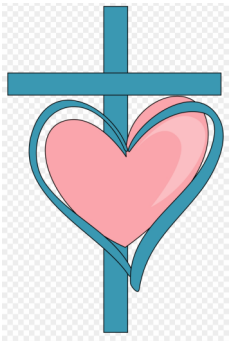


CHURCH CHAT

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.



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Monday, Tuesday,

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9:00pm - 3:00 pm



Jesus tells us in several of the gospels that not a bird falls to the ground without God knowing about it. All of creation is created and claimed by God. But creation has been named by human beings, and we have some interesting words to describe different groupings of animals. I will share just the birds with you in this space and leave you to look up the other creatures on your own, if you choose.

A group of hummingbirds is called a charm.

A group of larks is called an exaltation.

A group of mallards is called a sword (more on ducks below).

A group of parrots is called a pandemonium.

A group of sparrows is called a quarrel.

A group of vultures is called a kettle.

A group of crows is called a murder.

A group of eagles is called a convocation.

A group of pheasants is called a bouquet.

A group of turkeys is called a gang.

A group of seagulls is called a squabble.

A group of owls is called a parliament.

A group of robins is called a round.

A group of finches is called a charm.

A group of blue jays can be called either a party or a band.

A group of cardinals can be called either a college or a conclave.

When naming geese or ducks, the names vary according to location. When naming geese the name may also depend on the size of the grouping.

When geese are on the ground or in the water, they are a gaggle.

When geese are in the air, they are a skein, a wedge, or a team.

When geese are flying close together in the air, they are a plump.

When the geese are young and still nesting, they are a nide.

When there are five or more geese together, they are a flock.

Ducks seem to be the most named of the birds. They have three different names if they are in the air, three different names if they are on the ground, and three different names if they are in the water.

When ducks are in the air, they are a skein, a string, or a team.

When ducks are on the ground, they are a flock, a brace, or a badling.

When ducks are in the water, they are a paddling, a bundle, or a raft.


While we are talking about things with wings, I leave you with butterflies.

A group of butterflies is called a kaleidoscope.

# FEBRUARY

| February Birthdays |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2                  | Patricia Swartz    |
| 3                  | William Summers Jr |
| 5                  | Eleanor Thompson   |
| 22                 | Maureen Schauer    |

*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  
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| February Readings                                              |                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>February 5</b><br><b>Communion</b><br><b>Annual Meeting</b> | Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12)<br>Psalm 112: 1-9 (10)<br>1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-16)<br>Matthew 5: 13-20 |
| <b>February 12</b>                                             | Deuteronomy 30: 15-20<br>Psalm 119: 1-8<br>1 Corinthians 3: 1-9<br>Matthew 5: 21-37                 |
| <b>February 19</b>                                             | Exodus 24: 12-18<br>Psalm 2<br>2 Peter 1: 16-21<br>Matthew 17: 1-9                                  |
| <b>February 26</b>                                             | Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7<br>Psalm 32<br>Romans 5: 12-29<br>Matthew 17: 1-9                          |



| Sunday             |           |                     |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|
|                    | Liturgist | Altar Flowers       |
| <b>February 5</b>  | NONE      | Deborah Radovanovic |
| <b>February 12</b> | NONE      | NONE                |
| <b>February 19</b> | NONE      | NONE                |
| <b>February 26</b> | NONE      | LENT                |



## ANNUAL MEETING

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!!



Members of the Mission Committee (Stephanie, Martha, and Bonnie) would like to thank everyone for the donations of the many hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear that filled our mitten tree with love and warmth for those in need. On Tuesday, January 3rd the items were delivered to the ELCA Outreach Center and Women & Children's Horizons. They were so very much appreciated. **AGAIN THANK YOU!**



## Breakfast & Books

Come and join us for the next B & B (Breakfast & Books) on Saturday, March 25th starting at **9:30 am** at the church. We will be discussing the book "**Wish You Were Here**" by **Jodi Picoult**. Jennifer Swartz will lead the discussion and Jane Fahey will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided. If you will be attending, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex (in March). If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Curnes at 262-654-1612.



I am grateful to the Secret Santa that left the beautiful necklace for me on the pulpit on Christmas Eve.

I hum Louis Armstrong whenever I wear it.

Pastor Kathy



## Food Pantry



Our Food Pantry / Diaper Ministry is in need of **TOILET PAPPER** 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.



# February



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                    | Mon | Tue                                         | Wed                               | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.         </div> |     |                                             | 1                                 | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| <b>5 Communion</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship<br><b>11:15 am</b><br>Annual Meeting                                                                                  | 6   | <b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 8                                 | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| <b>12</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship                                                                                                                                | 13  | <b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 15                                | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| <b>19</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship                                                                                                                                | 20  | <b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | <b>22 Ash</b><br><b>Wednesday</b> | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| <b>26</b><br><b>10:15 am</b><br>Worship                                                                                                                                | 27  | <b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry |                                   |     |     |     |