

The Tidings

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"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humble with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

I have thought often of this passage over the last few weeks. As the number of protests over things people strongly believe in have increased or at least it seems that way. As posts on social media in particular declare an either/or position on almost anything. As acts of compassion and kindness, of people looking out for one another don't seem as prevalent as they did at the beginning of this pandemic. I find myself reflecting on this passage from the prophet Micah.

It helps to read all of chapter 6 in Micah (or the entire book for that matter). As prophets almost always do, Micah starts out with judgment then moves to hope. He points out all that God has done for the people throughout their history (6:3-5) and then moves to what is expected of the people in return (6:6-8). Of course, the people want what is easy – burnt offering, livestock, oil, their first born. But through the prophet, God says, "I don't want any of those things. What I want is for you to 'do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.'" It isn't our piety, our sacrifices or the way we perform or participate in worship, it is how we live our everyday lives.

Things are pretty chaotic right now. But as the people of God we are called to work for fairness and equality for all people, especially the weak and powerless who are easily exploited by others, to reach out in love and compassion, and to remember we walk with God, putting God first in our lives.

I am sharing this quote from Steven Charleston, Native American elder and retired Episcopal bishop of Alaska, with you as I think it summarized Micah 6:8 very well. Use it to reflect on your own life of faith.

"Now is the moment for which a lifetime of faith has prepared you. All of those years of prayer and study, all of the worship services, all of the time devoted to a community of faith: it all comes down to this, this sorrowful moment when life seems chaotic and the anarchy of fear haunts the thin borders of reason. Your faith has prepared you for this. It has given you the tools you need to respond: to proclaim justice while standing for peace. Long ago the Spirit called you to commit your life to faith. Now you know why. You are a source of strength for those who have lost hope. You are a voice of calm in the midst of chaos. You are a steady light in days of darkness. The time has come to be what you believe."

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn

Helping Kids School Supply Drive 2020

At the moment we have no idea how the school year will begin but being prepared for anything has become our moto. Helping Kids is preparing by collecting school supplies for kids whose families are unable to afford to purchase them. Below is a list of needed supplies or a monetary donation can be made to Sheboygan Falls School District (put Helping Kids in the memo line). Supplies will be accepted through the end of August. You can place your donations in the red tote by the back door of church and we will make sure they get to Helping Kids. Checks can be sent to the church and we will forward them to Helping Kids. You have been so generous in your giving to this organization in the past and your continued generosity is appreciated.

School Supplies Needed

Backpacks	Scissors (small kids blunt tip)
Colored Pencils	Wide Rule Loose Leaf Paper
Highlighters	Scissors (big kids med/lg)
Pens (Black, Blue, & Red)	Ear Buds (Kids 5th & Up)
Plastic Coated 2 Pocket Folders	3 Subject Notebooks (wide rule)
12" Ruler	Headphones (Kids 5K-4th)
Elmer's Glue Sticks	Composition Notebooks
24 ct. Box Crayons	7 Pocket Plastic Accordion Folders
Post It Notes - 3x3	3x5 or 4x6 Ruled Index Cards
Washable Watercolor Paints	Expo Dry Erase Markers—(Black Lg. point)
#2 Pencils	Trapper Keepers High School Students
8 oz. Elmer's Glue (No colored or gels)	Expo Dry Erase Markers (fine point)
Pencil Pouches (older kids)	Kleenex
1" - 3 Ring Binders	Washable Markers (Fine point & Lg. point)
Pencil Boxes (5K - 4th)	Ziploc Bags (qt., gal., & sandwich)
School Planners (for HS kids)	1 Subject Notebooks (Wide Ruled)
Pink Erasers	1 Subject Notebooks (College Ruled)
Pencil Sharpener w/cover	Paper 2 Pocket Folders



Congratulations!

