

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.



June 2021



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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



On Memorial Day Weekend, we remembered and gave thanks for the church members who have gone from earthly life to eternal life in the past two years (COVID 19 church closure kept us from having our observance last year, so we included those members this year as well).

As many of you know, I lost one of my dearest friends to cancer in November of 2020. Her memorial service was held on Mother's Day Weekend of this year. Another one of my close friends—Becky—slipped an envelope into my hand after the service. In the envelope was a dragonfly keychain and a card. The card was from a group called "The Dragonfly Project".

On the back of the card was information about The Dragonfly Project: "Anne Marquardt Brooker created The Dragonfly Project, a nonprofit corporation, in February of 2002 when she was 11 years old. She wanted to help those who have had a friend or family member die."

On the inside of the card was the following story as told by Walter Dudley Cavert (and a beautiful drawing of a dragonfly, of course).

*"In the bottom of an old pond lived some grubs who could not understand why none of their group ever came back after crawling up the stems of the lilies to the top of the water. They promised each other that the next one who was called to make the upward climb would return and tell what happened to him. Soon one of them felt an urgent impulse to seek the surface; he rested himself on the top of a lily pad and went through a glorious transformation which made him a dragonfly with beautiful wings. In vain he tried to keep his promise. Flying back and forth over the pond, he peered down at his friends below. Then he realized that even if they could see him they would not recognize such a radiant creature as one of their number. The fact that we cannot see our friends or communicate with them after the transformation, which we call death, is no proof that they cease to exist."*

For more information about The Dragonfly Project, contact them at PO Box 19264 Minneapolis, MN 55419 or check their website: [www.dragonflyproject.org](http://www.dragonflyproject.org).





| June Birthdays     |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 11                 | Cathy Rossi               |
| 12                 | Mary Rossi                |
| 13                 | Patti Stolfi              |
| 25                 | Norene Charon             |
| June Anniversaries |                           |
| 3                  | Joe & Char Laba           |
| 12                 | Richard & Patricia Swartz |

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

| Scripture Readings                    |                                                                                                        |
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| <b>June 6</b><br><i>Communion</i>     | 1 Samuel 8: 4-11 (12-15), 16-20, (11: 14-15)<br>Psalms 138<br>2 Corinthians 4:13– 5:1<br>Mark 3: 20-35 |
| <b>June 13</b>                        | 1 Samuel 15:34– 16:13<br>Psalms 20<br>2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 (11-13), 14-17<br>Mark 4: 26-34            |
| <b>June 20</b><br><i>Father's Day</i> | 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49<br>Psalms 9: 9-20<br>2 Corinthians 6: 1-13<br>Mark 4: 35-41       |
| <b>June 27</b>                        | 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27<br>Psalms 130<br>2 Corinthians 8: 7-15<br>Mark 5: 21-43                           |



| Sunday        |               |
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|               | Altar Flowers |
| <b>June 6</b> | NONE          |

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|  | <b>Remember Your Offerings</b>                                                                              |
|  | If you would like to mail your offering:<br>Somers United Church of Christ<br>PO Box 183<br>Somers WI 53171 |



**Spring Clean Up Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 12th** (rain date: June 26th) starting at **9:00 am**. A light lunch will be provided. There are projects to be done both

inside and outside the church and for all skill levels. Many hands make work projects go much faster. Any questions see Dennis Curnes or call him at 914-4523.



## **Breakfast & Books**

The next get together for B&B will be held in the pavilion on **Saturday, July 24th at 9:30 am**. Coffee will be provided. We will be discussing the book **"The Winemaker's Wife"** by **Kristin Harmel**. Susan Goldsmith will be leading the discussion. New people are always welcome. If you have any questions contact Bonnie Curnes 654-1612.



## **RESOURCES COMMITTEE UPDATE**

We would like to thank everyone for their financial donations during the year, we appreciate you keeping our church solvent during this very trying time. We also appreciate both your financial and prayerful support during this time. If you go on vacation this summer, please remember to take care of your pledges and offerings either before or after you return from vacations.

Thank you and have a great summer!

*Somers Community United Church of Christ Resources Committee*



## **Summer Worship Hours**

During the summer our worship is held at **9:30 am**. The First Sunday of each month will be in the sanctuary for communion. The rest of the summer we plan to worship outdoors in the Pavilion weather permitting. Just remember the mornings can be a bit cool, so don't forget to bring a sweater, and some bring a blanket to put on the benches to make sitting more comfortable.



Congratulations to the following graduate:

**Hannah Curnes**...*daughter of Chris and Kelly Curnes; granddaughter of Dennis and Bonnie Curnes from Bradford High School.*

*\*\*If we missed your graduate, please let the church office know, and we will include them in the July/ August Church Chat.*



Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <b>Service Team #1 Co-chairs<br/>Char Laba &amp; Jennifer Swartz</b> </div> |           | <p>1</p> <p><b>2:00 pm—5:00<br/>PM Diaper<br/>Ministry</b></p>  | <p>2</p>  | <p>3</p>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>4</p>  | <p>5</p>                                                                                     |
| <p>6 <i>Communion</i></p> <p><b>9:30 am<br/>Worship</b></p>                                                                                          | <p>7</p>  | <p>8</p> <p><b>2:00 pm—5:00<br/>PM Diaper<br/>Ministry</b></p>  | <p>9</p>  | <p>10</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Spring<br/>Clean Up Day<br/><i>(Rain date June<br/>26th)</i></p> |
| <p>13</p> <p><b>9:30 am<br/>Worship</b></p>                                                                                                          | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> <p><b>2:00 pm—5:00<br/>PM Diaper<br/>Ministry</b></p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p>                                                                                    |
| <p>20 <i>Father's<br/>Day</i></p> <p><b>9:30 am<br/>Worship</b></p>                                                                                  | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p><b>2:00 pm—5:00<br/>PM Diaper<br/>Ministry</b></p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p>                                                                                    |
| <p>27</p> <p><b>9:30 am<br/>Worship</b></p>                                                                                                          | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> <p><b>2:00 pm—5:00<br/>PM Diaper<br/>Ministry</b></p> | <p>30</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <b>Dates and times are subject to change, call<br/>the church or check the website for updates.</b> </div> |           |                                                                                              |