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The Tidings

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I have not been to a circus in quite some time, but I remember going to the Shrine Circus in Milwaukee as a child. It was so exciting! My favorite part was the trapeze acts. It amazed how high up they were and how unafraid they seemed. I know I held my breath often when a performer would let go of the bar and swing to another one. Sometimes as in the picture above there was someone to catch them; other times they had to catch the empty bar. It was rather scary for me and I still do not understand how they are not afraid. Especially when there is no net to catch them if they fall!

Last month I referenced the latest book I am reading, *How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season* by Susan Beaumont. In the book she equates the liminal season to that moment when the trapeze performer is between, not holding onto anything. They have left one rope behind and have not gotten a hold of the next one yet. So, with us when we let go of what was but have not quite figured out what will be. This can happen in our individual lives – change in a career, loss of a relationship, move to a new place – and in the institutions we are a part of – the church for example.

Some find that time between scary as we have no idea what the future looks like, when the things that gave us grounding and meaning do not work anymore or not in the way they did. The safety nets are gone. Others find this time between very exciting and full of hope for what can be, even if they have no idea what it will look like. Personally, I think it is a little of both. I grieve those things that once had meaning and value but are now gone. But I also look forward with anticipation to the possibilities before me.

The Bible is full of stories of God's people living in a liminal season. We have been sharing the stories of the Exodus over the summer. This was certainly a liminal time. Leaving behind a life of slavery, but having no idea where God was leading them. The people often wanted to return. They cried out to God for a safety net. But they kept moving forward and eventually they came out of that wilderness a new people. Transformed by the experience and ready to face their new reality.

While this pandemic has been hard, I truly believe that some exciting things have come out of it as well. We have found new ways of being church, caring for others, and worshipping. May our creativeness juices continue to flow as we face a future that is yet to be known.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - Sunday October 4th, 2020.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 4th, with other people around the world, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service.

If you are not planning on attending in-person worship, we have prepackaged communion cups (juice and wafer) for you to pick up in the back entrance of church (north side) if you desire. There are one, two, or three cups to a bag, so take what you will need for your family.

They will be outside in a green Rubbermaid tub during the week prior to communion Sunday.

You can also provide your own bread and juice or wine if you prefer.



Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering –

The 2020 theme is "All Children have the right to simply be children..."

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.

NIN is one of the UCC's five-for-five offerings throughout the year, which Saron was a "five-for-five" church in 2019. This special offering will be accepted until World Communion Sunday, October 4th, 2020. There are offering envelopes on the narthex table. Please make your check payable to Saron UCC and put NIN in the memo line. (If you don't have an envelope, you are welcomed to mail in your offering.)

**FALL CLEAN-UP DAY– Saturday, October 17th,
beginning at 8:00 AM (rain date is October 24th).**



Here is a list of tasks that need to be completed. If you can't make it on October 17th, you are invited to complete a task that is listed. The list will also be posted on the kiosk. If you complete a task, let the church office know, or check it off on the list.

Clean-Up Day Tasks
(Sign your name and check off when task is completed)

Clean bugs out of lights in:

- Upstairs Sunday School rooms & Barbs office
- Downstairs Sunday School rooms & Fellowship Hall

Wash inside & outside windows:

- Downstairs Sunday School rooms
- Upstairs Sunday School rooms & Barbs office
- Fellowship Hall (heavy metal grates need to be taken out, outside of windows washed & grates replaced)
- Above narthex doors
- Parsonage windows (outside & downstairs only)
- Parsonage windows & screens (inside both up & down)
- (Fall) church storm windows washed & installed

(Spring) Install A/C in Barb's office

(Fall) Take out A/C

Wipe down cobwebs up high in hallways & rooms

Dust trophies & shelves in trophy (downstairs in Fellowship Hall)

Wipe down all folding chairs:

- Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School rooms downstairs
- Sunday School Rooms upstairs
- Choir loft
- Extra chairs in closet off sanctuary

Polish wood benches in:

- Sanctuary
- Balcony

Wipe nursery shelves, tables, changing table, & all toys, etc. with soapy water

Touch up painting in narthex & any other needed places

Power wash bugs off outside church, especially entrances

Raking leaves & flower beds:

- Parsonage lawn & flower beds
- Church grounds
- Flower bed East side of church

Trimming shrubs

- Around sign (check shrub size and weed/clean up)
- Any other shrubs that need trimming

If you have any questions, please call one of the Consistory members.

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

Sunday, October 18th, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

One of Saron's most beloved worship services, Harvest Home, will be held on Sunday, October 18th. Harvest & fall decorations will be in place for this service. Come and enjoy the beauty and greatness of our bounty.



