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Saron United Church of Christ

The Tidings

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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

I love the season of Fall. It is probably, at least in my opinion, the most beautiful season of the four. The colors are so spectacular and vibrant. Still warm, but the cooling of the temperatures, especially at night make for the best sleep. And the smells, oh the smells of Fall! Apple cider, apple and pumpkin pies, and of course Pumpkin Spice everything! Gives me a warm feeling inside. I think God made this season so wonderful because we know what follows it. What comes to mind when you think of Fall?

I like Fall of other reasons as well. One of them is the re-gathering of the community of faith. After a summer of vacations and soaking up the few months of beautiful weather, we regather and reconnect. It was wonderful to see so many people in worship on Welcome Back Sunday. The Sunday School children with their energy and excitement. I loved hearing about what they did over the summer and having them join me for the Children's Time in worship. I don't always understand what they are saying to me, but it excites me that they want to share. Gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship to share a meal and conversation. The room was buzzing as all of our conversations mingled together. This the part of church that I value the most. The relationships and the connections we have with each other.

God gives us these moments, these seasons. So, let's enjoy and cherish them. Let's celebrate our connection to one another and to God. Let us be the people God has created us to be. Let us get about the work God has calls us to do, together.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn

For Your Information

By the decision of the Consistory every family in the congregation will now again be receiving a printed copy of the monthly Tidings.



Thank you to our "Roman Christians" who shared the scriptures with us during our worship series Come to the Table. You made the experience richer for us all.

Sue and Dave Roettger, Joan Laack, Jason Bitter, Jay Grosshuesch, Marian and Jack Jarvis, Jackie and Mairin Jarvis, Daniel Braun, Donna Rautmann, Henry Zimbal, Cole Anhalt, Carrie Nickel, Zach Dulmes, Judy Dumke, Darlene Gumm, Julie Reichert, Judy Glander, Linda Barthels, Logan and Jackson Christy.

A Mission Project For Safe Harbor

Saron's Mission Team would like to thank the Sunday School children for taking on the Safe Harbor Shelter's wish list for snack items needed. They will be doing a Trick or Treat theme for Safe Harbor by placing a bin for their items in the narthex which will allow our members to contribute along with them if so desired.

Some suggestions are: *Pre-packaged individual sized snacks are preferred*

Granola bars	Applesauce pouches
Protein bars	Pretzels
Nuts & Trail mix	Rice Krispies Treats
Mini muffins	Cereal and breakfast bars
Popcorn	Mac & Cheese single serve cups
Regular chips (any flavor)	Pop Tarts
Cookies	Pumpkin or sunflower seeds
Crackers	
Fruit snack pouches	

The collection bin will be in the narthex the month of October thru Sunday, Oct. 29th.

Merlin Schmidt would like to thank you for the plant and card that he received from Saron in honor of his 92nd birthday.



Upcoming Mission Opportunities sponsored by Saron's Mission Team

Below are several opportunities for Saron members to serve the community in the name of Jesus. Please consider supporting one or more of these worthwhile projects.

Immanuel UCC Food Pantry– We encourage Saron members to continue to support this food pantry. With September and October being back to school time, breakfast cereal is the suggested food item to donate for these two months.

Feed My Starving Children–Following the success of last year's work, Saron members will again have the opportunity to assist in mixing ingredients for ready-made meals that are delivered world-wide where there is great need. We have committed to provide 20 volunteers to work on Saturday, October 7 in Sheboygan Falls. Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex

Sheboygan Community Cafe–Saron members can volunteer to serve lunch at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Sheboygan. We are hoping to get 4 people to assist with this from 10:30 AM -2:00 PM on Wed. Oct. 11, Thursday Nov. 9 and Thursday Dec. 14. Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex.

Members of Saron's Mission Team are Darlene Gumm, Jay Grosshuesch, Joan Laack, Kari Mooney, Barb Post and RaeAnn Beebe. Please contact any of these people with your feedback.