On June 12, **Rev. Arlan Schlundt** celebrated his 60th anniversary as an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Arlan graduated from Eden Seminary on June 10, 1960 and was then ordained at his home church St. John's UCC in Michigan City, IN. He served churches in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin before retiring. Prior to entering Elmhurst College, Arlan served in the US Army in Korea. We extend our heartfelt love to you Arlan and pray for God's continued blessings.

Kari Mooney finished the two-year Lay Academy Faith Formation program. She joins many others of you who have participated in Lay Academy from Saron.

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) **Audrey Laack** (Songbird Pond, Plymouth) **Eugene Weiskopf** (Field of Dreams Assisted Living, Kiel).....



We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Clarice Matzdorf (**Ron Matzdorf's Mother** and **Wendy Mauk's Grandmother** who died on July 6th... and to the family of Keith Long (**Kevin Fleck's Brother**) who died on July 14th....

Ben Lenz
(U.S. Air Force)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)



The Bookmobile's Scheduled Visits At Saron

The Bookmobile makes a stop at Saron twice monthly which is free to anyone. You will find them in the church parking lot on August 5th and the 19th from 2:15 - 2:45 p.m. Please consider using this wonderful resource which is provided to us.



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).

- August 1 Roger & Alice Thomas
- August 3 Lee & Barb Post
- August 4 Brian & Debbie Rautmann—30 yrs.
- August 5 Heather & Adam Jankus
Dave & Janice Morse—25 yrs.
- August 6 Steve & Amber Casadonte—15 yrs.
- August 10 Dale & Vicky Verhage
- August 12 Amy & Tyler Kober
Bryan & Lois Rick—20 yrs.
- August 14 Mike & Cheryl Walsh
- August 16 Arlan & Sharon Schlundt
- August 17 Bill & Janine Gardapee
- August 19 Mitchell & Ashley Schmidt
- August 21 Brian & Laura Gumm
Mark & Marci Post
- August 22 Ashley & Jeremy Guell
- August 23 Sara & Dan Skeris
- August 24 Meghan & Steve Kallas
- August 25 Courtney & Tyler Amborn
- August 26 Ron & Vicki Imig
- August 27 Nathan & Sara Dassow—15 yrs.
- August 28 Gary & Jane Hanke
- August 29 Amber & Jacob Meyer—5 yrs.
- August 31 Adam & Stephanie Konz



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).

August 1 Cody Pike

August 2 Andrew Boll
Ruby Feldmann
Cindy Schuler

August 3 Dan Albright
Verla Peichl
Sharon Schlundt

August 4 Vernon Boedecker
Gloria Flegal
Sandy Herzog
Mitchell Nelson
Karianne Nyhof
Cheryl Walsh

August 5 Miranda Boll
Lou Meinnert
Kennidy Pelnar
Roger Thomas

August 6 Janice Curtiss
Chris Frazier
Nancy Weinberger

August 7 Nancy Fritz
Loretta Kwekkeboom

August 9 David Johanning
Brian Rautmann
Eric Roehl

August 10 Julie Fitzgerald
Peral McCraw

August 11 Jennifer Beltran
Amber Meyer

August 12 Tim Chisholm

August 13 Sharon Feldmann
Peggy Lubach
Ann Mitchell-Fessler

August 14 Liam Kober

August 15 Bonnie Post
Reed Miller
Heath Taylor

August 16 Don Klemme

August 17 Walter Zimbald

August 19 Jill Adamavich
Tom Beittler

August 21 Elizabeth Barthels
Kyle Pennell

August 23 Linda Barthels
Tracy Beeck
Marvin Boedecker
Miles Hanke
Kaedin Roethel

August 25 Kyle Mauk
Ben Nyhof
Justin Schneider
Cole Suemnicht

August 27 Donna Rautmann

August 29 Xander Dassow
Jeff Hanke
Sally Nohl

August 29 Bryce Holzmann

August 30 Justin Boedecker
Tom Kanzelberger
Diane Voelker

August 31 Joan Laack
Scott Reichert

