

# 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 2023



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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



I have a blessing, a piece of advice, and a prayer to share with you here as a New Year begins. I will share them in that order:

## ***A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING***

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,

And by making you anxious to be there to help;

God's love, peace, hope, and joy to you for the year ahead.

## ***SOME ADVICE FROM METHODIST REFORMER JOHN WESLEY***

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can,  
in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can,

As long as ever you can.

## ***A PRAYER FROM ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI***

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

where there is hatred, let me sow love,

where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love;

For it is giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we pardon,


And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

  
**JANUARY**

| January Birthdays     |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 5                     | Marie Christenson      |
| 16                    | Lukas Rossi            |
| 20                    | Richard Swartz         |
| 23                    | Janet Kurz             |
| 27                    | Char Laba              |
| 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  
 Somers WI 53171

| January Readings                          |                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>January 1</b><br><b>Communion</b>      | Isaiah 63: 7-9<br>Psalm 148<br>Hebrews 2: 10-18<br>Matthew 2: 13-23             |
| <b>January 8</b>                          | Isaiah 42: 1-9<br>Psalm 29<br>Acts 10: 34-43<br>Matthew 3: 13-17                |
| <b>January 15</b>                         | Isaiah 49: 1-4<br>Psalm 40: 1-11<br>1 Corinthians 1: 1-9<br>John 1: 29-42       |
| <b>January 22</b>                         | Isaiah 9: 1-4<br>Psalm 27: 1, 4-9<br>1 Corinthians 1: 10-18<br>Matthew 4: 12-23 |
| <b>January 29</b><br><b>Shalom Center</b> | Micah 6: 1-8<br>Psalm 15<br>1 Corinthians 1: 18-31<br>Matthew 5: 1-12           |



| Sunday     |           |               |
|------------|-----------|---------------|
|            | Liturgist | Altar Flowers |
| January 1  | NONE      | POINSETTIAS   |
| January 8  | NONE      | NONE          |
| January 15 | NONE      | NONE          |
| January 22 | NONE      | NONE          |
| January 29 | NONE      | NONE          |



There are five Sundays in the month of January, which means we will be serving evening meal at the Shalom Center on **Sunday, January 29th**. We need volunteers to make the soup ahead of time, make sandwiches at the Center, and serve the meal. If you have never participated in this mission opportunity, why not give it a try? Talk to someone who has and find out what's involved. Those who have served find it a meaningful experience. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex during the month.

### 2022 Annual Reports

**ANNUAL REPORTS NOW DUE!**

If you have any reports for the 2021 Annual Report booklet, get them to the church office by **Sunday, January 8th**.



### Breakfast & Books

B & B (Breakfast & Books) will begin their 19th years together on **January 28th at 9:30 am** at the church.

We begin that day with the discussion of the book **"Horse"** by **Geraldine Brooks**. Bonnie Curnes will lead the discussion and Debbie Radovanovic will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided. If you plan on coming sign your name to the sheet that will be available on the cart in the Narthex in January. Any questions contact Bonnie 262-654-1612.



This year's ANNUAL MEETING will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, February 5th**. If we have to cancel due to weather conditions, it will be held on Sunday, February 12th. Hope to see you there!!



Our Food Pantry / Diaper Ministry is in need of **toilet paper** and **paper towels**. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

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



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.



### Opening to be trained as Treasurer of Church

I am looking for an individual that would be willing to be trained as the Treasurer of Somers United Church of Christ and to, in the future be able to fill that position.

The job would entail being a member of the Resource Committee, attending necessary meetings, including Annual Meeting, recording all moneys entered into the General Fund by the Financial Secretary, paying all the bills of the church, and interacting with ADP (the company that initiates all of the salaries of the church employees and takes care of the taxes for those wages). It would be your responsibility to insure that ADP issued all the salaries twice per month. You would need to prepare a monthly financial report stating all incoming and out going monies of the General Fund, and email it to all members of the church council. You would also be responsible for preparing an annual budget, with the help of the congregation, and present it to the Moderator for presentation to the council and congregation at the Annual Meeting.

If you are even a little bit interested in doing this, please get in touch with me...

Dennis A. Curnes (262-914-4523) [dcurnes@wi.rr.com](mailto:dcurnes@wi.rr.com)



### 29th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Monday, January 16, 2023  
12-1 p.m.

Gateway Technical College  
Kenosha Campus

Haribo Hall - Madrigrano Conference Center

Each year, Gateway hosts its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration to remember Dr. King's legacy and honor community members who keep his spirit alive by giving back.

We are pleased to announce that the 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will once again be held in-person! The event will also be live streamed. Please check Gateway Technical College for the link to view the event livestream.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Recapturing The Dream to Make It a Reality."





# JANUARY



| Sun                                                                       | Mon                                  | Tue                                                 | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1 New Year's Day</b><br><b>Communion</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship | 2                                    | 3<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry  | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>8</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship<br><br><b>Annual Reports DUE</b>   | 9                                    | 10<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>15</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship                                   | <b>16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> | 17<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>22</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship                                   | 23                                   | 24<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 25  | 26  | 27  | <b>28</b><br><br><b>9:30 am</b><br>Breakfast & Books (B & B)                                                                                                |
| <b>29</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship<br><br><b>Shalom Center</b>       | 30                                   | 31<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry |     |     |     | <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> |