

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.



July / August 2022



In the last edition of Guideposts Magazine that I read, Editor Bob Hostettler had some spiritual renewal suggestions using the word SUMMER as an acronym:

Slow down

Unload a burden

Move prayer practice outside

Mingle season's pleasures with prayer

Enjoy an outdoor worship experience

Reflect and recharge

As I write this page, there is a heat advisory outside. Our ancestors knew the value of pacing themselves and not trying to accomplish the entire workload all at once. There was a time to sit under the shade of a tree and wipe the brow; there was a time to drink lemonade...or at the very least, cool water; there was a time to enjoy a frosty bowl of ice cream after another day's chores were completed. My Paternal Grandmother married a farmer. I never knew that Grandfather, because he died when my father was still a child...but I do remember that Grandma liked to make ice cream from time to time. There was cream directly from the cooler in the barn, and there were raspberries from the black raspberry canes that grew thick along the fencerow of the pasture.

My Maternal Grandmother was also widowed. When Grandma married her second husband, she married a farmer. But they did not live on the farm; they lived in a house in town. Grandma served ice cream to my step-grandpa every night before bed; it was his favorite treat. She did not make her own ice cream though, she bought it from the Schwan's Man (do you remember him?) I was lucky because Cherry Nut was always in Grandma's freezer, and that was my favorite flavor that the Schwan's People made.

Just as we might shed a layer or two of clothing in the hot summer months, it is a good idea to shed a layer of guilt that we may have held onto for too long. It has been said that bearing a grudge is like drinking poison yourself, but expecting your enemy to die from it. Maybe it is finally time to let go of that grudge that you have been carrying around for years. You will feel lighter when you do.

If you have a prayer practice, you might want to expand your cathedral to the great outdoors. If gardening or landscaping feels like a spiritual practice to you, take the time to pray for others as you do your outdoor work. As far as outdoor worship goes, you need look no further than the pavilion at Somers UCC on Sunday Morning to find it. Don't wait to reflect on all that is good in your life and to recharge your batteries during this season. In the words of the book of Ecclesiastes, "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." May this be a blessed season for you!

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm




| July Birthdays     |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1                  | Shirley Mandernack     |
| 11                 | Todd Armstrong         |
| 21                 | Joyce Duesing          |
| 27                 | Barbara Flocker        |
| July Anniversaries |                        |
| 2                  | James & Carol Bishop   |
| 5                  | Dennis & Bonnie Curnes |
| 13                 | Steve & Lynette Ingham |
| 28                 | Jack & Jennifer Swartz |

| August Birthdays     |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                    | Don Stolfi                |
| 2                    | Howie Gloff               |
| 8                    | Kent Duesing              |
| 11                   | Alec Duncan               |
| 11                   | Christine Rose            |
| 17                   | Eugene Thompson           |
| 25                   | Judy Thomas               |
| 28                   | Randall Rossi             |
| August Anniversaries |                           |
| 7                    | Kent & Joyce Duesing      |
| 29                   | Eugene & Eleanor Thompson |

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

| Sunday - Altar Flowers |      |
|------------------------|------|
| <b>July 3</b>          | NONE |
| <b>August 7</b>        | NONE |



**Remember Your Offerings** If you would like to mail your offering:  
 Somers United Church of Christ  
 PO Box 183  
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| Scripture Readings                     |                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>July 3</b><br><i>Communion</i>      | 2 Kings 5: 1-14<br>Psalm 30<br>Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16<br>Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20       |
| <b>July 10</b>                         | Amos 7: 7-17<br>Psalm 82<br>Colossians 1: 1-14<br>Luke 10: 25-37                      |
| <b>July 17</b>                         | Amos 8: 1-12<br>Psalm 52<br>Colossians 1: 15-28<br>Luke 10: 38-42                     |
| <b>July 24</b>                         | Hosea 1: 2-10<br>Psalm 85<br>Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19)<br>Luke 11: 1-13              |
| <b>July 31</b><br><i>Shalom Center</i> | Hosea 11: 1-11<br>Psalm 107: 1-9, 43<br>Colossians 3: 1-11<br>Luke 12: 13-21          |
| <b>August 7</b><br><i>Communion</i>    | Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20<br>Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23<br>Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16<br>Luke 12: 32-40 |
| <b>August 14</b>                       | Isaiah 5: 1-7<br>Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19<br>Hebrews 11: 29—12: 2<br>Luke 12: 49-56        |
| <b>August 21</b>                       | Jeremiah 1: 4-10<br>Psalm 71: 1-6<br>Hebrews 12: 18-29<br>Luke 13: 10-17              |
| <b>August 28</b>                       | Jeremiah 2: 4-13<br>Psalm 81: 1, 10-16<br>Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16<br>Luke 14: 1, 7-14  |



