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**Saron United Church of Christ**

# THE TIDINGS

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In the fall of the year when the days grow short and a nip of frost is felt in the brightness of a day, I feel a sense of anticipation, of being on the edge of something not quite expected. I expect the changing colors of the many trees I see. I expect cool nights and chilly days. I expect a time for rain to fall and for the geese to fly south. These among other things are what I expect. The "somethings not quite expected" have me on the edge of my seat at times. Sometimes I actually lean into anticipating something different, away from the ordinary, away from the predictable. But then I also have to think about the things that I fear in the different and extraordinary, and I ponder about whether or not Jesus had similar feelings, similar thoughts.

It probably was in the fall when Jesus started to make his way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. It, of course, would be celebrated in the spring, and many things would come to pass as he made his way. Somethings he anticipated, and somethings were not expected. Take for instance his coming down from Mount Tabor, the often sited place of the Transfiguration, where Peter declared him to be the Christ. Jesus, along with Peter, James and John, had just experienced the truly extraordinary. I wonder if he had expected that the disciples he and the other three, joined to meet would be embroiled in a fierce argument with the scribes. It must have been a chaotic scene – shouting and shoving one another until they recognized the leader. Then one of the group stood forth and confronted him. "Teacher! I have a child and he needs help." The crowd looking to Jesus waited for his word and Jesus spoke. "How long am I to be with you?" A pause, "How long am I to bear with you? Bring the child to me."

"How long has he had this affliction" Jesus asked. The father answered, "a long time. If you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." To which Jesus replied; "If you can??? All things are possible to one who believes." Immediately the father cried out, "I believe. Help my unbelief!" Then Jesus took the child by his hand and lifted the child up, and the child was made whole.

Another autumn. It seems so ordinary, so anticipated, so expected. Yet, we at times, are brought to the edge of our seats by things extraordinary, away from the predictable, and we declare as we make our way. "I believe in the wonder of the unexpected. Help my unbelief."

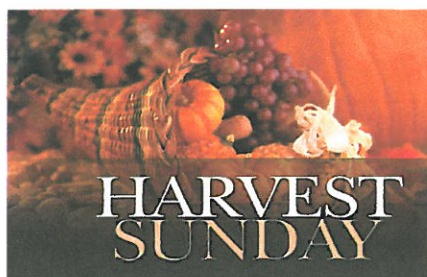
Blessings upon you.

Ernie

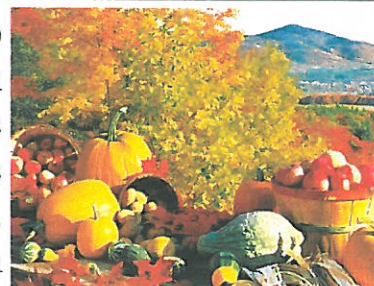


# HARVEST HOME SUNDAY—OCTOBER 16TH

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One of Saron's most beloved worship services, Harvest Home, will be held on Sunday, October 16th. This service is an ancient British tradition which was adopted by our German forbearers. We believe that Saron has been celebrating Harvest Home since its



inception 160 years ago. In order for Harvest Home to remind us of the full abundance of our blessings from God, the Worship Enhancement Team needs your help to decorate in and around our church. Please bring garden or field produce to the church by Wednesday, October 12th. We are hoping to receive not only fresh produce (pumpkins, gourds, squash, apples, corn, etc.) but also grains, corn stalks, broom corn, fall flowers, home canned goods, and anything else that reminds you of the provision of our Creator. Put it in the back hall; label it with your name. Please plan to attend this inspirational and heart-warming service.

We will be enjoying the beautiful decorations which will adorn our sanctuary and the surrounding areas of the church for an additional week so you may take your things home following the second service on October 23rd.

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## A Start Of Something New—A Men's Breakfast Club

Starting on Monday, October 3rd and continuing on the first Monday of every month Pastor Ernie will be leading a Men's Breakfast Club. This will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Church House with coffee and doughnuts being served. Please give thoughtful consideration to participating in this time of conversation and fellowship with other men from the Congregation. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex to indicate your desire to be a part of this group.



