

# 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 2024



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Monday, Tuesday,

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9:00pm - 3:00 pm



Once upon a time, I knew that there is a difference between Happiness and Joy. I had to be reminded of that truth once again just last week. Happiness is a feeling...Joy is a state of being.

For some people there is probably not much difference between the two, and oftentimes our feelings overlap with our state of being...but sometimes they do not.

Most of the time, when I am happy, I am also joyful.

But sometimes I am joyful...even when I am unhappy.

Oftentimes, it is people and things that make me happy. Let me give you my favorite example.

There is a little-known musical based on the Peanuts Comic Strip. My favorite song from that musical is "Happiness Is...":

*Happiness is finding a pencil. Pizza with sausage. Telling the time.*

*Happiness is learning to whistle. Tying your shoe for the very first time.*

*Happiness is playing the drum in your own school band, and happiness is walking hand in hand.*

*Happiness is two kinds of ice cream, knowing a secret, climbing a tree.*

*Happiness is five different crayons, catching a firefly, setting him free.*

*Happiness is being alone every now and then, and happiness is coming home again.*

*Happiness is morning and evening, daytime, and nighttime too, for happiness is anyone and anything at all, that's loved by you.*

*Happiness is having a sister, sharing a sandwich, getting along.*

*Happiness is singing together when day is through, and happiness is those who sing with you.*

*Happiness is morning and evening, daytime, and nighttime too, for happiness is anyone and anything at all, that's loved by you.*

I have shared with you in a sermon or two in the past, that I am taking an online masterclass on Modern Day Mystics. Our class last month was about Henri Nouwen. Based on book sales, Henri Nouwen was the most popular spiritual writer of the last seventy years. He is the one who gives us the defining word on Joy:

*Joy does not simply happen to us.*

*We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.*


**Choose joy today, and appreciate things that make you happy too.**



| May Birthdays     |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 2                 | Doug Coleman             |
| 3                 | Lynette Ingham           |
| 4                 | Donald Dinges            |
| 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.*

| Scripture Readings                                                |                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>May 5</b><br><i>Communion</i>                                  | Acts 10: 44-48<br>Psalm 98<br>1 John 5: 1-6<br>John 15: 9-17                          |
| <b>May 12</b><br><i>Mother's Day</i><br><i>Blanket Sunday</i>     | Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26<br>Psalm 1<br>1 John 5: 9-13<br>John 17: 6-19                    |
| <b>May 19</b><br><i>Pentecost</i><br><i>Strengthen the Church</i> | Acts 2: 1-21<br>Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b<br>Romans 8: 22-27<br>John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15 |
| <b>May 26</b>                                                     | Isaiah 6: 1-8<br>Psalm 29<br>Romans 8: 12-17<br>John 3: 1-17                          |



Remember Your Offerings  
 If you would like to mail your offering:  
 Somers United Church of Christ  
 PO Box 183  
 Somers WI 53171

| Sunday        |               |
|---------------|---------------|
|               | Altar Flowers |
| <b>May 5</b>  | NONE          |
| <b>May 12</b> | NONE          |
| <b>May 19</b> | NONE          |
| <b>May 26</b> | NONE          |



### Food Pantry

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



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



### CWS (Church World Service) Blankets: Sunday, May 12th

#### **"Blanket the World with Love"**

In 2023, CWS provided 32,785 blankets 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 12th (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.

*"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need. (Hebrews 13: 16)*



CUSH (Congregations United to Serve Humanity) has a Mission Video that answers that all too common question... *but what do you do?* Please enjoy watching our new Mission Video that explores the nuance in our work of advocacy, education, and empowerment.

It is on our website under "Community Action" and here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-ybkf0RBU8>



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

The next time B & B (Breakfast & Books) will be getting together is **May 18th** at **9:30 am** in the Memorial Lounge. We will be discussing the book **"Once We Were Sisters: A Memoir"** by **Sheila Kohler**. Jane Fahey will lead the discussion and Jennifer Swartz will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be on the cart in the Narthex. Any questions contact Bonnie Curnes at 262-654-1612 or email her at [bonniecurnes@wi.rr.com](mailto:bonniecurnes@wi.rr.com).



### **Strengthen the Church (STC) Sunday, May 19th**

STC offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support will help UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



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!!!

# HELP WANTED

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## **There's a job in our church if anyone would like it!!!**

I am looking for a person or person's to take over the job of Church Treasurer, from me.

The job Description is:

1. Record all money deposited by the Church Financial Secretary weekly.
2. Receive and pay all bills incurred by the church, either by check, direct deposit, or bank transfer.
3. Record and scan all transactions made. (I then shred the originals, because I have a copy of what was paid.)
4. Pay the Mid-Month and End of Month Salaries in the church through ADP. (ADP is a service hired to take care of paying all salaries, taking care of all the taxes, and report all to the IRS.) All you have to do is let ADP know how much and when to pay.
5. I usually pay the bills once per week unless there're none to pay or more often if something needs to be paid as soon as possible.
6. You would work with the Resources Committee for all transfers from Designated Funds, either in or out of the fund for some payments.
7. You would work with the Moderator in areas that involved the Pastors Salary, Health Insurance, Pension or Housing Allowance.
8. You would email a report to the Church Council members at the end of each month, letting them know where we stand financially.

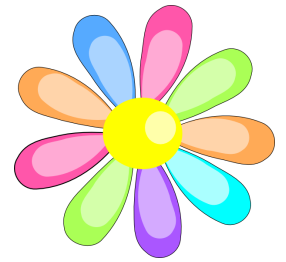
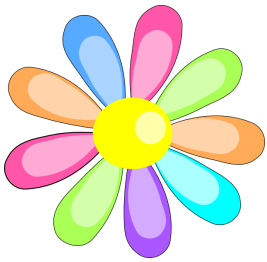
Believe it or not, this is a very gratifying job. I will be honest with you, there are times when it can be stressful, but the people of the congregation and the people that you will work with will help immensely.

The church provides a laptop and a scanner for you to use for the job and I will personally train the individual that calls me to accept the job.

So, if you think that you would like to have the job and have a little bit of time to spend doing it.

Call me at: (262) 914 – 4523 or email me at: [dcurnes@wi.rr.com](mailto:dcurnes@wi.rr.com)

Thanks, Dennis



| Sun                                                                                             | Mon                    | Tue                                                 | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</b> |                        |                                                     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4                                                                                                             |
| <b>5 Communion</b><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                            | 6                      | 7<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry  | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11                                                                                                            |
| <b>12 Mother's Day</b><br><b>CWS Blanket Sunday</b><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship           | 13                     | 14<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18<br><b>8:30 am</b> Men's<br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant<br><b>9:30 AM</b><br>Breakfast &<br>Books |
| <b>19 Pentecost</b><br><b>Strengthen the Church</b><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship           | 20                     | 21<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25                                                                                                            |
| 26<br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                            | <b>27 Memorial Day</b> | 28<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 29  | 30  | 31  |                                                                                                               |