

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.



November 2021



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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



Our congregation celebrates the memory of those that we love who have passed from earthly life to eternal life on Memorial Day Weekend in May each year. But there are many churches throughout the world that remember their saints at this time of year, for All Saint's Day is November 1st.

There is a group of United Church of Christ Clergy who call themselves the Still Speaking Writers' Group. They wrote a small but mighty book last year called Emerge: Blessings and Rituals for Unsheltering. I have shared one of the pieces with you in the past (Litany for Passing the Peace by Mary Luti). I wanted to share another excerpt from the book with you here. It just so happens to be written by Mart Luti as well.

Litany for When We Start to Forget

In God's presence I remember you.

I remember you, old people dead in nursing homes and solitary apartments.

I remember you, middle-aged men with underlying conditions,

Working one day, dead the next.

I remember you, little ones, dead of strange syndromes.

I remember you, black people and brown people, dead in unthinkable numbers.

I remember you, nurses and orderlies, doctors and EMTs,

Dead for serving and tending.

*I remember you, cleaners and meat packers, bus drivers, cashiers,
and delivery people,*

dead because you were just working—you had to work.

I remember you, prisoners, migrants, and people living on the streets,

Dead for not having any say in it.

I remember you, parents dead, siblings dead, cousins dead,

Friends dead, spouses dead, grandparents dead, neighbors dead,

Famous people dead, not famous people dead.

I remember you, people I know,

My own dear dead.

I remember you, with reverence and lament.

I remember you, in hope and love.

I remember you all, in God's presence.

I remember you.

Amen.

November



November Birthdays	
7	Brent Christenson
8	Terra Newhouse
9	Lowell Charon
18	Stephanie Christenson
20	Pastor Kathy Gloff
29	Gloria Chubriilo
29	Julie Rossi
30	Carol Bishop
November Anniversaries	
14	Bryan & Chynna Chung

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

November Readings	
November 7 <i>Communion</i>	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 12: 38-44
November 14 <i>Stewardship</i>	1 Samuel 1: 4-20; 2: 1-10 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10: 11-14,(15-18),19-25 Mark 13:1-8
November 21 <i>Heritage Sunday</i>	2 Samuel 23: 1-7 Psalm 132: 1-12, (13-18) Revelations 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37
November 28 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-10 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36

Change Your Clocks Back & Smoke Alarm Batteries

FALL BACK

This year, the clocks fall back an hour on **Sunday, November 7th**. It is also a great time to change the batteries in all your smoke alarms.

Remember Your Offerings

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

Sunday		
	Liturgist	Altar Flowers
November 7	NONE	Swartz Family
November 14	NONE	Judy Desotell
November 21	NONE	NONE
November 28	NONE	NONE




182 Years of
Serving God! Come
celebrate our Heritage
and History on
**Sunday,
November 15th.**



Planning ahead for the month of **December**, we will be collecting for our annual mitten drive. Please bring in **mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves, and socks for women, men, and children in all sizes** to place on the tree in the back of the sanctuary of our church. Articles will be donated to Shalom Center.



Christmas Poinsettias will be available to beautify our sanctuary this year. We will be purchasing them from Milaeager's. The sign up sheet will be available November 7th—28th with the cost, size and color. If you have any questions, contact Char Laba.



FOR SALE
15 foot Christmas tree (lit but one stand won't work). \$200 OBO. See Dennis Curnes for information.



MEN'S BREAKFAST Men's Breakfast for November will be cancelled at this time due to the pandemic.



Breakfast & Books
Our last time together for 2021 will be Saturday, November 6th at 9:30 am in the Narthex. Coffee will be provided. We will be discussing the book "**Sara's Sacrifice**" by **Flo Parfitt**. Also on this day come prepared with a selection of books for us to choose for our next year's gathering. New people are always welcome. If you have any questions please contact Bonnie Curnes 262-654-1612.



2022 COMMITTEE BUDGETS are due to Dennis Curnes by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.**



School Supplies Update
Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies this summer. Your donation went to the Shalom Center.
Here is the amount we collected: 4 spiral notebooks; 3 packages of crayons; 520 pencils; 13 glue sticks; 38 pens; 19 erasers; 60 colored pencils; backpack; rubber cement; 3 highlighter; 14 dry erase markers; 6 composition notebooks; 9 book covers; 17 folders; 1 package of loose leaf paper; 6 pencil cases; 2 calculators; 1 protractor; and 1 compass. Thanks again for the donations!!



WEATHER CLOSINGS
Are we really talking about snow and ice already?? It may not be long before we're glued to the radio or the TV, obsessively checking our phones and our weather apps to see how many inches are predicted to come our way. So if the weather does get bad and it is dangerous to travel, there's a possibility church will be cancelled. For the information check Channels 4, 6, and 12.

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Pilgrim Heritage Fund and Committee. If it wasn't for the fund and the approval of the committee, I could not have done all the chores accomplished in the church this year. The Pilgrim Heritage Fund is a fund that was set up for our people to be able to leave money in the event of their passing and to be remembered by the church. This money is invested and used to help with the missions and projects of the church. Much like a memorial.

I would like to thank each and every person who either gave money to the church or volunteered their time to help me with items, like cleaning, weed pulling, window washing, or any of the many numerous jobs that come up during the normal year. A couple of projects that have been completed this year are the removal of all the bushes in front of the church and around the sign to make room for new coming this next spring. The church kitchen was deep cleaned from top to bottom which was very needed and there are still other items and jobs around the church that could be done. We do not have the personnel to do these jobs anymore but with the help of God we are functioning just fine and that is because of you.

I once again would like to thank the Pilgrim Heritage Fund, the Foundation and each and every person that helped, donated or just gave me and others encouragement. I feel that we can't and don't say "Thank You" enough in this world and in these times and we need to.

Thanks,
Dennis Curnes





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 2:00 PM—5:00 PM Diaper Ministry	3	4	5	6 9:30 AM— Breakfast & Books
7 <i>Turn clocks back</i> Communion 10:15 AM Worship	8	9 2:00 PM—5:00 PM Diaper Ministry	10	11	12	13
14 Stewardship Sunday 10:15 AM Worship	15	16 2:00 PM—5:00 PM Diaper Ministry	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Heritage Sunday</i> 10:15 AM Worship	22	23 2:00 PM—5:00 PM Diaper Ministry	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28 10:15 AM Worship	29	30 2:00 PM—5:00 PM Diaper Ministry				

Service Team #3 Co-chairs
Liz Borger and Mary Rossi

Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.