## LOOKING AHEAD

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

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





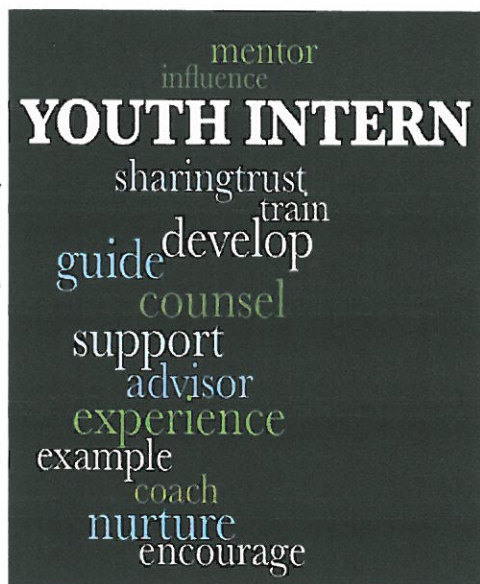
## Meet Our New Youth Ministry Intern

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Hello All!

I am Connor Armstrong and I will be doing an internship as a Youth Minister here at Saron this semester. Well, I am originally from Delavan, Wisconsin I am currently studying at Lakeland University here in the Sheboygan area. It is my Junior year attending Lakeland and I am majoring in both Religion and Music. In the future, I aim to join the ministry well focusing on youth ministry, music ministry, and parish ministry all equally.

I look forward to getting to know you all! My contact information is: [AmstrongC@lakeland.edu](mailto:AmstrongC@lakeland.edu) or 262-749-1989.



### Fall Clean-Up Day Saturday, October 29th 8:00 A.M. Until Finished



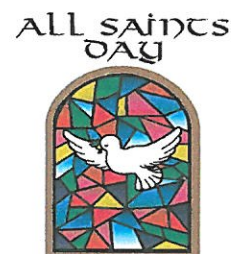
We need your help to get the inside and outside of the church into shape

for the winter season. A list of what needs to be done will be posted on the kiosk in October—if you can't make it on October 29th, but could complete one or more of the tasks ahead of that time PLEASE sign off by the task(s) you have completed. Refreshments will be ready and waiting for you—bring your work gloves and enjoy some fellowship while we work together! (Rain date is November 5th).

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## All Saints Day

Sunday, October 30th we will recognize All Saints Day. We will celebrate and recognize, at our worship services, Saron's members who have passed away during the past 2 years.



## Saron's Got Talent

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The Community Life & Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a special evening of entertainment on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 PM

We are calling it *"Saron's Got Talent"*

We want to showcase the many talents that our church family has.

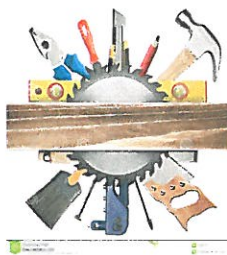
Do you sing, dance, make things out of wood, paint, tell stories? We'd love for you to share.

Come and share God's gifts.

There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex.

If you have questions, please contact the church office (467-6202 or [barb@saronucc.org](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)) and ask Barb to call a member of the CL&H Committee.

AND, there is NO Packer Game that Day!!!!



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**United Church Men and Women's 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Banquet – at Lakeland University– Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** The keynote speaker will be our Wisconsin Conference NE and SE Association Associate Conference Minister, The Reverend Jane Anderson. Tickets cost \$15.00 each and are available in the Saron Church office through Wednesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Saron's Lucas Williams, who is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year seminary student at Eden Theological Seminary, is a recipient and is one of this year's scholarship winners. Join other church men and women for a time of food, fellowship, and celebration as we gather to honor our college and seminary students!



# Neighbors In Need Special Mission Offering

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Across this country and throughout the United Church of Christ, grants are given each year for mission projects and partnerships and UCC-related ministries that reach into our neighborhoods and make a difference. Your gifts to Neighbors in Need make those grants possible. They fund community gardens, food banks, special ministries to the homeless, interfaith programming on college campuses, college and career counseling for inner city youth, programs to help with housing for at-risk families and children, and just about anything our congregations can envision a need for their communities.

Look around your neighborhood. What neighbors are there who have a need that either you can help fill or that you can manage with the help of an existing organization? What needs might inspire you to start something yourself? Where might your congregation be called to lend a hand, make a difference, and be there for someone who needs the love of God made tangible? How can you make your town/city/village be better because there is a United Church of Christ worshipping and proclaiming the love of Jesus in its midst?

Saron will receive the Neighbors in Need Special Mission offering through October 16th, 2016, which is Harvest Home Sunday. Please make your check payable to Saron UCC and put NIN in the memo line.

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## LAKELAND COLLEGE MISSION HOUSE CENTER

Invites you to a

Mission House Lecture

Presented by Rev. Phil Haslanger, Pastor, Memorial UCC, Fitchburg

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

11: a.m. lecture; lunch to follow

Bradley Fine Arts Auditorium, Lakeland University

***“Love in a time of resentment: Seeking Jesus in today’s politics”***

The tension between religion and the public authorities goes back to the earliest days of Christianity. What does that mean for us today, living in a democracy, but where resentment seems to be the coin of the realm this year. Phil will explore ways we might find paths to living as followings of Jesus or from other faith perspectives while still acting as engaged citizens in our nation.

