

# 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.



May 2023



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Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



Now that Summer is here and the pace has slowed down a little bit, I find myself in a reflective mood. That being the case, I thought that I would share a poem with you by Maya Angelou. In her poem "I've Learned" she shares some life lessons that I am pondering over in this season. Enjoy!

## I've Learned

*I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.*

*I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.*

*I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.*

*I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."*

*I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.*

*I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.*

*I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.*

*I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.*

*I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.*

*I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.*

*I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*




| May Birthdays     |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 2                 | Doug Coleman             |
| 3                 | Lynette Ingham           |
| 4                 | Donald Dinges            |
| 7                 | Patti Schneider          |
| 8                 | Brynn Rossi              |
| 11                | Timothy Rossi            |
| 23                | Kristin Armstrong        |
| 26                | Deborah Radovanovic      |
| 27                | Joseph Laba              |
| 28                | Richard Glasenapp        |
| 29                | Martha Swartz            |
| May Anniversaries |                          |
| 4                 | Todd & Kristin Armstrong |
| 18                | Donald & Barbara Dinges  |


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

| May Readings                                                            |                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>May 7</b><br><i>Communion</i>                                        | Acts 7: 55-60<br>Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16<br>1 Peter 2: 2-10<br>John 14: 1-14           |
| <b>May 14</b><br><i>Mother's Day</i><br><i>Blanket</i><br><i>Sunday</i> | Acts 17: 22-31<br>Psalm 66: 8-20<br>1 Peter 3: 13-22<br>John 14: 15-21              |
| <b>May 21</b>                                                           | Acts 1: 6-14<br>Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35<br>1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11<br>John 17: 1-11 |
| <b>May 28</b><br><i>Pentecost</i><br><i>Strengthen the Church</i>       | Acts 2: 1-21<br>Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b<br>1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13<br>John 20: 19-23  |

| Sunday        |           |                 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
|               | Liturgist | Altar Flowers   |
| <b>May 7</b>  | NONE      | Deb Radovanovic |
| <b>May 14</b> | NONE      | NONE            |
| <b>May 21</b> | NONE      | NONE            |
| <b>May 28</b> | NONE      | NONE            |



Remember Your Offerings  
If you would like to mail your offering:  
Somers United Church of Christ  
PO Box 183  
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Do you have any **Graduates** in your family that you would like to recognize? If so, please give their names to the Church Office, and we will print their names here in the newsletter next month. Traditionally we print the names of anyone graduating from day care up through PhD!!!



## CWS (Church World Service) Blankets: Sunday, May 14th

### **“Blanket the World with Love”**

In 2022, CWS provided 228,000 CWS kits and blankets to families impacted by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises (including homelessness and poverty). You can show God’s love and provide hope to your neighbors in need. On **May 14th (Mother’s Day)**, we will be collecting funds to support Church World Services (CWS) blankets to those in need. Each blanket costs \$10, but can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement. Share this love by providing CWS Blankets to those in need.

*“They are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. (2 Corinthians 8:2)*



Our Food Pantry / Diaper Ministry is in need of

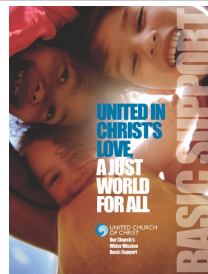
**TOILET PAPER** and **PAPER TOWELS**. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

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



## **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.



## **Strengthen the Church (STC)**

### **Sunday, May 28th**

STC offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raise support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

**Congratulations** to our daughter on her impending college graduation from Carthage College on May 27, 2023



**Marie Christenson**  
Carthage College '23  
Graphic Design Major  
Business Administration Minor  
Communication & Digital Media Dept Fellow  
Office of Performing & Visual Arts Student Marketing Manager

*Brent & Stephanie Christenson are proud parents and grateful Marie has had the support of her Somers Community Church family since her baptism in 2001. It takes a village to grow a fine young adult.*



| Sun                                                                        | Mon                    | Tue                                       | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------------------|
|                                                                            | 1                      | 2<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Diaper Ministry  | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6                                      |
| 7 <i>Communion</i><br>10:00 am<br>Worship                                  | 8                      | 9<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Diaper Ministry  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13                                     |
| 14 <i>Mother's Day</i><br><i>CWS Blanket Sunday</i><br>10:00 am<br>Worship | 15                     | 16<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Diaper Ministry | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20<br><br>9:30 am<br>Breakfast & Books |
| 21<br>10:00 am<br>Worship                                                  | 22                     | 23<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Diaper Ministry | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27                                     |
| 28 <i>Pentecost</i><br><i>Strengthen the Church</i><br>10:00 am<br>Worship | 29 <i>Memorial Day</i> | 30<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Diaper Ministry | 31  |     |     |                                        |

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