

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.



November 2023



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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



In honor of Thanksgiving, I have an Acrostic List of some of what I am grateful for at this present time in my life. It is my Thanksgiving List:

**Tunes...**I recently attended a lecture and discussion led by Otis Moss III—the Senior Pastor at Trinity UCC in Chicago. Dr. Moss stated Neuroscientists have found that music touches us like nothing else in our experience...because hearing and making music involves

every part of the human brain. Wow!

**House and home...**I will be 59 after the 20th of this month, and on Halloween I bought the first house that is mine in my life. I have always lived in my parent's house or dorms or parsonages or rentals...never in my own home. I wish I could have gotten it done while Howie was still alive.

**Abundance...**I have not been in need. Not every widow, not every pastor, not every citizen of Wisconsin can say that. I am blessed indeed.

**Nearness...**I am so grateful for all the people in my safety net; there are so many who have not left me to wallow in self-pity during this grief-filled time in my life. I owe them a great debt!

**Kindness...**how easy it is for us to bemoan the lack of kindness that seems to envelop us. Instead, I will seek to be kind to all.

**Swimming...**my physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional health have all been so much better now that I have encouraged myself to get to the Y on a regular basis.

**God...**you knew that God had to be on the list, didn't you? Every gift and every grace in my life are from God. It was Tecumseh who said: "If the only prayer you ever prayed was THANK YOU...that would be enough."

**Interdependence...**I am by nature an introvert, but even I know that human beings are dependent on each other.

**Virtue...**in a world where it seems like so many people do what is evil, what is wrong...I am grateful for those who do what is good and right.

**Intervention...**When Mr. Rogers was a boy, his mother told him: "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." Aren't you glad that's true?


**Nature...**in the words of my favorite hymn: "For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise."

**Grace...**To borrow from words that often begin worship services: "May the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you...now and always."



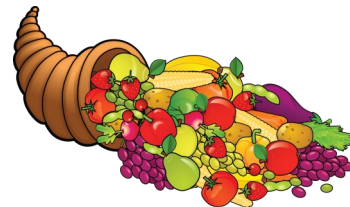
| November Birthdays     |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7                      | Brent Christenson     |
| 8                      | Terra Newhouse        |
| 9                      | Lowell Charon         |
| 18                     | Stephanie Christenson |
| 20                     | Pastor Kathy Gloff    |
| 29                     | Gloria Chubriilo      |
| 29                     | Julie Rossi           |
| 30                     | Carol Bishop          |
| November Anniversaries |                       |
| 14                     | Bryan & Chynna Chung  |

*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  
PO Box 183  
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| Scripture Readings                              |                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>November 5</b><br><i>Communion</i>           | Joshua 3: 7-17<br>Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37<br>1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13<br>Matthew 23: 1-12  |
| <b>November 12</b><br><i>Stewardship Sunday</i> | Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25<br>Psalm 78: 1-7<br>1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18<br>Matthew 25: 1-13 |
| <b>November 19</b><br><i>Heritage Sunday</i>    | Judges 4: 1-7<br>Psalm 123<br>1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11<br>Matthew 25: 14-30              |
| <b>November 26</b>                              | Ezekial 34: 11-16, 20-24<br>Psalm 100<br>Ephesians 1: 15-23<br>Matthew 25:131-46        |



| Sunday             |           |                 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                    | Liturgist | Altar Flowers   |
| <b>November 5</b>  | NONE      | Swartz Family   |
| <b>November 12</b> | NONE      | NONE            |
| <b>November 19</b> | NONE      | Deb Radovanovic |
| <b>November 26</b> | NONE      | NONE            |



**Set Your Clocks Back!**  
This year, the clocks fall back an hour on **Sunday, November 5th.**  
It is also a great time to change the batteries in all your smoke alarms.



**CLOSED DUE TO WEATHER**  
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.



184 Years of Serving God!  
Come celebrate our Heritage  
and History on  
**Sunday, November 19th.**



Planning ahead for the month of **December**, we will be collecting for our annual mitten drive. Please bring in **mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves, socks, underwear, undershirts, and sweatshirts for women, men, and children in all sizes** to place on the tree in the back of the sanctuary of our church. Articles will be donated to a local mission group.



