

October—2018
Church Phone: 920-467-6202



Saron United Church of Christ

The Tidings

Saron United Church of Christ
W3830 County Road J
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
Rev. RaeAnn Beebe, Pastor

Phone: 920-467-6202 Cell: 920-838-3172 revraeann@saronucc.org
Judy Knuth—Newsletter Editor Phone: 920-893-0391 jjknuth57@excel.net
Barb Post—Administrative Assistant Phone: 920-467-6202 barb@saronucc.org
Kari Mooney—Financial Secretary kari@saronucc.org

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.”

(Proverbs 22:9)

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift is from above.”

(James 1:17)

In the Fall of the year, many congregations participate in a Stewardship campaign where they talk about the mission and ministry that the church participates in and then ask the congregation to pledge (or commit) a percentage of their financial resources to the mission and ministry of the church. Many find that prayerfully considering their giving and filling out the card helps them focus not so much on the amount, but on the reason they give to the church. Which in turn affects the amount they give.

The passages above are a couple that have been in the lectionary recently and speak to giving as an act of our faith. The UCC put out a pamphlet a few years ago called *Are You Ready to Talk About Money In Your Church?* I feel two of the statements reflect the passages above. “Giving to other charitable organization is different from giving to the church because ... giving to the church is a tangible expression of our faith.” And “Jesus talked about money a good deal because ... he recognized that how we use money says a lot about what we value.”

Saron has not done a stewardship campaign, but that doesn't mean we, as members of this congregation, should not think about our financial giving to the church in an intentional way. We are invited to participate in the mission and ministry of Saron each and every week. Our envelopes have three separate funds to designate our offerings to – the general fund (budgeted items), improvement fund (building and grounds issues), and the benevolent fund (special mission projects). It is this fund, the benevolent fund, that I would like to highlight this month.

Webster's New World Dictionary defines benevolence as, 1. An inclination to do good, kindness; 2. A kindly, charitable act. It makes sense that the fund that supports mission is called benevolence as it supports doing good. Saron's benevolent fund supports Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), our SPARE student, the CAMPital Campaign, and any other mission projects that may come up. OCWM has many components and I will be highlighting those things in worship beginning in October – sharing stories of how people's lives have been changed and churches strengthened by our support of OCWM. The benevolent fund is also the pass-through account for the four special offerings of the UCC – One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, and The Christmas Fund.

The 2018 benevolence budget passed by the congregation in January approved a total of \$20,450.00 (\$19,200 for OCWM and \$1,250 for SPARE). This does not mean that more money cannot be given to the benevolence fund. The CAMPital Campaign is listed as getting any leftover money and the Consistory approved money for General Synod which will be held in Milwaukee next year. Currently we are about \$11,000 short for just OCWM and SPARE. The only income to this fund is you, the members of Saron UCC. Saron's Vision Statement says, “We envision Saron Church as an active welcoming community of faith, an embodiment of Christ-like grace and love, which ministers to the community and the world.” What better way of ministering to our community and the world then by supporting the benevolent fund.

Each week we are given the opportunity to participate in the mission and ministry of Saron in three ways. All are important, and all need our support. Please prayerfully consider your support, not because the church needs the money, but because “giving to the church is a tangible expression of our faith.”

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn



Fall Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 20th

8:00 A.M. Until Finished



We need your help to get the inside and outside of the church into shape and ready for the winter season. There will be a list of things that need to be done posted on the Kiosk in October—if you can't make it on October 20th, but would be able to complete one or more of the tasks at a time that best works into your schedule, feel free to do so. Then **PLEASE** sign off by the tasks you have completed. **In the true caring nature of our Saron family PLEASE consider volunteering a few hours of your time to help with this important project of keeping Saron and its grounds looking their best. Your help will be greatly appreciated.** Refreshments will be ready and waiting for you—bring your rakes and work gloves and enjoy some fellowship while we work together! (Rain date is October 27th).

NEW MEMBERS

New members will be received into the Saron Congregation on Sunday, October 21st. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor RaeAnn or the church office at 467-6202 to get further information or to ask any questions you may have.



HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

OCTOBER 28TH

One of Saron's most beloved worship services, Harvest Home, will be held on Sunday, October 28th. 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 Saron. Please bring garden or field produce to the church by Wednesday, October 24th. 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, or anything else that reminds you of the provisions of our Creator. Please put it in the back hall and label it with your name. You may take it home following the 10:15 a.m. service on October 28th.



Come Support the Pave the Way Benefit



There is still time to purchase your Pave the Way Benefit tickets! For just \$15.00, you can enjoy a delicious chicken and tips meal at Laack's Hall with the famous rolls and butter from Texas Roadhouse! This ticket will also include you in four random drawings of \$50.00 each.

Tickets will be available every Sunday until after October 28th.



