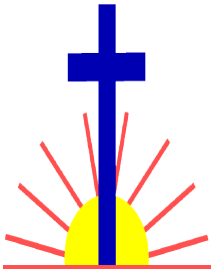


CHURCH CHAT

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



I was praying with my sister-in-law Melissa and her husband Norm (Howie's brother) just the other day at the hospital in West Bend, where they live. Melissa has several chronic health concerns, and she is currently in the hospital as I write this. I prayed that Melissa would have healing and that they would each have the gift of God's patience in this time of difficulty and suffering. It is difficult to wait for what we need the most, and frustrating when the process takes longer than we hoped that it would.

After we were done praying, Melissa asked me why I always prayed for patience when I prayed with her. I told her that I offer that prayer to practically everyone with whom I pray, for we are human, and we can all use more patience in our lives. Somehow, she had convinced herself that I had judged her to be the only person that I knew who needed patience; I assured her that I was not pointing to a personality flaw, but a human need that each of us deals with daily.

As of this month, it has been a year since Howie died. It was probably about five years ago, that Howie gave me a prayer book for my own personal use: Prayers and Promises for Depression and Anxiety. There are 70 different words in the book for which author Sara Perry has chosen related scripture passages and composed prayers and posed a question for reflection. This is part of her entry under the word "patience":

Warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. (1 Thessalonians 5:14)

*God, you know that waiting is hard for me. I know that process is your protocol—most things don't come quickly or easily. I want to be a person who has incredible patience and grace for myself and for those around me. When the day at hand feels overwhelming and pointless, help me to see it as part of the bigger picture.*

*Help me to have a broader perspective to know that my decisions and attitudes in the moment have a ripple effect on those around me and on my future. I know that when you meet me in this aspect of my life my heart will change for the better. Amen.*

***How can you show more patience in your life?***



**September Birthdays**

|    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Dino Sturino    |
| 7  | LeRoy Johnson   |
| 16 | Tamara Frentzel |
| 17 | Jennifer Swartz |
| 19 | Liz Borger      |
| 20 | Ryan Rossi      |
| 23 | James Bishop    |

**September Anniversaries**

|    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|
| 11 | Robert & Terra Newhouse |
| 28 | Joseph & Peggy Gallo    |
| 30 | Jack & Bonnie Adams     |


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

**Scripture Readings**

|                                   |                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sept 3</b><br><i>Communion</i> | Exodus 3: 1-15<br>Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b<br>Romans 12: 9-21<br>Matthew 16: 21-28 |
| <b>Sept 10</b>                    | Exodus 12: 1-14<br>Psalm 149<br>Romans 13: 8-14<br>Matthew 18: 15-20                 |
| <b>Sept 17</b>                    | Exodus 14: 19-31<br>Psalm 114<br>Romans 14: 1-12<br>Matthew 18: 21-35                |
| <b>Sept 24</b>                    | Exodus 16: 2-15<br>Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45<br>Philippians 1: 21-30<br>Matthew 20:1-16  |

| Sunday              |           |                     |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
|                     | Liturgist | Altar Flowers       |
| <b>September 3</b>  | NONE      | (Goldsmith) Coleman |
| <b>September 10</b> | NONE      | NONE                |
| <b>September 17</b> | NONE      | NONE                |
| <b>September 24</b> | NONE      | NONE                |

**Food Pantry** Our Food Pantry / Diaper Ministry is in need of **KID'S CEREAL**. Your donation will be greatly appreciated. If you cannot shop or 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

If you would like to mail your offering:  

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 Check out the internet for Pastor Kathy's new blog:  
**Bloggingwidow.com**  
 (thank you to Marie Christenson for helping to set it up.)



Our **10:100 am** worship will move back inside to a more “formal” style on **Sunday, September 10th**. We welcome the addition of special music if you know of someone, please let Pastor Kathy know. We are also looking for anyone who would like to serve as liturgist. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please consider helping us out.



The Men's Breakfast group will be meeting on **Saturday, September 16th 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.



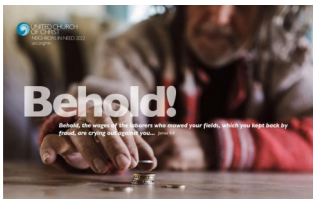
### **Breakfast & Books (B & B)**

Breakfast & Books (B & B) will meet at 9:30 am on **September 23rd** discussing the book **“The World According to Mister Rogers”** by **Fred Rogers**. Susan Goldsmith will lead the discussion and Bonnie Curnes will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided. Any questions in regard to B & B see Bonnie Curnes.



### **Shalom Center Update**

We served about 80 guests at the Soup Kitchen at the Shalom Center on July 30th. Stephanie Christenson made a tasty minestrone soup. Guests also dined on lasagna, bread, carrots, lettuce salad, fruit salad, sandwiches, doughnuts and beverages. Somers UCC donated the ingredients for the soup, lettuce salad, and fruit salad. Stephanie also made an emergency run for forks. Thanks to all who helped serve and make sandwiches including Stephanie Christenson, Caryl Krellwitz, Jennifer Swartz, Martha Swartz, and Pastor Kathy Gloff. We serve at the Soup Kitchen again on Sunday, October 29th.



### **NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

The **Neighbors in Need Offering (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ (UCC) that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy, efforts, and direct service projects through grants. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

We will be collect the NIN offering on **Sunday, October 1st** as part of World Communion Sunday observance.



| Sun                                                                                             | Mon                | Tue                                                 | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</p> |                    |                                                     |     |     | 1   | 2                                                                          |
| <b>3 Communion</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                | <b>4 Labor Day</b> | 5<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry  | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9                                                                          |
| <b>10</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                         | 11                 | 12<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 13  | 14  | 15  | <b>16</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Men's<br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant |
| <b>17</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                         | 18                 | 19<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 20  | 21  | 22  | <b>23</b><br><br><b>9:30 am</b><br>Breakfast &<br>Books                    |
| <b>24</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                         | 25                 | 26<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30                                                                         |