

CHURCH CHAT

It is the mission and purpose of Somers Community United Church of Christ to study and seek the will of God and to transform our understanding into action.



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Monday, Tuesday,

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9:00pm - 3:00 pm



Today a new president was sworn in during one of the most divisive times in our nation. We have spent the last year trying to figure out how to live in close proximity with some of our loved one and how to physically distance ourselves from others. As January morphs over into February, my annual Valentines Day Teddy Bear from my husband has already found its place among those from years past.

I had thoughts about love running through my mind as I wrote this page; not just warm and fuzzy teddy bear thoughts about love...but thoughts about how those who stormed the capitol are going to love and be loved by those who cheered the new president this morning. I thought of these words —in the Message Paraphrase of the Bible — as I thought of the challenges that we face together. They are from 1 Corinthians 13 (the Great Love Chapter of the Bible)

Love never gives up.

Love cares more for others than for self

Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

Love doesn't strut,

Doesn't have a swelled head,

Doesn't force itself on others,

Isn't always "me first,"

Doesn't fly off the handle,

Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,

Doesn't revel when others grovel,

Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,

Puts up with anything,

Trusts God always,

Always looks for the best,

Never looks back,

But keeps going to the end.

May God help us and bless us as strive to live into these words.

# February

| February Birthdays |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2                  | Patricia Swartz    |
| 3                  | William Summers Jr |
| 5                  | Eleanor Thompson   |
| 22                 | Maureen Schauer    |

*NOTE: If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know.*


| Scripture Readings                                                       |                                                                                       |
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| <b>February 7</b><br><i>Communion</i><br><i>Annual</i><br><i>Meeting</i> | Isaiah 40: 21-31<br>Psalms 147: 1-100, 20c<br>1 Corinthians 9: 16-23<br>Mark 1: 29-39 |
| <b>February 14</b>                                                       | 2 Kings 2: 1-12<br>Psalms 50: 1-6<br>2 Corinthians 4: 3-6<br>Mark 9: 2-9              |
| <b>February 21</b>                                                       | Genesis 9: 8-17<br>Psalms 25: 1-10<br>1 Peter 3: 18-22<br>Mark 1: 9-15                |
| <b>February 28</b>                                                       | Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16<br>Psalms 22: 23-31<br>Romans 4: 13-25<br>Mark 8: 31-38        |

*"The three most important things to have are Faith, Love and Hope. But the greatest of them is ...."*



*1 Corinthians 13:13*

| Sunday      |           |               |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|
|             | Liturgist | Altar Flowers |
| February 7  | NONE      | NONE          |
| February 14 | NONE      | NONE          |
| February 21 | NONE      | NONE          |
| February 28 | NONE      | NONE          |



**Remember Your Offerings**

If you would like to mail your offering:  
Somers United Church of Christ  
PO Box 183  
Somers WI 53171



This year's ANNUAL MEETING will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, February 7th**. There will be NO potluck luncheon this year. Hope to see you there!! (If snow day rescheduled to Sunday, February 14th.)



## Breakfast & Books

Come and gather with us for the next Breakfast & Books (B & B) on March 27th at 9:30 am in the Narthex. Due to the virus we will only be doing coffee, social distancing, and mask wearing. The book we will be discussing is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. Shirley Mandernack will lead the discussion. Any questions please contact Bonnie at 262-654-1612.



We would like to thank everyone who donated mittens, hats, scarves, and socks. We donated them to Shalom Center, and a person in the community who give items to the homeless in the area. The groups really appreciated them. THANK YOU!



Men's Breakfast will be cancelled at this time due to the pandemic.



## Meditation on Letting Go during the Lent Season

As we begin our journey through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. And like any well-prepared traveler, we confess that we want to pack our bags to make sure we are comfortable for our 6-week journey. But Ash Wednesday is about leaving baggage behind and braving the unknown carrying nothing but the mark of God's beloved.

In this vulnerable place, we confess that we want to be surrounded by all of the things that make us feel better about ourselves, including things we think that God needs in order to love us.

And yet God whispers to us that we are made in the divine image and that faithfulness to that knowledge is all we need for the journey of life.

So let us ponder what it is that we may let go of this Lent, in order to help us hear more clearly the stories of Jesus' extravagant love for all, and to follow him more bravely and confidently.

*We invite you to take art supplies and create images of what you want to let go of this Lent.*

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# Food Pantry

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We have been open since June 2nd and our clients are slowly coming back. So once again I am asking you, the congregation of Somers Church for your donations of food items that are printed below. As I said before if you cannot shop nor do not want to shop just make a check payable to “**Somers United Church of Christ**” and mark on it “**Food Pantry**” and I will do the shopping for you.

As for diapers, please do not bring in diapers / wipes for we have children who are allergic to certain name brands and I have to be careful what I give out. But if you would like to give monetary donations to the diapers ministry, write a check payable to the church and mark on it for “**Diaper Ministry**”.

***FYI: Also a reminder that you can get credit for your donations and put it on your statement when you turn in the receipts.***

***KIND DEEDS CHANGE LIVES. THANK YOU.***

Bonnie Curnes, Project Manager

## **FOOD ITEMS (\*\*food items we use the most)**

\*\*Toilet Paper

\*\*Paper Towels

\*\*Snack Pudding Cups

\*\*Spaghetti Sauce

\*\*Mac & Cheese

\*\*Spaghetti noodles

\*\*Pop Tarts

\*\*Jelly / Jams (Strawberry, Grape or Raspberry)

\*\*Cereal (kid's cereal)

\*\*Soup

\*\*Saltine Crackers

\*\*Elbow macaroni

\*\*Fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce, mandarin oranges (not lite)



Just a reminder, if the weather gets bad and it is dangerous to travel, there's a possibility church may be cancelled. You can find cancellation information on Channels 4,6 and 12. Information will also be posted on our Facebook page.



# February



| Sun                                                                      | Mon | Tue                                  | Wed                                                                                                                               | Thu | Fri                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|                                                                          | 1   | 2<br><br>2:00 pm Diaper<br>Ministry  | 3                                                                                                                                 | 4   | 5                                                                                                                                                                       | 6   |
| 7 <i>Communion</i><br>10:15 am<br>Worship<br>/11:15 am<br>Annual Meeting | 8   | 9<br><br>2:00 pm Diaper<br>Ministry  | 10                                                                                                                                | 11  | 12                                                                                                                                                                      | 13  |
| 14<br>10:15 am<br>Worship                                                | 15  | 16<br><br>2:00 pm Diaper<br>Ministry | 17 <i>Ash<br/>Wednesday</i>                                                                                                       | 18  | 19                                                                                                                                                                      | 20  |
| 21<br>10:15 am<br>Worship                                                | 22  | 23<br><br>2:00 pm Diaper<br>Ministry | 24                                                                                                                                | 25  | 26                                                                                                                                                                      | 27  |
| 28<br>10:15 am<br>Worship                                                |     |                                      | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Service Team #3<br/>Co-chairs: Liz Borger &amp;<br/>Mary Rossi</p> </div> |     | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Dates and times are subject<br/>to change, call the church or<br/>check the website for<br/>updates.</p> </div> |     |