

# 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.



## March 2024



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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



I promised to share a prayer with you for each of the weeks of Lent in March this month. These are all from the Celtic Tradition:

### **March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Thanks be to you O God that

I have risen this day to the rising of life itself.

May it be a blessing; O God of every gift, a day of new beginnings given.

Help me to avoid every sin and the source of every sin to forsake

and as the mist scatters from the crest of the hills,

may each ill haze clear from my soul, O God.

### **March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>**

You are the love of each living creature, O God.

You are the warmth of the rising sun.

You are the whiteness of the moon at night.

You are the life of the growing earth.

You are the strength of the waves of the sea.

Speak to me this night, O God; speak to me your truth.

Dwell with me this night, O God; dwell with me in love.

### **March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

God before me, God behind me, God above me, God beneath me.

I on your path, O God. You, O God, on my way.

In the twistings of the road, in the currents of the river.

Be with me by day; be with me by night; be with me by day and night.

### **March 24<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup> (Holy Week)**

O Loving Christ who died upon the tree,

each day and each night I remember your love.

In my lying down and in my rising up; in life and in death;

You are my health and my peace. Each day and each night

I remember your forgiveness, bestowed on me so gently and generously

Each day and each night, may I be fuller in love to you.

### **March 31<sup>st</sup> (Easter)**

Jesus Christ, we greet you!

Your hands still have holes in them, and your feet are wet from the dew;

and with the memory of our names undimmed by three days of death

you meet us, risen from the grave.

We fail to understand how; we puzzle at the reason why.

But you have come: not to answer our questions, but to show us your face.


**YOU ARE ALIVE AND THE WORLD CAN REJOICE AGAIN.**

**HALLELUJAH! AMEN!**



| March Birthdays |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 9               | Susan Goldsmith |
| 11              | Thomas Rossi    |
| 21              | Barbara Dinges  |
| 21              | Jack Swartz     |
| 25              | Dennis Curnes   |


*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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**Spring Forward!**  
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on **Sunday, March 10th.**  
Time to Spring Ahead



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.

| Scripture Readings                                        |                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>March 3</b><br><i>Communion</i>                        | Exodus 20: 1-17<br>Psalm 19<br>1 Corinthians 1: 18-25<br>John 2: 13-22                 |
| <b>March 10</b><br><i>Turn Clock Ahead</i><br><b>OGHS</b> | Numbers 21: 4-9<br>Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22<br>Ephesians 2: 1-10<br>John 3: 14-21         |
| <b>March 17</b>                                           | Jeremiah 31: 31-34<br>Psalm 51: 1-12 or 119: 9-16<br>Hebrews 5: 5-10<br>John 12: 20-33 |
| <b>March 24</b><br><i>Palm Sunday</i>                     | Isaiah 50: 4-9a<br>Psalm 31: 9-16<br>Philippians 2: 5-11<br>Mark 14: 1- 15: 47         |
| <b>March 31</b><br><i>Easter</i><br><b>Shalom Center</b>  | Acts 10: 34-43<br>Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24<br>1 Corinthians 15: 1-11<br>John 20: 1-18     |

| Sunday          |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
|                 | Altar Flowers |
| <b>March 3</b>  | LENT          |
| <b>March 10</b> | LENT          |
| <b>March 17</b> | LENT          |
| <b>March 24</b> | PALM SUNDAY   |
| <b>March 31</b> | EASTER        |



Our Food Pantry/ Diaper Ministry is in need of **KID'S CEREAL, PAPER TOWELS, and TOILET PAPER.** 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



# HOLY WEEK



**Palm/Passion Sunday** - March 24th at 10:00 am

**Maundy Thursday** - March 28th

**Good Friday** - March 29th

**Easter Sunday** - March 31st at 10:00 am



The Men's Breakfast group will be meeting on **Saturday, March 16th 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. Hope you will join us.



