

THE TIDINGS

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“Blessed are the flexible ... for they shall not get bent out of shape.”

Sign at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS

I think I have referenced this saying a few times already, but boy does it apply to our lives right now! Flexibility is the name of the game. We can plan things but have to be open to the possibility that they will need to be changed. At first, we thought Safer at Home was only going to last a few weeks and then we would be able to gather for worship, the kids would go back to school, and business would go on as usual. But then it was extended through April and now through the end of May at least.

I know many of you have had to cancel long anticipated vacations and family events just as I have. At Saron we have had to cancel Congregational Meetings, and postpone Confirmation, and Graduation Sunday and worship services moved on-line. Our lives have been altered in ways we never imagined they would be. We have had to adapt on the fly and have continued to adapt. We wonder if we can do any more adapting. We wonder when it will all end. We get restless and frustrated. I am right there with you. This hasn't been easy and the light at the end of the tunnel is dim.

But there is a light. There is always a light. And if we hang in there together the light will get brighter and brighter. The light of the resurrection surrounds us, we just have to look for it and recognize it in ways we never imagined we would. We have to be flexible even when we think we can bend no further.

One thing this time apart has shown me, is how resilient and creative people are. The ways you have found to connect with friends and family. The ways you have helped others connect with the worshipping community. The ways you have kept your spirits up and spread the love of God to those around you. The ways you have encouraged and supported one another. The ways you have been the visible body of Christ.

We may be bent, but we are not broken. We may not look exactly the same as we did before all of this, but we will still be recognizable. While we may be tired of hearing “we are all in this together,” we are and together we will get through it stronger than we were before.

You are all in my thoughts and in my prayers. I cannot wait until we are able to worship together in the same place, but I am willing to be patient so that when it happens, we are all safe. I am only a phone call or email away. Let me know what you need from me. Thank you for your prayers and your support of me and the ministry we do at Saron.

Blessings,

Pastor RaeAnn

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LOOKING AHEAD:

We want to honor our graduates again this year but are unsure of when that will be. Please let us know if you have a high school or college graduate. We will keep you posted on the date. Thank you!



Strengthen the Church
Special Mission Offering

The Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the shared commitment of all settings of the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. This offering embodies the wisdom, **“together we grown stronger.”**

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The Strengthen the Church Offering is one of the four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. Saron will receive the Strengthen the Church offering at a future date to be determined.

Thank you to Pastor RaeAnn and Saron friends for prayers and cards sent after my recent surgery. They are all very much appreciated.

Chris Herzog



Those who are homebound or in care centers: Janet Klemme (Pine Haven), Joyce Riviers (Pine Haven Assisted Living Rm 315, at the Giddings Ave. Campus) Ilene Struve (Rocky Knoll, Rm 287), Beverly Kleinhans (Rocky Knoll) Marilyn Perronne (at home), Helen Peichl (at home) Mickey Glander (Sheboygan Senior Community, Rm 404) Audrey Laack (Songbird Pond, Plymouth).....



Thinking of you...

Please remember to keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

Brooke Rose Zimmermann was baptized at her home on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020, by Pastor RaeAnn. Brooke is the daughter of Don & Danielle Zimmermann and the sister of Haley & Ethan.



Ben Lenz
(U.S Air Force)

Christopher Kletzien
(U.S. Army)



We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family of Judy Born (**Jack Jarvis' sister**) who passed away on March 5, 2020; to the family if Thomas Schnell (**Dorene Hanke's brother**) who passed away on March 4, 2020; to the family of Scott Athorp (**Kurt Athorp's brother**) who passed away on March 29, 2020; and to the family of Bernice Ubbelohde (**Glenn Ubbelohde's mother**) who passed away on April 9, 2020.

Sympathy



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 email barb@saronucc.org).

May 2 Scott & Michelle Stache

May 10 Heidi & Dave Baumann
Ricky & Nancy Decker—40 yrs.
Josh & Jill Imig

May 12 Jason & Erin Hanke

May 13 Mike & Jill Adamavich—20 yrs.

May 14 Ed & Jessica Schmidt

May 19 Tom & Melissa Roth—30 yrs.

May 21 Terry & Diane Kaestner Provencher



May 24 Larry & Darlene Gumm
Ron & Lois Roehl

May 25 David & Roberta Coppersmith—35 yrs.
Karla & Chris Kletzien
Nicole Nohl & Kevin Ress
Jerry & Mary Jo Quilling—40 yrs.

May 26 Brian & Becky Charbonneau—20 yrs.
Richard & Sandy Herzog

May 30 Dan & Mary Albright

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 email barb@saronucc.org).

May 1 Lauren Rabe

May 2 Chick Kaiser
Doug Van Helden

May 3 Royce Booth

May 4 Lola Kober

May 5 Scott Greger
Hayden Hanke
Jason Schnicke

May 6 Chris Booth

May 7 Ben Holzmann

May 8 Connie Sixel
Keith Steiger

May 9 Michael Leu

May 10 Daniel Leu

May 11 Grace Baumann
Sara Feldmann
Lois Rick Knowles

May 12 Donna Kaat
Judy Ryan

May 13 Shar Meyer

May 14 Doug Daun
Nathan Doebert

May 15 Jim Hanke
Jack Hanke

May 16 Terry Boeldt
Koralyn Kuzulka
Jim Rabe

May 17 Brandon Beeck
Laura Bunke
Jackson Imig
Wally Knopp

May 18 Mitchell Schmidt

May 20 Paxton Fleck
Helen Peichl

May 21 Abby Charbonneau
Skeeter De Groff

May 22 Debbie Meinnert

May 24 Harper Kaiser
Wendy Mauk

May 26 Steve Milz
Deanna Milz
David Thomas

May 27 Alex Nyhof

May 28 Jay Grosshuesch
Braxton Mauk

May 29 Tyler Kober

May 30 Ashley Schmidt

May 31 Erlinda Beebe
Art Lammers
Wade Sebald