United Church Men and Women's Annual Scholarship Banquet will be a virtual scholarship presentation evening on **Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.** on YouTube. We will get the link to everyone prior to the presentation.

The WI Conference UCC Minister, Franz Rigert, will be the keynote speaker. The Ebenezer UCC, Sheboygan, Still Speaking Band will be providing special music. The purpose of United Church Men and Women is to present UCMW scholarships 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.

A Service of Confirmation was held outdoors on Sunday, September 20, 2020. It was a beautiful day and the following young people were confirmed and became members of Saron United Church of Christ.

Colin Dulmes, son of Matt & Julie Dulmes

Quinn Gumm, daughter of Duane & Lori Knuth Gumm

Mylee Nickel, daughter of Ben & Carrie Nickel

Lauryn Pelnar, daughter of Rebecca Pelnar

Corin Trumm, daughter of Corby Trumm & Jessica Trumm

Isabel Wieck, daughter of Kevin & Julie Wieck



SCRIP CARDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Just a reminder that we have many different Scrip cards in stock still available for you to purchase. Feel free to stop in the church office during the day to purchase cards for all your shopping needs. If you call Barb first at 467-6202, the SCRIP cards you would like can be pulled and put in the back hall of the church for you to pick up during office hours.

We wanted to let you know that from the profits we received from the sale of Scrip we were able to make a \$250 donation to Habitat for Humanity Lakeside. This donation was matched by Wisconsin Bank and Trust which doubled our donation making it \$500.

*Thank you for your continuing support to SCRIP.
The Women's Guild*



Those who are homebound or in care centers: **Joyce Riviers** (Pine Haven on Haven Drive) **Ilene Struve** (Rocky Knoll, Rm 287), **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.....



We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of **Janet Klemme (Don Klemme's wife)** who passed away on September 12, 2020..... **and to the family of Roger Hanke (Diane Frazier & Gary Hanke's brother),** who died on September 3rd.....



Ben Lenz
(U.S. Air Force)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)



Treasurer's Update **As Of August 31, 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 \$118,483

YTD expenses \$122,598

Although there is a YTD deficit, Saron currently has a surplus in our General Fund of \$104,780. 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 acts as a pass-through account for the UCC Special Mission Offerings.

YTD Income \$13,738

Of this total income amount, \$9,997 has been designated to OCWM which is 49% 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 building and property that is not covered under General Fund expenses.

YTD Income \$10,604

YTD expenditures \$11,274

Current amount in the fund \$25,630

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.



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).

October 2 Linda & Mike Schuler

October 5 Brooke & Bryce Lueck

October 7 Mike & Gayle Holzmann - 25 yrs.
Julianna & Kurt Kuzulka

October 8 Tim & Sara Feldmann - 15 yrs.

October 9 Shelly & Ty Hollingsworth
Wally & Cindy Knopp

October 11 Kari & Brent DeHart

October 12 Marvin & Suzi Boedecker
Jamie & Jill Farnum

October 13 Ann & Joy Mitchell-Fessler

October 15 Matt & Amy Miles

October 16 Vern & Sharon Boedecker

October 17 Bonnie & Kirby Post
Jason & Sara Schnicke

October 18 Steve & Rita Bender
Kyle & Brianna Pennell

October 19 Jon & Tammy Anhalt
Tyler & Erin Gumm

October 20 Jeff & Debbie Meinnert - 30 yrs.
Allen & Sue Nohl - 25 yrs.

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 Campbell Booth
Gayle Holzmann
Barb Post

October 4 Rita Bender
Randy Rautmann
Linda Suemnicht

October 5 Kevin Ress
Zach Williams

October 6 Virginia Karstaedt
Kari Mooney
Carley Reil

October 8 Derrik Daun

October 9 Amber Casadonte
Seth Morse
Vickie Schaap

October 11 Gracelynn Konz

October 12 Lorraine Barthels

October 13 Aaron Beitler
Renee Greger

October 14 Jackson Christy
Duane Gumm

October 15 Adam Bunke
Adam Jankus
Cindy Kwekkeboom
Marilyn Perronne
Ava Schneider
Stan Strub

October 17 Jay Flegal

October 18 Larry Gumm
Sarah Mauk

October 19 Joanne Howe

October 19 Brooke Lueck
Don Zimmermann

October 20 Richard Herzog
Julie Reichert

October 21 Lauryn Pelmar

October 22 Ava Kwekkeboom
Jennifer McCraw

October 24 William Fitzgerald
Levi Wieck

October 25 Ray Glander
Barb Meinnert

October 27 Cole Booth
Emily Gumm
Jackie Jarvis

October 28 Jordan Rick

October 29 Danika Kaat
Kathy Thomas

October 30 Alexis Abston
Kurt Kuzulka

