

# 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.



April 2023



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Monday, Tuesday,

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9:00pm - 3:00 pm



Sometimes the right book falls into my lap at just the right moment. I have a stack of books, waiting to be read. With the snowstorms that we have had this season, it has been a good Winter for a few Good Winter Reads.

The book to which I refer is called When the Heart Waits: Spiritual Direction for Life's Sacred Questions. It was written by Sue Monk Kidd way back in 1990. It hasn't been sitting unread in my book pile for quite that long...but it has been there for some time now. Why did I pick it up to read it at this particular time? A happy coincidence perhaps? Actually, I like to think that The Spirit led me to that book right now because it was what I needed in the present moment.

Some of you may be familiar with other writing of Sue Monk Kidd. Her works of fiction include The Book of Longings, The Mermaid Chair, and The Invention of Wings. We read one of her books in Breakfast and Books, if memory serves me correctly: The Secret Life of Bees.

But Sue Monk Kidd has written non-fiction as well. This is the book summary of When the Heart Waits from the inside cover of the book:

"I was standing on the shifting ground of midlife, having come upon that time in life when one is summoned to an inner transformation, to a crossing over from one identity to another. When change-winds swirl through our lives, especially at midlife, they often call us to undertake a new passage of the spiritual journey: that of confronting the lost self—our true self. They call us to come home to ourselves, to become who we really are."

At the end of March, it was six months since Howie died, and three months since my Mom died. Talk about shifting ground of midlife! So many of you have experience this shift for yourself already, having to figure out who you are when the titles that you have had for yourself in the past no longer describe who you are in the present. The earliest title that I can remember that defined me was "daughter". I am truly blessed, because I am learning what it means to be a "Child of God" at this moment in my life. What better time to understand all that this title includes as we celebrate the power of the resurrection that is Easter. My your Easter be a path to New Life for your body, for your mind, for your heart, and for your spirit.

**HAPPY EASTER!**

# APRIL

| April Birthdays     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 2                   | Dorothy Summers           |
| 8                   | Bonnie Adams              |
| 8                   | Joseph Gallo              |
| 21                  | Bonnie Curnes             |
| 23                  | Ronald Birchell Sr        |
| April Anniversaries |                           |
| 15                  | Jeff & Jennifer Rossi     |
| 26                  | William & Dorothy Summers |

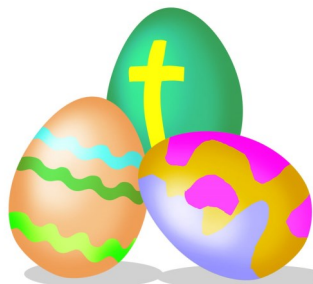
*NOTE: If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know.*

If you would like to mail your offering:  
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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.

| April Readings                                           |                                                                                    |
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| <b>April 2</b><br><i>Communion</i><br><i>Palm Sunday</i> | Isaiah 50: 4-9a<br>Psalm 31: 9-16<br>Philippians 2:5-11<br>Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66 |
| <b>April 9</b><br><i>Easter</i>                          | Acts 10: 34-43<br>Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24<br>Colossians 3: 1-4<br>John 20: 1-18      |
| <b>April 16</b>                                          | Acts 2: 14a, 22-32<br>Psalm 16<br>1 Peter 1: 3- 9<br>John 20: 19-31                |
| <b>April 23</b>                                          | Acts 2: 14a, 36-41<br>Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19<br>1 Peter 1: 17-23<br>Luke 24: 13-35  |
| <b>April 30</b><br><i>Shalom Center</i>                  | Acts 2: 42-47<br>Psalm 23<br>1 Peter 2: 19-25<br>John 10: 1-10                     |



| Sunday          |           |               |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
|                 | Liturgist | Altar Flowers |
| <b>April 2</b>  | NONE      | LENT          |
| <b>April 9</b>  | NONE      | EASTER        |
| <b>April 16</b> | NONE      | JUDY DESOTELL |
| <b>April 23</b> | NONE      | NONE          |
| <b>April 30</b> | NONE      | NONE          |



# HOLY WEEK



**Palm/Passion Sunday** - April 2nd at 10:00 am

**Maundy Thursday** - April 6th

**Good Friday** - April 7th

**Easter Sunday** - April 9th 10:00 am



There are five Sundays in the month of April, which means we will be serving the evening meal at the Shalom Center on

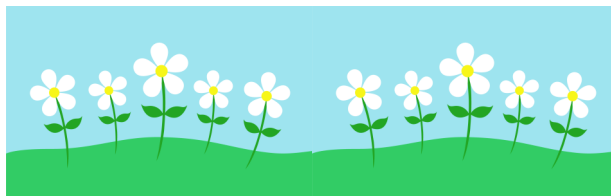
**Sunday, April 30th.** We need volunteers to make the soup ahead of time, make sandwiches at the Center, and serve the meal. If you have never participated in this mission opportunity, why not give it a try? Talk to someone who has and find out what's involved. Those who have served find it a meaningful experience. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex during the month.



## Breakfast & Books

On Saturday, **May 20th** at **9:30 am**, the B & B (Breakfast & Books) group will gather in the Memorial Lounge at the

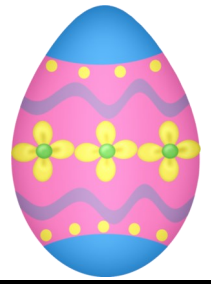
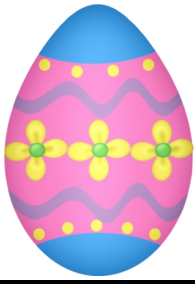
church to discuss the book **"Dinner with Ruth" A Memoir on the power of Friendships** by **Nina Totenberg**. Pastor Kathy will lead the discussion and Judy Desotell will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided. New person are always welcome. Any questions contact Bonnie Curnes at 262-654-1612.



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



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                    | Mon | Tue                                                    | Wed | Thu                          | Fri                  | Sat                                                                                              |
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| <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                                                                                                |
| <b>2 Communion<br/>Palm Sunday<br/>10:00 am<br/>Worship</b>                                                                                                            | 3   | <b>4<br/><br/>2:00 pm—5:00 pm<br/>Diaper Ministry</b>  | 5   | <b>6 Maundy<br/>Thursday</b> | <b>7 Good Friday</b> | 8                                                                                                |
| <b>9 Easter<br/>10:00 am<br/>Worship</b>                                                                                                                               | 10  | <b>11<br/><br/>2:00 pm—5:00 pm<br/>Diaper Ministry</b> | 12  | 13                           | 14                   | 15                                                                                               |
| <b>16<br/>10:00 am<br/>Worship</b>                                                                                                                                     | 17  | <b>18<br/><br/>2:00 pm—5:00 pm<br/>Diaper Ministry</b> | 19  | 20                           | 21                   | 22                                                                                               |
| <b>23<br/>10:00 am<br/>Worship</b>                                                                                                                                     | 24  | <b>25<br/><br/>2:00 pm—5:00 pm<br/>Diaper Ministry</b> | 26  | 27                           | 28                   | <b>29<br/>9:00 am—1:30 pm<br/>Southeast Association<br/>Annual—<br/>Pilgrim UCC,<br/>Grafton</b> |
| <b>30<br/>10:00 am<br/>Worship<br/><br/>Shalom Center</b>                                                                                                              |     |                                                        |     |                              |                      |                                                                                                  |