

# 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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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



Mardi Gras was blanketed with the harshest snowstorm of the season, and Ash Wednesday was without worship and without ashes. Still Lent has officially begun. I want to share a reflection with you from the book Imagining the Word Volume 1 here:

Lent is a journey, for both the church and individuals, of intense self-examination, of penitence for alienation from God and one's fellow creatures, and for preparation for restoration. The season is focused on a journey in which one realizes the complete gift of Jesus Christ for others. It is a journey that requires facing the cross. As the season approaches its climax, it is remembered that Jesus was determined to complete his mission and that he suffered greatly. Finally he gave himself in complete trust to God as he submitted to crucifixion. In the Crucifixion rests the basis for claiming that indeed he was what he taught. When Jesus prayed on the cross that God would forgive his executioners and those who betrayed him, he exhibited the complete union of himself with that central characteristic of God, unqualified love.

To confront that complete and unqualified love is to be judged as one falls short of it. Yet, as those who betrayed or left Jesus return, they are forgiven, even as contemporary followers seek that same forgiveness and restoration.

To Easter there are no shorter routes. One passes through and remembers that the Last Supper and Crucifixion precede the victory of Easter.



| March Birthdays     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 4                   | John McKenzie          |
| 9                   | Susan Goldsmith        |
| 11                  | Thomas Rossi           |
| 20                  | Ron Birchell           |
| 21                  | Jack Swartz            |
| 21                  | Barbara Dinges         |
| 25                  | Dennis Curnes          |
| March Anniversaries |                        |
| 1                   | Lowell & Norene Charon |

| Scripture Readings                                                            |                                                                                 |
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| <b>March 7</b><br><i>Communion</i>                                            | Exodus 20: 1-7<br>Psalms 19<br>1 Corinthians 1: 18-25<br>John 2: 13-22          |
| <b>March 14</b><br><i>Daylight Saving</i><br><i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i> | Numbers 21: 4-9<br>Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22<br>Ephesians 2: 1-10<br>John 3: 14-21 |
| <b>March 21</b>                                                               | Jeremiah 31: 31-34<br>Psalms 51: 1-12<br>Hebrews 5: 5-10<br>John 12: 20-33      |
| <b>March 28</b><br><i>Palm Sunday</i>                                         | Isaiah 50: 4-9a<br>Psalms 31: 9-16<br>Philippians 2: 5-11<br>Mark 14: 1—15: 47  |

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



**Spring Forward!**  
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on **Sunday, March 14th.**

| Sunday          |           |                        |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|
|                 | Liturgist | Altar Flowers          |
| <b>March 7</b>  | NONE      | NONE                   |
| <b>March 14</b> | NONE      | NONE                   |
| <b>March 21</b> | NONE      | DENNIS & BONNIE CURNES |
| <b>March 28</b> | NONE      | PALM SUNDAY            |



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



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.



## **Breakfast & Books**

Breakfast & Books (B & B) next gathering will be **Saturday, March 27th at 9:30 am.** We will be discussing the book ***“The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek”*** by **Kim Michele Richardson**. Shirley Mandernack will lead the discussion. Due to the virus we will only be doing coffee, social distancing, mask wearing. Any questions please contact Bonnie at 262-654-1612.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have made a change in our book selection for the July 24th get together. The book ***“Leonard and Hungary Paul”*** by Ronan Hession that was our selection for that day has been **CHANGED TO** ***“The Winemaker’s Wife”*** by Kristin Harmel.

### **Somers Community United Church of Christ Annual Meeting—February 7, 2021**

Present: Norene Charon; Bryan Chung; Gloria Chubriilo; Doug Coleman; Bonnie Curnes; Dennis Curnes; Don Dinges; Barbara Dinges; Joyce Duesing; Kent Duesing; Jane Fahey ; Pastor Kathy Gloff; Susan Goldsmith; Char Laba; LeRoy Johnson; Mary Rossi

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Curnes, Moderator, at 11:05 AM. Pastor Kathy offered an opening prayer. Jane F. made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Doug C. and approved. Jane F. made a motion to approve the slate of officers and committee members as published in the annual report. It was seconded by Kent D. and approved. LeRoy J. made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting. Gloria C. seconded the motion, and it was approved.

**2021 Proposed Budget:** Dennis presented the 2021 budget. Amounts spent in 2020 were also included. Discussion of the Lawn Care line item was held. As a result of explanation and discussion the Pilgrim Heritage Fund (PHF) will again cover the cost of lawn care in 2021. The line item will be removed from the budget.

The Choir Music line will be changed to General Music. Our choir has not been active for much of 2020 due to Covid 19. Special musical presentations have been arranged by Bryan Chung.

Gloria C. made a motion to accept the amended 2021 budget with the approved changes. Bonnie C. seconded the motion, and it was approved.

**2020 Annual Report:** Kent D. made the motion to approve the annual report. Susan G. seconded the motion, and it was approved.

**New Business:** Dennis C. reported that with the coming of spring, changes will be made related to the landscape of our property. He has talked with Mary Rossi about plants for the east side of building. He has also asked Dick Swartz to work-up a quote for the church.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectively submitted,  
Charlotte Laba

# Food Pantry

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)**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| **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                                |
| <b>**Fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce, mandarin oranges (not lite)</b> |                                                 |



One Great Hour of Sharing, part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in crisis. The OGHS supports sustainable development and refugee need internationally and provides disaster relief and immigration assistance in the United States. The UCC supports international development initiatives, including annual support for missionaries. The offering also funds disaster preparedness and response, and disaster-related volunteer initiative in the U.S.

The theme for the 2021 One Great Hour of Sharing special offering is “Let Love Flow” The theme, based on Isaiah 49: 30 “Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty, shade from the sun, shelter from the wind. For the Compassionate One guides them takes them to the best springs.”

**One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday, March 14th**



| Sun                                                                                           | Mon | Tue                                  | Wed | Thu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fri | Sat                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                               | 1   | 2<br><b>2:00 pm</b> Diaper Ministry  | 3   | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5   | 6                                         |
| <b>7 Communion</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship                                              | 8   | 9<br><b>2:00 pm</b> Diaper Ministry  | 10  | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 12  | 13                                        |
| <b>14 Turn Clocks Ahead</b><br><b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship | 15  | 16<br><b>2:00 pm</b> Diaper Ministry | 17  | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 19  | 20                                        |
| <b>21</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship                                                       | 22  | 23<br><b>2:00 pm</b> Diaper Ministry | 24  | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 26  | 27<br><b>9:30 am</b><br>Breakfast & Books |
| <b>28 Palm Sunday</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship                                           | 29  | 30<br><b>2:00 pm</b> Diaper Ministry | 31  | <div data-bbox="1105 1671 1524 1766" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>Service Team #1 Co-chairs</b><br/> <b>Char Laba and Jennifer Swartz</b> </div> <div data-bbox="1008 1797 1537 1871" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</b> </div> |     |                                           |