You are invited

The United Church Men & Women

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Scholarship Presentation Event

Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**The dinner and program for this event will be held at
St. James UCC, 13312 Pioneer Road, Newton, Wisconsin**

This event will can also be viewed on YouTube

Keynote Speaker

Lisa Hart

**Associate Conference Minister for Faith Formation
and Justice Ministries - Wisconsin Conference UCC**

**Tickets are available for \$18.00 each in the church office until
Sunday October 18th.**

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Marilyn Perronne (at home), Eugene Weiskopf (Field of Dreams Assisted Living, Kiel) Shirley Schmidt (at Song Bird Pond), Merlin Schmidt (at home), Sally Nohl (at Rocky Knoll) Alyce Beeck (at home).....



Wesley Stephan Wagner was born on October 22, 2022, he is the son of Brian & Emily Wagner was baptized at Saron on August 27th 2023....

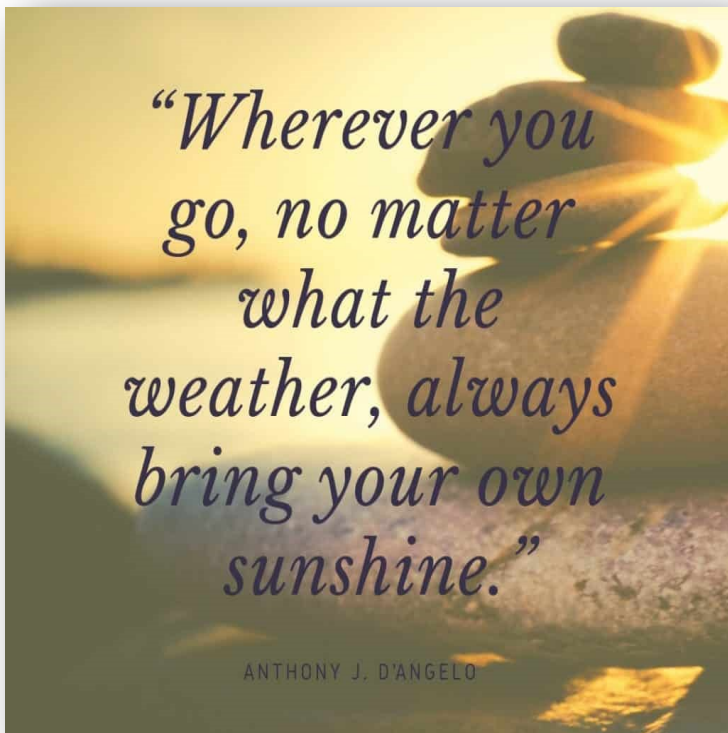


We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Marilyn Heiden wife of Howie, who died on September 12th.....



Ben Lenz
(U.S. Air Force)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)



Dear Members of Saron UCC,

We hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. As we continue to gather and worship together as a community, we want to take a moment to reflect on the importance of stewardship in our church and to make a heartfelt plea for increased involvement and commitment from each and every one of us.

Stewardship is not merely a duty but a sacred responsibility that we bear as members of this faith community. It encompasses far more than financial contributions; it involves our time, talents, and treasures. Stewardship is about nurturing and cultivating the gifts and resources that God has bestowed upon us to advance His kingdom and support the needs of our congregation.

Financial Stewardship: Our church relies on the generous financial contributions of our members to sustain our ministries, maintain our facilities, and support outreach programs that touch the lives of those in need. We implore each of you to prayerfully consider increasing your financial commitment, even if it's a small step, to help us meet our ongoing financial responsibilities.

Time and Talent: Beyond monetary contributions, your time and talents are invaluable assets to our church. Consider volunteering for various church activities, joining ministry, or offering your unique skills to help enhance our worship services and community outreach efforts.

Prayer and Spiritual Stewardship: We must not underestimate the power of prayer. Let us come together in prayer for our church's growth, unity, and spiritual vitality. Your commitment to personal spiritual growth is also a form of stewardship, as it enriches the collective spiritual health of our congregation.