Following the lecture, you are cordially invited to a luncheon with Rev. Haslanger in Room 209 of the Laun Center from 12:30-2 p.m. Luncheon cost is \$10 per person, and reservations are required by Tuesday, Oct. 11. Register online at [Lakeland.edu/MHC](http://Lakeland.edu/MHC) or contact Linda Bosman at [bosmanlr@lakeland.edu](mailto:bosmanlr@lakeland.edu) or 920-565-1023 ext. 2151.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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**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), Audrey Laack (at home), Marilyn Perronne (at home), Mae Schmidt (at home), Beverly Kleinhans (at home) Harold (Pinky) and Dorothy Grunewald (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....

**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.

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### ***The Missing PEACE***

*Can't get away for a trip? Go on a spiritual journey instead!*

*Many of us are searching—searching for connection, for purpose, for peace. We feel stressed most of the time and despite having everything we need, we feel empty and alone. We are searching for ways to slow down, to quiet our thoughts, and to feel nourished. Join Cary Knier Johannes for a 4 week journey to discover this missing “peace”.*

***The Missing PEACE*** is a 4 week mini-retreat for committed people who struggle with stress, self-doubts and worries and want to find balance, feel confident, and lead more fulfilling, purposeful lives. This retreat will help you identify personal goals for your spiritual journey and teach you relaxation techniques to quiet your mind.

***Where?*** Bethel UCC (W4225 County Line Rd, Elkhart Lake)

***When?*** Saturdays, October 15, 22, 29, November 12 (8-9:30am)

***Cost?*** \$40 (includes book and materials)

*Cary Knier Johannes is a spiritual development coach/teacher, psychologist & Lay Academy graduate. Contact Cary by October 10 to reserve your spot. 920-980-8319; [knierc@hotmail.com](mailto:knierc@hotmail.com).*

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**Happy Birthday** 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)).

October 4 Stephanie & Andy Ford  
 October 7 Mike & Gayle Holzmnn  
 Julianna & Kurt Kuzulka 10 yrs.  
 October 8 Tim & Sara Feldmann  
 October 9 Shelly & Ty Hollingsworth  
 Wally & Cindy Knopp—40 yrs.  
 October 10 Dan & Cindy Doeber  
 October 11 Kari & Brent DeHart  
 October 12 Marvin & Suzi Boedecker  
 October 14 Kirsten & Jason Roethel



October 16 Vern & Sharon Boedecker  
 Dave & Starr Boldt Ken  
 & Bernice Justinger  
 October 17 Bonnie & Kirby Post  
 Jason & Sara Schnicke  
 October 18 Steve & Rita Bender—25 yrs.  
 Kyle & Brianna Pennell  
 October 19 Jon & Tammy Anhalt  
 Roger & Janise Deder  
 October 20 Jeff & Debbie Meinnert  
 Alan & Sue Nohl  
 October 27 Greg & Jessica Herzog—15 yrs.

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October 1 Rachel Zeinemann	October 9 Amber Casadonte	October 16 Jon Weiskopf	October 26 Jodi Koller
October 3 Richard Boll	Seth Morse	October 17 Jay Flegal	October 27 Cole Booth
Campbell Booth	Evelyn Rick	October 18 Larry Gumm	Emily Gumm
Gayle Holzmnn	October 10 Mary Margenau	Sarah Mauk	Jackie Jarvis
Barb Post	October 12 Lorraine Barthels	October 19 Brooke Reichert	October 28 Jordan Rick
October 4 Rita Bender	Shirley Mitchell	Don Zimmermann	October 29 Danika Kaat
Roger Deder	October 13 Aaron Beitler	October 20 Richard Herzog	Kathy Thomas
Randy Rautmann	Renee Greger	Julie Reichert	October 30 Kurt Kuzulka
Heath Roethel	October 14 Jackson Christy	October 21 Lauryn Pelnar	October 31 Joel Schuler
Linda Suemnicht	Duane Gumm	October 24 William Fitzgerald	
October 5 Kevin Ress	Troy Holzmnn	Mae Schmidt	
Zach Williams	October 15 Adam Bunke	Levi Wieck	
October 6 Virginia Karstaedt	Cindy Kwekkeboom	October 25 Abi Albright	
Kari Mooney	Marilyn Perronne	Ray Glander	
Carly Reil	Stan Strub	Barb Meinnert	
October 8 Derrik Daun			