We are always in need of **KID'S CEREAL** for the Food Pantry. If you are unable to shop, you can make a donation by putting it in the offering plate on Sunday or mail a check to the church and mark on it **FOOD PANTRY**. During the past few months, we have been having more families come in asking for help. **THANK YOU**  
Bonnie Curnes, Project Manager

### Holiday Shopping



Here is one way our church can benefit from your holiday giving:  
♦ **Buy Scrip** - The church has a variety of scrip available for different vendors. On the cart in the Narthex is a sheet that lists companies that scrip cards are available from. **If you do want Scrip Cards for Christmas gifts, please get your order to Dennis Curnes by Sunday, December 3rd.** Any questions see Dennis or call him at 262-914-4523.



### Breakfast & Books (B & B)

On **November 4th** it will be our last gathering in 2023 for B & B (Breakfast & Books). We will meet at the church at **9:30 am** to discuss the book "**A Prayer for Owen Meany**" by **John Irving**. Pastor Kathy will lead the discussion and Shirley Mandernack will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided. Also, on this day we will be choosing the selections of books for 2024, so bring some suggestions with you. If you have any questions, contact Bonnie Curnes at 262-654-1612.



The Men's Breakfast group will be meeting on **Saturday, November 18th at 8:30 am**. They will gather at the **Phoenix Restaurant 12440 75th St, Kenosha** located west of I-94 on the north side of Hwy 50 at the West Frontage Road Intersection.



**Christmas Poinsettias** will be available to beautify our sanctuary this year. The sign up sheet will be available in November with the cost, size, and color. If you have any questions, contact Char Laba.



**2024 COMMITTEE BUDGETS**  
are due to

Dennis Curnes by  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.**



## Something about Stewardship

Stewardship is done in our church and basically every church all over the world at least once every year. As Moderator and Treasurer of our church, I get to deal with this every year and I would like to thank and praise each and every one of you that have given to our church this year and in years past. You have done an exceptional job of giving for the good of our church and mission.

If you have been attending our services recently, you will know that our numbers are starting to dwindle. This is mostly due to the fact that our congregation is getting older and the number of new people out there looking for a church are few and far between. When the numbers dwindle the giving follows suit. This is usually not a good thing. It also seems that in this church, the smaller we get the better we get. I don't understand, but I think that is because we are a people that care and are concerned about our congregation.

I personally can remember and many of you will too, when we were posting the church bills on a bulletin board in the Narthex and when we would either come in or go out of church on Sunday morning we would take one or two of these bills and pay it for the church, in order to keep the church fluid. That was when we had many more people belonging to the church and many more attending each Sunday, and we are no where near that again.

At the present time we are still able to pay our bills, but we are going to need you, the people of the church, to prayerfully think about your giving this year. Dig a little deeper, if you can, and help us keep going. I am not saying that we are broke, or anywhere near that, but we do need to maintain and continue to stay fluid. Everything is getting more and more expensive every time we turn around, as you all know and, of course, it's no different for the church.

We are few, but we are mighty and I believe in you and trust that we will continue to be the church and the people that I have known and grown to love over all these years.

Think about it!

Dennis

A NOTE OF



Thank you for your recent in-kind donation of school supplies to the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha. Today, hundreds of kids are walking through the doors of the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha to find a safe place to be after school to learn, dream and receive access to opportunities and resources to reach their full potential.

The donation you have made helps the Club provide programs and activities for youth and teens. Our impact on the youth in the Kenosha community could not happen without your support.

Thank you, Tara Panaswicz, Chief Executive Officer

*P.S. Thanks again for anyone who donated school supplies.*



# November



| Sun                                                                                                                                                         | Mon | Tue                                             | Wed | Thu                       | Fri | Sat                                                          |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</p> </div> |     |                                                 | 1   | 2                         | 3   | 4<br>9:30 AM—<br>Breakfast &<br>Books                        |
| 5 <i>Turn clocks back</i><br><i>Communion</i><br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                                                        | 6   | 7<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00<br>PM Diaper<br>Ministry  | 8   | 9                         | 10  | 11                                                           |
| 12<br><i>Stewardship Sunday</i><br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                                                                      | 13  | 14<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00<br>PM Diaper<br>Ministry | 15  | 16                        | 17  | 18<br>8:30 am Men's<br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant |
| 19 <i>Heritage Sunday</i><br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                                                                            | 20  | 21<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00<br>PM Diaper<br>Ministry | 22  | 23<br><i>Thanksgiving</i> | 24  | 25                                                           |
| 26<br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                                                                                                   | 27  | 28<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00<br>PM Diaper<br>Ministry | 29  | 30                        |     |                                                              |