Last year's basket raffle donations were creative, generous and included something for all ages. If you are willing to sponsor a basket for the raffle, please complete a donation card located in the narthex. To assist the committee in preparing for the event, we would like you to return the completed card on or before November 4th.

As always, if you have any questions or wish to purchase tickets from a committee member, their names and phone numbers are below.

Steve/Rita Bender 467-2929
Larry/Patti Boedecker 565-3476
Bill/Janine Gardapee 461-0135

Carl/Joan Laack 946-6461
Jim/Donna Rabe 980-9618
Ralph/Barb Sebald 565-3857

Please Note: A substantial portion of the \$15.00 ticket price goes towards the Pave the Way Fund Fundraiser itself.

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering –

The 2018 theme is "Love your Neighbor".

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

NIN is one of the UCC's five-for-five offerings throughout the year, which Saron was a "five-for-five" church in 2017. This special offering will be accepted until World Communion Sunday, October 7th, 2018. There are offering envelopes in the pews. Please make your check payable to Saron UCC.



The United Church Men & Women

Supporting Ministry Students for 78 Years

United Church Men and Women's Annual Scholarship Banquet – at Lakeland University– Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

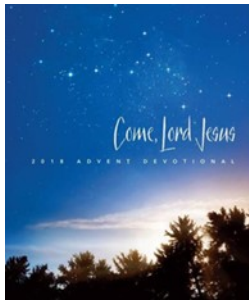
Saron UCC is hosting the Annual **United Church Men & Women Banquet** which will be held on Thursday evening, October 25th, at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeland University. David Black, Ph.D., President of Lakeland University, will be our guest speaker. Tammy Anhalt and her sons will be providing special music at the event this year. The purpose of United Church Men and Women is to provide a time of fellowship and good food and to present a UCMW scholarship to a Lakeland University pre-seminary student, a current seminary student, and a post-seminary student (clergy person). Rev. RaeAnn Beebe and Rev. Lucas Williams have both received scholarships from UCMW in the past.

Tickets are available in the Saron church office for a cost of \$16.00 a person until October 15th.

Join other church men and women for a time of food, fellowship, and celebration as we gather to honor our college and seminary students!

"COME, LORD JESUS"

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL -- \$5.00 EACH



Revelation 22:20 – *"Come, Lord Jesus"* – is nothing short of a prayer for the renewal of humanity. It is the corrective to a society ravaged by gun violence and mass shootings. It's an indictment of those who elevate the distinctions of nation and tribe to the status of ultimate allegiance.

It's a vision of a pristine river of life that emanates from one Source and flows through the central street of a city that is illuminated by love. That river nourishes the roots of a tree that gives life...not to a select few...but to people from every nation and culture.

If you long for a world that overflows with God's love and life, join us in praying this Advent, *"Come, Lord Jesus."*

Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.

(put money/check in envelope)

Make checks payable to Saron UCC

Watch Your E-Mail For This

Stay tuned for an emailed survey regarding your interest in using **"Electronic Giving"**. We will be asking for your feedback if we should consider another option of giving, i.e. Credit Card, Automatic Withdrawal, or a form of Direct Deposit. This would be another way of giving, but the envelopes will always still be an option.



Money Counters Needed

Saron is in need of Money Counters. If you would be interested in joining the team please call Barb at 467-6202 in the office or Treasurer Deb Meinnert at 912-3069 for more details.



**MONEY
COUNTERS**

Little Disciples Looking Additional Help

The Board of Christian Education is looking for additional help with the Little Disciples group. They are in need of a few people who would help out on the following dates: December 2nd and 9th, January 6th, and May 19th. If any of those dates would work for you to help please call Jessica Herzog at 893-2328. Thank you in advance.



ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have a change of address or go away for the winter, please contact the church office (920-467-6202) so we can update our files. The post office will charge us when a newsletter or offering envelopes are returned with the correct address.



A Senior Choir Note

For the month of October the Senior Choir will sing for the 10:15 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday, October 7th and the fourth Sunday, October 28th. Practices will continue to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings.



Special Thanks

I would like to thank Pastor RaeAnn and the Saron Family for all of your prayers, cards, and continued well wishes following my knee replacement surgery. It is comforting to know so many people care.

Jeff Meinnert



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 families of Gail Versch (Starr Boldt's mom) who died on September 2, 2018.... Herbert Heiden (Howie Heiden's dad) who died on September 6, 2018...Marion Haas (Vickie Shaap's mom) who died on September 17, 2018...Frank Zimmermann (Don Zimmermann's dad) who died on September 17, 2018....



We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of Loretta Jane Kwekkeboom, daughter of Luke & Tracy Kwekkeboom, who was baptized on September 23, 2018. Loretta was born on August 7, 2018.