## Breakfast & Books

The next gathering of B & B (Breakfast & Books) will take place in the Memorial Lounge at the church on **Saturday,**

**July 23rd at 9:30 am.** We will be discussing the book “*The Midnight Library*” by Matt Haig. Pastor Kathy will lead the discussion and furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided.

Looking Ahead...our September B & B will be held on September 24th. We will be discussing the book “*The Last Thing He Told Me*” by **Laura Dave**. Susan Goldsmith will lead the discussion and Judy Desotell will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided.

Come and join us. Any questions contact Bonnie Curnes 262-654-1612.



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

For the month of July and August, we will start collecting school supplies to be donated to the Shalom Center.

Suggested school supply items to donate include: Spiral notebooks, loose-leaf paper, 2-pocket folders, pencils, pens, erasers, glue/glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, markers, and backpacks.

Thank you for helping the students get a great start.



Our Food Pantry has been busy. If you cannot shop or 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

## Congregations United to Serve Humanity



### Voter Outreach Initiative!

Join us to get the NEW CUSH Voter Outreach Initiative off the ground! Register voters, help new voters walk through the voting process, and help provide nonpartisan voter education. We will have a CUSH table at local events this summer and fall, will work within our member congregations, and provide outreach to underserved areas of Kenosha. Join us for this essential initiative as we further the CUSH mission to advocate, educate, and empower our community to make our voices heard at the polls. We are excited about this initiative and can't wait to collaborate with YOU in this effort.

Complete this form to sign up: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMINp-U7Tuunr7Xxkz6EqUNLSMyzoQKJxunBNNeWmWEggN5KQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMINp-U7Tuunr7Xxkz6EqUNLSMyzoQKJxunBNNeWmWEggN5KQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### CUSH Fundraisers!

**Tuesday, July 11th** from 5—8 pm at Culver's, 5220 Green Bay Road, Kenosha . Tell them CUSH sent you.

**Tuesday, August 16** from 4-7pm, CUSH will be having a fundraiser picnic. More details to come.



# JULY



| Sun                                                     | Mon                                                                                          | Tue                                             | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|
|                                                         |                                                                                              |                                                 |     |     | 1   | 2                                     |
| 3 <b>Communion</b><br>9:30 am<br>Worship                | 4 <b>4th of July</b>                                                                         | 5<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00<br>pm Diaper<br>Ministry  | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9                                     |
| 10<br>9:30 am<br>Worship                                | 11<br>5:00 pm—8:00<br>pm CUSH<br>Fundraiser at<br>Culver's, 5220<br>Green Bay Rd,<br>Kenosha | 12<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00<br>pm Diaper<br>Ministry | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16                                    |
| 17<br>9:30 am<br>Worship                                | 18                                                                                           | 19<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00<br>pm Diaper<br>Ministry | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23<br>9:30 am<br>Breakfast &<br>Books |
| 24<br>9:30 am<br>Worship                                | 25                                                                                           | 26<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00<br>pm Diaper<br>Ministry | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30                                    |
| 31 <b>Shalom</b><br><b>Center</b><br>9:30 am<br>Worship |                                                                                              |                                                 |     |     |     |                                       |

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



# AUGUST



| Sun                                             | Mon | Tue                                                                                                                       | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                                                 | 1   | 2<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry                                                                        | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| <b>7 Communion</b><br><b>9:30 am</b><br>Worship | 8   | 9<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry                                                                        | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| <b>14</b><br><b>9:30 am</b><br>Worship          | 15  | 16<br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry<br><br><b>4:00 pm—7:00 pm</b><br>CUSH Fundraiser Picnic (details to come) | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| <b>21</b><br><b>9:30 am</b><br>Worship          | 22  | 23<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry                                                                       | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| <b>28</b><br><b>9:30 am</b><br>Worship          | 29  | 30<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry                                                                       | 31  |     |     |     |

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