Outreach and Community Engagement: Stewardship extends beyond our church walls. Let us actively engage with our local community and demonstrate God's love through acts of kindness, charity, and service. By being good stewards of our community, we can have a profound impact on those around us.

Generational Stewardship: We must also think about the future of our church. Encourage and involve youth in church activities, passing on the legacy of stewardship and faith to the next generation.

In conclusion, we urge you to reflect on the role of stewardship in your life and in the life of our church. Let us commit ourselves to increased stewardship, knowing that our collective efforts will not only sustain our church but also enable us to make a more significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

Together, we can ensure that our church continues to be a beacon of hope, love, and faith in our community. May God bless you abundantly as you prayerfully consider this plea for increased stewardship.

In Christ's service,

Saron Consistory,

Doug VanHelden (President), Jeff Meinert, Justin Boedecker, David Rautmann, Judy Glander, Barb Post, Linda Barthels.

Treasurer's Report As of August 31, 2023

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 insurance (the items that are included in our line-items budget).

YTD Income \$102,550 YTD expenses \$123,710 **YTD Deficit \$21,600**

For the month of August, there was a net deficit of \$1,621 which increased the year-to-date deficit in our General Fund. Although there is a reserve built up in the general fund, \$21,160 of that reserve has been used for expenses. Please prayerfully consider your support of the daily and weekly vital functions of Saron Church as we go forward through the year.

The **Improvement Fund** supports all maintenance of the buildings and property that is not covered under General Fund expenses. Monies in this fund can be carried over from year to year.

YTD income \$11,755 YTD expenditures \$7,690 (includes final septic bills)

Total Available Fund Balance \$44,812

The major improvement projects of the new roof and the septic system have been paid in full.

Thanks to the generosity of all of you, these costly projects were completed without depleting the Improvement Fund. There are no improvement projects scheduled, so the balance in the fund should cover any emergency issues that might come up.

The **Benevolent 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 \$16,304

Designated Disbursements:

SPARE (minimum of \$1,250 - \$0 designated)

OCWM (\$20,500 commitment - \$14,015 designated, = 68% of commitment)

One Great Hour of Sharing - \$1,295.68

Souper Bowl of Caring (distributed to the Sheboygan County Food Bank) \$464

Strengthen The Church - \$380

Other pass-throughs for special mission offerings and projects are distributed as they are collected throughout the 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 Linda Barthels 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 (920-467-6202 or email adminoffice@saronucc.org).

October 2 Tanner & Olivia Gumm
Linda & Mike Schuler

October 5 Brooke & Bryce Lueck

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

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 Jason & Sara Schnicke

October 18 Steve & Rita Bender
Kyle & Brianna Pennell

October 19 Jon & Tammy Anhalt
Tyler & Erin Gumm

October 20 Jeff & Debbie Meinnert
Alan & 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 (920-467-6202 or email adminoffice@saronucc.org).

October 1 Rachel Zeinemann

October 3 Gayle Holzmann
Barb Post

October 4 Rita Bender
Randy Rautmann
Linda Suemnicht

October 5 Kevin Ress
Zach Williams

October 6 Kari Mooney

October 8 Derrik Duan

October 9 Amber Casadonte
Seth Morse
Vickie Schaaap

October 12 Loraine Barthels

October 13 Aaron Beiter
Renee Greger

October 14 Jackson Christy

October 15 Cindy Kwekkeboom
Marilyn Perronne
Ava Schneider
Stan Strub

October 17 Jay Flegal

October 18 Larry Gumm

October 19 Joanne Howe

October 19 Brooke Lueck
Don Zimmermann

October 20 Richard Herzog
Julie Reichert

October 21 Lauryn Pelnar

October 22 Ava Kwekkeboom
Jennifer McCraw

October 24 William Fitzgerald
Levi Wieck

October 25 Ray Glander
Barb Meinnert

October 27 Emily Gumm