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

**March 31st**. 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 (B & B)

On **March 23rd at 9:30 am** in the Memorial Lounge the B & B group will gather together to

discuss the book **"AMERICAN DIRT"** by **JEANINE CUMMINS**. Pauline Lorenz and Tami Frentzel will lead the discussion and Pastor Kathy will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided, and a sign-up sheet will be on the cart in the Narthex for you to sign if you will be attending. THANKS...If you have any questions give me a jingle. Bonnie Curnes.



**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response and recovery networks, your contributions to OGHS put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. The theme for the 2024 One Great Hour of Sharing special offering is "It's time to share the light". **One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday, March 10th**

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Somers Community United Church of Christ  
Annual Meeting  
February 4, 2024

Present: (\*not a member)

|                       |                 |                |                    |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Stephanie Christenson | Gloria Chubrilo | Doug Coleman   | Bonnie Curnes      |
| Dennis Curnes         | Kent Duesing    | Rich Glasenapp | Pastor Kathy Gloff |
| Susan Goldsmith       | Char Laba       | Karen McKenzie | Barbara Sherman*   |
| Christine Sturino*    | Dino Sturino*   | Martha Swartz  | Pat Swartz         |
| Richard Swartz        |                 |                |                    |

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Curnes, Moderator, at 10:50 AM. Pastor Kathy gave the opening prayer. Rich G. made a motion to approve the Agenda for the Annual Meeting. Richard S. seconded the motion and approved. Stephanie C. made a motion to approve the slate of officers and committee members. Susan G. seconded the motion and approved. Char L. made a motion to approve the February 5, 2023, Annual Meeting Minutes. Bonnie C. seconded the motion and approved.

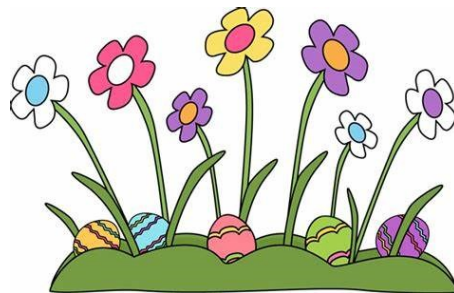
**2024 Proposed Budget:** Dennis presented the 2024 budget. Questions concerned the difference between 2023 spending and 2024 budget on General Maintenance which included replacing parts on the zone pumps of the furnace and the difference in Water Testing which depends on what tests are needed each year, so the cost varies each year. Kent D. made a motion to accept the 2024 budget. Rich G. seconded the motion, and it was approved.

**2023 Annual Reports:** None.

**Old & New Business:** Last year we approved the Pilgrim Heritage Fund would make up the difference on the pledge amount and giving for OCWM. In 2023, we approved \$4,000 for our giving to OCWM, and we gave \$3,981 so short \$19 which was donated by a member. Rich G. made a motion to increase our OCWM to \$4,250 for 2024. Susan G. seconded the motion and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted,  
Barbara Sherman, Clerk





# MARCH



| 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                                                                   |
| <b>3 Communion</b><br>10:00 am<br>Worship                                                                                                                          | 4   | 5<br><br><b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper<br>Ministry  | 6   | 7                         | 8                     | 9                                                                   |
| <b>10 Turn Clocks Ahead!</b><br><b>One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)</b><br>10:00 am<br>Worship                                                                     | 11  | 12<br><br><b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper<br>Ministry | 13  | 14                        | 15                    | 16<br><b>8:30 am</b> Men's<br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant |
| 17<br>10:00 am<br>Worship                                                                                                                                          | 18  | 19<br><br><b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper<br>Ministry | 20  | 21                        | 22                    | 23<br><b>9:30 AM</b><br>Breakfast &<br>Books                        |
| <b>24 Palm Sunday</b><br>10:00 am<br>Worship                                                                                                                       | 25  | 26<br><br><b>2:00 pm - 5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper<br>Ministry | 27  | <b>28 Maundy Thursday</b> | <b>29 Good Friday</b> | 30                                                                  |
| <b>31 Easter</b><br>10:00 am<br>Worship<br><br><b>Shalom Center</b>                                                                                                |     |                                                          |     |                           |                       |                                                                     |