

## Saron United Church of Christ

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# The Tidings

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

I was sitting on my porch one Saturday morning reading. One of my most favorite things to do. My porch is a special, sacred space for me. I know the Holy Spirit can always find me there. This particular Saturday it was pretty hot, and the breeze felt good as it cooled things off a little. There were the normal noises – cars driving by, people taking as they walked by, kids playing across the street, dogs barking. Off in the distance there was the sound of church bells ringing. All these sounds creating a sense of calm, of normalcy, of stability, of belonging. Then came a sound I don't hear all that often, the whistle blast of a train's horn. A long, loud blast, warning people of its presence and hopefully stopping them in their tracks. It certainly interrupted my thoughts that morning. I stopped thinking about belonging to a certain place and began to think about the adventure a train could take one on. The newness and excitement of it all.

I am reading a book called *How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season* by Susan Beaumont (no, I wasn't reading this on that Saturday morning). Susan Beaumont defines liminal seasons as "threshold experiences where the continuity of tradition is called into question, and uncertainty about the future fuels doubt." (p. 7) This occurs naturally throughout our lives, but I think in some ways we were thrust into a liminal season by this pandemic. Like that train whistle, it caused us to stop in our tracks, interrupted our way of life. We had to rethink almost everything in our lives. For us in the church particularly, we had to figure out how to do what we do in very different ways – worship, Sunday School, weddings and funerals, and how to care for one another. We did it, but I wonder if we harbored the thought that we would get back to "normal" one day.

What if this is an opportunity for us to go on an adventure? What if this is our time to think outside of the box and envision being church and doing church in whole new ways? Not that we get rid of what was, but that we add to it. There may have been things about what we were doing that were just not working in the way they once did.

This can be an exciting adventure. Let's go on it together. Who knows what we might discover.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn

### Worship Schedule Updates

For the month of September, we will continue with one in-person worship service at 9:30 am. The service will continue to be live streamed to Saron’s YouTube channel.

#### Special Services

**September 13                      Outdoor Dixieland Service                      9:30 am**

Music by the Dixieland Band. Communion will be celebrated.

Social distancing and other COVID precautions will be followed.

Bring your own chairs.

**September 20                      Confirmation Service                      10:30 am**

Weather permitting this service will be held outside for the families of those who were scheduled to be confirmed this past May. In order to maintain social distancing, we ask that only family to attend this service.

### Sunday School

The Board of Christian Education will have met on August 27 to discuss Sunday School in the Fall. Unfortunately, the results of that discussion will not be printed in this issue of The Tidings due to publication deadlines. Please look for updates in Thursday Greetings.

### Update on Septic System Project

As you will recall, in May 2020 we provided the congregation with a copy of the accepted bids from Schwartz Septic, Neumann Plumbing & Heating and KW Electric for replacement of the septic system. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$44,406 (which includes an additional \$5000 above bids for unforeseen expenses). On a monthly basis, we will be providing an update to the congregation on the progress that has been made in funding this project.

Estimated Cost of Project	\$44,406.00
Improvement Fund (earmarked for project)	(\$5,000.00)
Down payment for Church holding tanks.	(\$2,000.00)
Down payment for Church House	\$2,000.00)
Total donations as of 8/11/20	(175.00)
Balance of septic system project	\$35,231.00

If you would like to contribute towards this project, please note in the memo section of your check “Septic System Project”. As shown above, we have earmarked \$5,000 of the funds currently held in the Improvement Fund (\$24,068) for this project and would like to keep the balance for any unforeseen expenses that may arise. However, we will allocate additional funds, if necessary, in Spring 2021 when the balance comes due for the project. We are exploring a variety of fundraising options, however, in the current environment of COVID-19, we feel it would be best to hold off on any type of event until early 2021.

## Treasurer's Update As of July 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    \$102,232                      YTD expenses    \$110,707

Although there is a YTD deficit, Saron currently has a surplus in our General Fund of \$100,419. 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 and acts as a pass-through account for the UCC Special Mission Offerings.

YTD income    \$12,436

Of this total income amount, \$8,895 has been designated to OCWM which is 43% 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 buildings and property that is not covered under General Fund expenses.

