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Saron United Church of Christ

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Dear Friends and Members of Saron United Church of Christ,

Over the years churches of many denominations, in additions to having creeds and statements of faith, develop Mission Statements which are a reflection of that particular Churches core values. What they are all about! Every once in a while, it is good to revisit them to help us refocus on what for at least a few decades now, Saron UCC has had as our statement of core values. Minor changes have been made to the wording to enhance or clarify, but the message is the same. Please take time to read this slowly and thoughtfully.

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Mission Statement

“Saron United Church of Christ is an active, welcoming community of faith, an embodiment of Christ-like grace and love, which ministers to its members and friends, the community and the world. Building on the example and teachings of Jesus Christ and our heritage of strength, we strive to grow in faith, and are committed to being the body of Christ at work in the world today.”

This says to me that Saron UCC:

We welcome all who come through our doors.

We love and care for one another and all of God’s Children.

We look to Jesus’ example and teachings to guide our lives.

We are proud of the foundations laid for this church by our foremothers and forefathers as something to build on as we move forward.

We will work hard to increase our personal relationship with God.

We will show the love of God to all those we encounter everywhere, especially those in need.

I encourage you to read this often and let its expressed mission become your own personal mission. Dear Lord, may it be so!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Gary

United Church Men and Women Annual Scholarship Banquet

Everyone is invited to attend the annual United Church Men and Women Scholarship Banquet on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 6:30 pm at St. John's UCC, 1248 Lincoln Ave. Sheboygan, WI. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Franz Riegert, the Conference Minister for the WI Conference UCC.



UCMW provides financial support to those who are studying for parish ministry, chaplaincy ministry, and leadership position in the UCC. Financial support to this organization makes it possible for UCMW to award pastoral care grants to active clergy serving in our local congregations, as well as those serving as chaplains. Thanks to the generosity of the UCC churches in our region and financial gifts of many individuals, 3 scholarships were presented at last year's events.

Tickets for this event are available in the Saron Church office or from Barb Post. Cost of each ticket is \$20.00. Payments can be brought to the banquet. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Post at 920-207-4513.

Mission Fest Sunday, October 13!!

A special service to celebrate the mission work Saron has completed in the past and to highlight new opportunities for Saron members to serve Christ in the world.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” Matt. 25:40



Saron UCC Endowment Fund Committee Asks: Did you Know?

Did you know...if you are over 70 1/2, a charitable gift made directly from your IRA can satisfy some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution? Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) are a very tax-efficient way to make a charitable gift.



The Endowment Fund

Please consult your tax advisor. Feel free to contact any member of Saron's Endowment Fund committee members which are: Donna Rautmann, Jack Jarvis, Luke Kweekkeboom, Judy Dumke, or Deb Meinnert.

Saron's Fall Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 26th

8:00 A.M.—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 26th, 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!

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. Soup is the suggested food item to donate for September and October.

Sheboygan Community Cafe— Check the kiosk in the narthex to sign up to help serve lunch at the Community Cafe in Sheboygan. Volunteers work from 10:30AM-2:00PM. Saron has committed to provide 6 volunteers for October 10.

Feed My Starving Children— We are looking for 10 adults to join the confirmands in preparing ready-serve meals that are sent to famine stricken areas throughout the world. The meal preparation is at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 8AM to 10AM. All are welcome!

Members of Saron's Mission Team are Amanda Boedecker, Sara Dassow, Darlene Gumm, Erin Gumm, Brian And Laura Gumm, Jay Grosshuesch, Joan Laack, Kari Mooney and Barb Post. **Be alert for more opportunities to serve Christ in the future! If you are interested in serving on the mission team or have any suggestions or feedback please contact any of these people.**

Treasurer's Update As of August 31, 2024

First and foremost, the Consistory would like to thank you for your generosity. Without your financial support the mission and ministry of Saron United Church of Christ (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 insurance (the items that are included in our line-item budget). Year-to-date (YTD) financial numbers are shown below:

YTD income \$110,443 YTD expenses \$120,270 YTD Deficit \$9,827

Please prayerfully consider your support of the daily and weekly vital functions of Saron Church as we go 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 \$15,812 YTD expenditures \$4,319 (\$4,275 for tree removal)

Total Available Fund Balance \$64,374

The parking lot maintenance project has a budgeted amount of \$25,000 which will be paid through the Improvement Fund. A contract has been signed for this project. There were two special fund-raising events to help support the parking lot project: the cornhole fundraiser netted \$4,292, and the Texas Roadhouse event raised \$157. Thank you for your support of these events.

The **Benevolence Fund** supports the Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) commitment and other mission opportunities, and acts as a pass-through account for the UCC Special Mission Offerings.

YTD income \$8,350

Designated Disbursements:

OCWM (\$20,500 commitment; \$5,789 designated, = 28% of commitment)

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) (\$1,412 paid out in April)

Strengthen The Church (STC) (\$344 to pay out in July)

Souper Bowl of Caring (\$142 received, and sent to the Sheboygan Food Bank)

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.

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Marilyn Perronne (at home), **Eugene Weiskopf** (Sheboygan Community Center, on Cty Y), **Shirley Schmidt** (at Song Bird Pond), **Sally Nohl** (at Rocky Knoll), **Vernon Reichert** (Magnolia Trails at the Waterford), **Gail Federwisch** (Meadowview Nursing Home)....



Special Thanks

Eugene Weiskopf would like to thank everyone for the flowers and card that he received for his Birthday, they really brightened his day.



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 (920-46-6202 or email adminoffice@saronucc.org).

October 2 Tanner & Olivia Gumm
Mike & Linda Schuler

October 20 Jeff & Debbie Meinnert
Allen & Sue Nohl

October 5 Brooke & Bryce Lueck

October 27 Greg & Jessica Herzog

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—50 yrs.
Jamie & Jill Farnum

October 13 Joy & Ann Mitchell-Fessler

October 15 Matt & Amy Miles

October 16 Vern & Sharon Boedecker

October 17 Jason & Sara Schnicke

October 18 Steve & Rita Bender

October 19 Jon & Tamara Anhalt
Tyler & Erin Gumm



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 Daun
Easton Opitz

October 9 Amber Casadonte
Seth Morse
Vicki Schaap

October 12 Lorraine Barthels

October 13 Aaron Beitler
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
Brooke Lueck
Don Zimmermann

October 20 Richard Herzog
Julie Reichert

October 21 Lauryn Pelnar

October 22 Ava Kweekeboom
Jennifer McCraw
Wesley Wagner

October 24 William Fitzgerald
Levi Wieck

October 25 Ray Glander
Barb Meinnert

October 27 Emily Gumm
Jackie Jarvis

October 28 Jordon Rick

October 29 Danika Kaat
Kathy Thomas

October 30 Alexis Abston
Kurt Kuzulka

