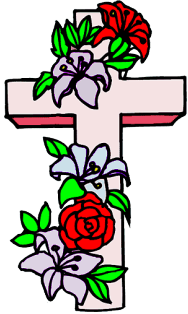


CHURCH CHAT

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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Lately, I have been rereading some of the classic books on my shelves. One of those books is one called **May I Have This Dance?** by Sister Joyce Rupp. She gives a reflection for each of the months of the year in it. Her reflection for the month of June is Seeking and Finding. She ends it with these words:

*“We need to remember that God always takes the initiative of seeking, placing the desire in our hearts to be found. Let us keep ourselves available to be found. Let us not hide out in our fears or in our busyness or our ego-centeredness. Let us not be so absorbed in our pain or in our anxieties that we evade the searching love of the one who yearns to help us find our way home.”*

### ***Here is Joyce’s prayer of Seeking and Finding:***

Deep within our being where truth and peace yearn to reign over chaos and confusion...we seek you, God.

In the midst of our daily activities and the many things-to-do that haunt our calendars...we seek you, God.

Among the people who come into our lives—our loved ones, our friends, our colleagues and companions, even our enemies...we seek you, God.

As we move into the heart of prayer and hear the call to be more in union with you...we seek you, God.

When we feel empty, distraught, frustrated, and lost; when we wonder in what direction we are to go...we seek you, God.

When we have sensed your nearness and felt your beauty fill our consciousness...thank you for finding us.

When the power of your goodness moved through our beings and made a difference in someone else’s life...thank you for finding us.

When we have been drawn to conversion, when we knew we had to change our hearts, to give ourselves over to you...thank you for finding us.

When we have looked at our world, so full of pain and injustice, and felt a bonding with all who know pain and sorrow...thank you for finding us.

When we have known the truth of being created in your image and likeness and have believed in our own goodness...thank you for finding us.

You are worth the constant search in the fields of life for a glimpse of your truth and a touch of your love...you are our treasure.

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| June Birthdays     |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 11                 | Cathy Rossi               |
| 12                 | Mary Rossi                |
| 13                 | Patti Stolfi              |
| 25                 | Norene Charon             |
| June Anniversaries |                           |
| 3                  | Joe & Char Laba           |
| 12                 | Richard & Patricia Swartz |

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

| Sunday |               |
|--------|---------------|
|        | Altar Flowers |
| June 4 | NONE          |

| June Readings                         |                                                                                                   |
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| <b>June 4</b><br><i>Communion</i>     | Genesis 1: 1-2a<br>Psalm 8<br>2 Corinthians 13: 11-13<br>Matthew 28: 16-20                        |
| <b>June 11</b>                        | Genesis 12: 1-9<br>Psalms 33: 1-12<br>Romans 4: 13-25<br>Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26                   |
| <b>June 18</b><br><i>Father's Day</i> | Genesis 18: 1-15, 21: 1-7<br>Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19<br>Romans 5: 1-8<br>Matthew 9: 35—10:8, (9-23) |
| <b>June 25</b>                        | Genesis 21: 8-21<br>Psalm 86: 1-10<br>Romans 6: 1b-11<br>Matthew 10: 24-39                        |



Remember Your Offerings

If you would like to mail your offering:  
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You are strength in times of sorrow, hope in times of unhappiness, comfort in times of confusion, safe harbor in the storms of life...you are our treasure.

You are the home where our true self resides You urge us to believe in this sacred place of goodness...you are our treasure.

You seek us, yearn for us, believe in us, love us unconditionally. You wait for us and welcome us home when we have been away...you are our treasure.

Remember, wherever you find yourself during this season of rest and recreation...God will be with you.



### Summer Worship

Worship for the summer months will continue at **10:00 am on Sunday, June 4th.**

The First Sunday of each month will be in the sanctuary for communion. On the second Sunday of the month we plan to worship outdoors in the Pavilion, weather permitting. Just remember the mornings can be a bit cool, so don't forget to bring a sweater, and some bring a blanket to put on the benches to make sitting more comfortable.



The Men's Breakfast group has started back and will be meeting on **Saturday, June 17th**, at **8:30 am.** They will

gather at the **Phoenix Restaurant, 12440 75th St, Kenosha** located west of I94 on the north side of Hwy 50 at the West Frontage Road intersection.



Our Food Pantry / Diaper Ministry is in need of **TOILET PAPER, PAPER**

**TOWELS and KID'S CEREAL**. 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 (B & B)

B & B will meet on **Saturday, July 22nd**, at the church in the Memorial Lounge at **9:30 am**

to discuss the book "**The Dream Daughter**" by **Diane Chamberlain**. Pauline Lorenz 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.



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!!!



### Shalom Center Update

On Sunday, April 30th, our church served approximately 80 people at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. Martha Swartz made delicious soup. Stephanie Christenson; Jane Fahey; Pastor Kathy Gloff; Joe, Vanessa & Joey Hawkins; Lynetta Ingham; Char Laba; Terra Newhouse; Don Stolfi; and Martha Swartz served. In addition, we contributed fruit for a fresh fruit salad and monetary donations. Thank you to all who helped served.



| Sun                                                                                                                                                                | Mon | Tue                                                 | Wed | Thu | Fri                                                                                                                                                                         | Sat                                                                        |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</b></p> </div> |     |                                                     |     | 1   | 2                                                                                                                                                                           | 3                                                                          |
| <b>4 Communion</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                                                                                   | 5   | 6<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry  | 7   | 8   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Wisconsin UCC Annual Conference June 9th—11th at Green Lake</b><br/> <b>“Following Jesus Forward”</b></p> </div> | 10                                                                         |
| <b>11</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                                                                                            | 12  | 13<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 14  | 15  | 16                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>17</b><br><b>8:30 AM—Men’s</b><br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant |
| <b>18</b><br><b>Father’s Day</b><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                                                                 | 19  | 20<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 21  | 22  | 23                                                                                                                                                                          | 24                                                                         |
| <b>25</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                                                                                            | 26  | 27<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 28  | 29  | 30                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                            |