YTD income    \$9,041                      YTD expenditures    \$11,274

Current amount in the fund \$24,068

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.

## Blessing of the Backpacks (and the new school year)

For the past few years on Welcome Back Sunday, we have blessed the backpacks for those returning to school. Since we will not be holding worship in the same way this year and not all will be starting school in the same manner, I thought I would provide these prayers so that you can bless your backpacks at home. I think these blessings are particularly important this year and none of us really know what to expect. Know that your church family is thinking of you and praying for you each and every day. These prayers were written by © Traci Smith 2020, all rights reserved.

### A Prayer for Back to School

At the start of the school year, we are beginning something new

New things can be exciting

New things can be scary

New things can be wonderful

New things can be confusing

God, you are always with us

You are with us when things are exciting, or scary, or wonderful, or confusing

You are with us every day

And all the time

God, please help us to feel your presence with us on the first day of school, and every day,

Amen

### A Prayer for Blended Learning

I can learn in many different ways

I can learn at home

I can learn at school

I can learn in both home and school

This year I'll be learning in many different places

Though my body will be in different places, one thing will always stay the same:

No matter where I am, God is with me

No matter where I am, God loves me

No matter where I am, I am God's child

Amen

### A Prayer for Homeschooling

As I start a year of school at home, I pray for all of the things I will learn this year. I pray for my teachers and family members. (Sometimes my teachers are my family members!) Help us all on this journey. May we be kind and do our very best, Amen.





Thank you to everyone who contributed money to replace the tree's that we had cut down last year. We are able to plant five new tree's on the volleyball court area, east of the parking lot. They will be planted in the next two weeks.

Those who are homebound or in care centers: Janet Klemme (Pine Haven, on Haven Drive), 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).....



We extend Our Christian Sympathy to the: Family of Saron member Audrey Laack, who died on August 8, 2020 (Carl Laack's & Mary Albright's Mother) and whose funeral was held on August 13, 2020....and to the Family of Albert (Willie) Versch (Starr Boldt's Father) who died on August 21, 2020.....



Congratulations to Haley Rautmann and Jackson Wimpler who were married here at Saron on August 1st, 2020.



Ben Lenz  
(U.S. Air Force)

Christopher Kletzien  
(U.S. Army)



**TODAY**  
WILL NEVER COME AGAIN.  
*Be a blessing.*  
**Be a friend.**  
*Encourage someone.*  
**Take Time To Care.**  
**Let your words heal,  
and not wound.**

**EVERY DAY  
MAY NOT BE  
GOOD...  
BUT THERE IS  
SOMETHING  
GOOD IN  
EVERY DAY.**

**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](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)).

- September 1 Don & Danielle Zimmermann
- September 7 Todd & Kim Havlinek
- September 8 Pete & Sara Christy  
Wade & Abby Sebald
- September 9 Jay & Gloria Flegal
- September 10 Randy & Connie Sixel
- September 11 Kristi & Willy Belcher  
Ray & Judy Glander  
Eric & Katie Haas—10 yrs.
- September 12 Scott & Tracy Wilke
- September 13 Carl & Joan Laack— 45 yrs.
- September 14 Matt & Julie Dulmes  
Michael & Lindsay Rick
- September 15 Ralph & Barb Sebald
- September 16 Tom & Gloria Kanzelberger
- September 18 Jody & Steve Biederwolf
- September 19 Al & Sue Blasel  
Don & Lois Herzog  
Eugene & Helen Rautmann
- September 20 Chuck & Brittany Kaiser
- September 21 Claude & Sarah Gonzales
- September 23 Brian & Lisa Schneider
- September 24 Lloyd & Sharon Feldmann  
Duane & Jamie Hitsman
- September 25 Jerry & Marie Henning—55 yrs.
- September 27 Bryan & Brittney Mauk



