

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.



January 2022



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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



I am in the process of reading the book *Wintering* by Katherine May. In his synopsis of May's book, Kenneth Wong says this:

*"May models an active acceptance of sadness and finds nourishment in deep retreat, joy in the hushed beauty of winter and encouragement in understanding life as cyclical, not linear.*

A moving personal narrative shot through with lessons from literature, mythology, and the natural world, May's story offers instruction on the transformative power of rest and retreat."

In her book, May speaks about a man that she has come to know who is a "Wolf Whisperer"; she also speaks about the full moon of January being known as the Full Wolf Moon. In January of 2022, the Full Wolf Moon will appear on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Native people in our country have named this full moon the Full Wolf Moon because Wolves are likely to be actively hunting during the scarcity of winter.

I am reminded of a lovely wisdom story as I reflect upon the upcoming Full Wolf Moon:

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.

"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too."


The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

# JANUARY

| January Birthdays     |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 5                     | Marie Christenson      |
| 16                    | Lukas Rossi            |
| 20                    | Richard Swartz         |
| 23                    | Janet Kurz             |
| 25                    | Mary Ellen Werner      |
| 27                    | Char Laba              |
| 29                    | Daniel Hollister       |
| 31                    | Jack Adams             |
| January Anniversaries |                        |
| 13                    | Richard & Barb Flocker |

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



Remember Your Offerings  
If you would like to mail your offering:  
Somers United Church of Christ  
PO Box 183  
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| January Readings                     |                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>January 2</b><br><i>Communion</i> | Jeremiah 31: 7-14<br>Psalm 147: 12-20<br>Ephesians 1: 3-14<br>John 1: (1-9), 10-18  |
| <b>January 9</b>                     | Isaiah 43: 1-7<br>Psalm 29<br>Acts 8: 14-17<br>Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22                 |
| <b>January 16</b>                    | Isaiah 62: 1-5<br>Psalm 36: 5-10<br>1 Corinthians 12: 1-11<br>John 2: 1-11          |
| <b>January 23</b>                    | Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10<br>Psalm 19<br>1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a<br>Luke 4: 14-21 |
| <b>January 30</b>                    | Jeremiah 1: 4-10<br>Psalm 71: 1-6<br>1 Corinthians 13: 1-13<br>Luke 4: 21-30        |



| Sunday     |           |               |
|------------|-----------|---------------|
|            | Liturgist | Altar Flowers |
| January 2  | NONE      | Poinsettias   |
| January 9  | NONE      | NONE          |
| January 16 | NONE      | NONE          |
| January 23 | NONE      | NONE          |
| January 30 | NONE      | NONE          |



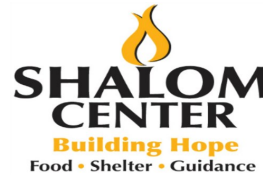
## Breakfast & Books

We open our 18th year on **Saturday, January 22nd at 9:30 am** discussing the book “*The Four Winds*” by **Kristin Hannah**. Bonnie Curnes will lead the discussion and also provide a breakfast pastry. Coffee will be provided. If you like to read and enjoy a good discussion why not come and join us. Any questions contact Bonnie Curnes 262-654-1612.

## 2021 Annual Reports



If you have any reports for the 2021 Annual Report booklet, get them to the church office by **Monday, January 10th**.



There are five Sundays in the month of January, which means we are supposed to serve the evening meal on **Sunday, January 30th**. Since serving the meals has been suspended, we will take a monetary collection during the month of January with the money going to the Shalom Center. Please mark your envelope “*Shalom Center*”.



This year’s ANNUAL MEETING will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, February 6th**. There will be NO potluck luncheon this year. Hope to see you there!!



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.

## Annual Kindness Week Observation: Counting on Kindness



As we celebrate actions that lead to bettering the lives of others, the 26th Annual Kindness Week will begin on Sunday, January 16th thru Saturday, January 22nd. If you would like more information about Kindness Week activities you can check out Facebook on “Kenosha Kindness Week” or Gateway Technical College at [gtc.edu/](http://gtc.edu/) MLK, or speak with Pastor Kathy.



Our Food Pantry has been busy. We are asking you, the congregation of Somers Church for your donations of **toilet paper, paper towels, and kids’ cereal**. 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 we will do the shopping for you.

THANK YOU

Bonnie Curnes, Project Manager



# January



| Sun                                                                                                                                                         | Mon | Tue                                                  | Wed | Thu | Fri                                                                                                                                                    | Sat                                             |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</p> </div> |     |                                                      |     |     |                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i></p>           |
| <p><b>2</b> <i>Communion</i><br/>10:15 am<br/>Worship</p>                                                                                                   | 3   | <p>4</p> <p>2:00 pm—5:00 pm<br/>Diaper Ministry</p>  | 5   | 6   | 7                                                                                                                                                      | 8                                               |
| <p>9<br/>10:15 am<br/>Worship</p>                                                                                                                           | 10  | <p>11</p> <p>2:00 pm—5:00 pm<br/>Diaper Ministry</p> | 12  | 13  | 14                                                                                                                                                     | 15                                              |
| <p>16<br/>10:15 am<br/>Worship</p>                                                                                                                          | 17  | <p>18</p> <p>2:00 pm—5:00 pm<br/>Diaper Ministry</p> | 19  | 20  | 21                                                                                                                                                     | <p>22<br/>9:30 am<br/>Breakfast &amp; Books</p> |
| <p>23<br/>10:15 am<br/>Worship</p>                                                                                                                          | 24  | <p>25</p> <p>2:00 pm—5:00 pm<br/>Diaper Ministry</p> | 26  | 27  | 28                                                                                                                                                     | 29                                              |
| <p>30 <i>Shalom Center</i><br/>10:15 am<br/>Worship</p>                                                                                                     | 31  |                                                      |     |     | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Service Team #2<br/>Co-chairs Peggy Gallo &amp; Maureen Schauer</p> </div> |                                                 |