Jordon Rick
(U.S. Marine Corps)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)



The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)
Comedy by Adam Long, Reed Martin, and Austin Tichenon

Lakeland University

Nov 8-10 at 7:30 pm

Nov 11 at 2 pm

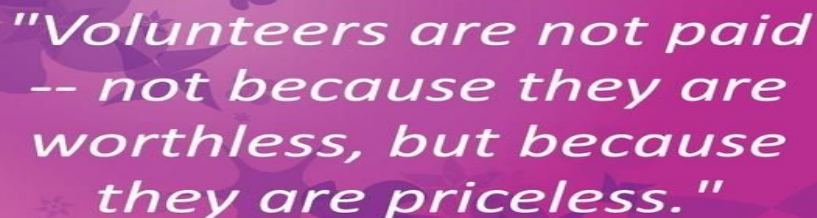
In the beginning there was chaos. But why stop there? It may seem hard to believe, but now the Good Book gets even better!

Whether you are Catholic or Atheist, Muslim or Jew, Protestant or Presbyterian, you're sure to find something to amuse you in The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged). You might even learn a few things too! In this affectionate, irreverent rollercoaster ride from fig leaves to Final Judgment, three performers tackle the great theological questions, like: Did Adam and Eve have navels? Did Moses really look like Charlton Heston? And why isn't the word "phonetic" spelled the way it sounds?

Sounds like a fun way to spend an evening together. Anyone interested? Let Pastor RaeAnn know which date works best for you. We are checking to see if there is a UCC night and will keep you posted.

Volunteers needed to deliver Meals On Wheels

Fresh Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County is in need of volunteers to deliver meals in Sheboygan, Falls/Kohler, Plymouth, the Elkhart Lake area, and the Oostburg area. You can volunteer individually or as part of a group and as often as you'd like whether that's once a week, once a month or as a substitute. Routes typically take less than one hour to complete. We have meal pick-up locations in Sheboygan, Plymouth, Elkhart Lake, Howards Grove and Oostburg. Pick-up time is typically 11:10 a.m. For more information, or to refer someone in need of meals, contact Meals On Wheels at 451-7011 or volunteers@freshmealsonwheels.org.



*"Volunteers are not paid
-- not because they are
worthless, but because
they are priceless."*

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).

October 2 Linda & Mike Schuler

October 4 Stephanie & Andy Ford

October 7 Mike & Gayle Holzmann
Julianna & Kurt Kuzulka

October 8 Tim & Sara Feldmann

October 9 Shelly & Ty Hollingsworth
Wally & Cindy Knopp

October 11 Kari & Brent DeHart—10 yrs.

October 12 Marvin & Suzi Boedecker
Jamie & Jill Farnum

October 14 Kirsten & Jason Roethel

October 16 Vern & Sharon Boedecker
Dave & Starr Boldt
Ken & Bernice Justinger

October 17 Bonnie & Kirby Post
Jason & Sara Schnicke—20 yrs.

October 18 Steve & Rita Bender
Kyle & Brianna Pennell

October 19 Jon & Tammy Anhalt
Roger & Janise Dederling
Tyler & Erin Gumm—5 yrs.

October 20 Jeff & Debbie Meinnert
Allen & Sue Nohl

October 27 Greg & Jessica Herzog



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).

October 1 Rachel Zeinemann

October 3 Richard Boll
Campbell Booth
Gayle Holzmann
Barb Post

October 4 Rita Bender
Roger Dederling
Randy Rautmann
Heath Roethel
Linda Suemnicht

October 5 Kevin Ress
Sophia Rick
Zack Williams

October 6 Virginia Karstaedt
Kari Mooney
Carly Reil

October 8 Derrik Daun

October 9 Amber Casadonte
Seth Morse
Evelyn Rick
Vickie Schaap

October 10 Mary Margenau

October 11 Gracelynn Knoz

October 12 Lorraine Barthels
Shirley Mitchell

October 13 Aaron Beitler
Renee Greger

October 14 Jackson Christy
Duane Gumm
Troy Holzmann

October 15 Adam Bunke
Adam Jankus
Cindy Kwekkeboom



October 15 Marilyn Perronne
Ava Schneider
Stan Strub

October 16 Jon Weiskopf

October 17 Jay Flegal

October 18 Larry Gumm
Sarah Mauk

October 19 Joanne Howe
Brooke Reichert
Don Zimmermann

October 20 Richard Herzog
Julie Reichert

October 21 Lauryn Pelnar

October 22 Ava Kwekkeboom
Jennifer McCraw

October 24 William Fitzgerald
Mae Schmidt
Levi Wieck

October 25 Abi Albright
Ray Glander
Barb Meinnert

October 26 Jodi Koller

October 27 Cole Booth
Emily Gumm
Jackie Jarvis

October 28 Jordan Rick
Lee Schueffner

October 29 Danika Kaat
Kathy Thomas

October 30 Alexis Abston
Kurt Kuzulka