**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](mailto:barb@saronucc.org)).

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| September 1  | Lydia Albright<br>Jacob DeHart                                   | September 22 | Jayden Mauk<br>Melissa Reichwald<br>Elsa Schuette<br>Haley Zimmermann |
| September 3  | Devin Gardapee<br>Teri Strub                                     | September 23 | Marie Henning<br>Carol Scheionha                                      |
| September 4  | Keith Beeck  | September 25 | Tyler Gumm<br>Jamie Hitsman<br>Scott Milz                             |
| September 5  | Steve Casadonte  | September 26 | Mike Beeck<br>Brian Kaat  |
| September 8  | Gordon Feldmann<br>Kathy Roehl                                   | September 27 | Ryan Harper<br>Shelly Hollingsworth<br>Paul Williams                  |
| September 9  | Julie Dulmes   | September 29 | Jeremy Hanke<br>Ben Nickel  |
| September 10 | Derek Kaat   | September 30 | Keith Henning<br>Cameron McGee  |
| September 12 | Dawn Giraldo<br>Hudson Wagner                                    |              |   |
| September 13 | Brittany Kaiser  |              |   |
| September 14 | Oliver Dicke<br>Lee Post<br>Merlin Schmidt<br>Judy Schmitz       |              |   |
| September 15 | Joleen Kwekkeboom  |              |   |
| September 16 | Nicki Decker   |              |   |
| September 17 | Brevan Harper<br>Vicky Verhage                                   |              |   |
| September 18 | Sara Dassow  |              |   |
| September 19 | Courtney Booth<br>Don Herzog<br>Josh Imig                        |              |   |
| September 20 | Karen Boeldt<br>Faith Charbonneau<br>Seth Conery<br>Isabel Wieck |              |   |
| September 21 | Don Coller   |              |   |



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### Saron United Church of Christ

**Job Title:** Office Administrator  
**Reports To:** Pastor  
**FLSA Status:** Nonexempt  
**Classification:** Part-time (Approximately 30 hours per week)  
**Date Revised:** August 3, 2020  
**File Name:** Office Admin Job Description.doc

#### SUMMARY

Under the direction of the Pastor, provide administrative and clerical support to the staff, programs and ministries of Saron United Church of Christ.

#### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Answer phone calls, respond to emails and voicemail messages.
- Operate and maintain general office equipment such as computer, copier, calculator, fax machine, etc.
- Prepare, proofread and/or reproduce documents and correspondence including bulletins, weekly and periodic email communications, special church services, weddings, annual meeting materials, Consistory binders, Confirmation class communications, correspondence, notices, and other communications for various church groups, and others as necessary.
- Assist pastor in coordinating schedules, planning services, and delegating tasks to appropriate group or individual when necessary.
- Prepare for church services by producing and organizing PowerPoint presentations, stocking pews with visitor envelopes, etc.
- Produce and distribute schedules for nursery volunteers, ushers, acolytes, and other volunteers as needed and/or as requested by Pastor.
- Maintain contracts and paperwork for internet and phone service.
- Maintain inventory and order supplies for staff, Sunday School, and other groups as necessary.
- Maintain all official church records including marriages, baptisms, confirmations, membership, funerals.
- Prepare annual reports for Wisconsin Conference UCC.
- Update outdoor church sign with current events and times of worship.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Perform other tasks and responsibilities as requested by the Pastor or Consistory.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

#### EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE

High school diploma required. A Certificate or Associate's Degree from a 2-year technical school preferred, but not required. Experience in an office helpful.

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**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Ability to read, comprehend and interpret documents such as procedure manuals, operating and maintenance instructions, contracts. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to effectively present information in one-on-one and small group situations to members, vendors and other employees of the organization.

**MATHEMATICAL SKILLS**

Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percents.

**REASONING ABILITY**

Ability to apply commonsense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagram form. Ability to deal with problems involving several variables in standardized situations.

**CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS**

None required.

**OTHER SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

Ability to use computer, calculator, copy machine, and telephone system. Familiarity with Microsoft Office, Servant Keeper & Constant Contact helpful.

Ability to get along with many people, to maintain awareness of what is occurring in the life of the church, and to remain impartial about the way the church carries out its business.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of the job, the employee is frequently required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls, talk and hear. The employee frequently is required to stand and walk. The employee is occasionally required to sit, reach with hands and arms, climb, stoop, and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The noise level in the work environment ranges from quiet to moderate.