The Inn: Housing the Holy. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

November 28	Advent 1: Making Room
December 5	Advent 2: A Place at the Table
December 12	Advent 3: How Much is Enough?
December 19	Advent 4: A Room with a View
December 24	Christmas Eve: The Inn
December 25	Christmas Day: Dwelling

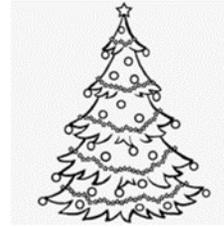
Would You Like To Be A Part Of The Chimers?

If you would like to help provide occasional special music during worship contact Janet Lammers at 920-892-4719, she is looking for anyone who would like to be a part of the group. It is not necessary to be able to read music to be a chimer.





Christmas 2021!



Christmas time is coming soon. Once again this year things are a little different. There are many families going through difficult times and they are in need of our help! Many children are hopeful that they will receive gifts this Christmas. The Women's Guild will be again sponsoring Head Start families.

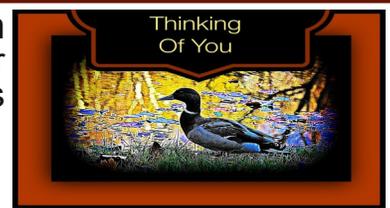
For the early bird shoppers, look for the Angel display on the kiosk in the Narthex on Sunday, November 21st and Thanksgiving Eve. The Advent Angel Tree will be decorated with ornaments to pick from beginning on Sunday November 28th. In addition, there will be a link (Advent Angel Tree Genie) in the 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. Please let Kathy know you brought gifts.

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: Marilyn Perronne (at home), **Mickey Glander** (Sheboygan Senior Community, Rm 404) **Eugene Weiskopf** (Field of Dreams Assisted Living, Kiel) **Merlin & Shirley Schmidt** at home.....



Best Wishes to Tanner Gumm and Olivia Koenig who were married on **October 2nd** and to **Emily Meinnert and Mike Birenbaum** who were married on **October 23rd**.....



Ben Lenz
(U.S. Air Force)
Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)



Our sympathy to the family of Marion Hartwig (sister to Jane Hanke) who died on **September 25th**....



Treasurer's Update

As of September 30, 2021

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 \$134,009

YTD expenses \$124,407

Saron currently has a surplus in our General Fund of \$91,653. This will be used to offset any difference between our income and expenses during the year.

It should be noted that the income above includes \$21,145 from a forgivable loan through the Small Business Administration as part of the CARES Act "Paycheck Protection Program" due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The loan was forgiven and became a grant in June of 2021 upon acceptance of the submitted application supporting the use of the funds for payroll and utilities during the period that Saron was unable to have full services during 2020.

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 \$16,385

Of this total income amount, \$1,625 has been designated to One Great hour of Sharing (OGHS), \$100 to Habitat for Humanity, \$285 to Strengthen the Church (STC), \$215 to Neighbors In Need (NIN), and \$12,302 to OCWM which is 60% of our annual budgeted commitment for OCWM of \$20,500.

The funds received for OGHS, STC, and NIN are distributed in the month after they are received. The funds received for OCWM are distributed quarterly. Gifts received toward SPARE sponsorship total \$1,850. So far \$1,800 has been paid out, and the balance will be paid out by the end of the year. In addition to the \$100 for Habitat for Humanity received for benevolence, the Consistory voted to send \$1,000 to Habitat from the Mission Fund in May.

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

YTD income \$27,369

YTD expenditures \$10

Current amount in the fund is \$67,205. Of this amount, \$26,110 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 Treasurer Tracy Beeck or any Consistory member.

Septic System Project Update

As Of September 30, 2021

As you will recall, in May 2020 we provided the congregation with a copy of the accepted bids from Schwartz Septic, Neumann Plumbing & Heating and KW Electric for replacement of the septic system. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$44,406 (which includes an additional \$5,000 above bids for unforeseen expenses). Here is an update to the congregation on the progress that has been made in funding this project.

Estimated Cost of Project	\$44,406.00
Less: Down payment for church & house holding tanks 5/21/20)	<u>(\$4,000.00)</u>
Balance of Estimated Total Cost to be Paid to Vendors	\$40,406.00
Improvement Fund (earmarked for project from fund balance)	(\$1,000.00)
(\$5,000 less \$4,000 down payment paid 5/21/20)	
Total member donations as of 9/30/2021	<u>(\$25,110.00)</u>
Balance needed for septic system project	\$14,296.00

If you would like to contribute towards this project, please note in the memo section of your check "Septic System Project". As shown above, we have earmarked \$5,000 plus the \$25,110 of your donations from the total funds currently held in the Improvement Fund (\$67,205) for this project. Barring any unforeseen expenses that may arise, we expect to be able to pay the balance of the septic project out of the Improvement Fund balance when the final total comes due later in 2021. Therefore, we do not anticipate the need to explore further fundraising options.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

A big "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!**

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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 (920-467-6202 or email adminoffice@saronucc.org).

November 1 Stan & Teri Strub
Mark & Heather Zimbal

November 2 Scott & Debbie Reichert

November 4 Jenna & Caleb Hahn

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

November 28 Mark & Therese Schmidt—40 yrs.

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 (920-467-6202 or email adminoffice@saronucc.org).

November 2 Dave Bunke
Tim Reil

November 3 Kevin Fleck
Rayah Mauk
Rori 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
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
Brynlee Sebald

November 25 Wyatt Haas

November 25 Howie Heiden
Helen Rautmann

November 28 Peggy Leu
Vincent Wieck

November 29 Brent DeHart

November 30 Ron Imig
Nicky Oppeneer
Tracy Wilke

