

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.



January 2025



The minutes of daylight have been increasing slowly since December 22nd of last month. I have been thinking about light, which I tend to do during this season of the year. Epiphany is the holiday that brings the twelve days of Christmas to an end; it is always the 6th day of January, the day that we remember those foreign visitors who came to Bethlehem to visit Jesus and Mary and Joseph by following the light of the star. Their visit revealed a greater light...the Light of the World—Jesus Christ.

I want to share some thoughts with you from Still Speaking Writer Quinn G. Caldwell drawn from Malachi 4:2, which reads: “The sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Rev. Caldwell says this:

Brightness doesn't mean a thing, says Malachi, unless it also comes with healing. The Sun of Righteousness isn't the Sun of Righteousness unless there's healing in its wings. Want to know if the person in front of you is God, or at least in league with God? See if what they do, what they say, what they vote for, is healing—for themselves, for others, for anybody. And just for the record, some things that healing is not:

- ***forgetting or pretending***
- ***denying***
- ***passing a hurt along***
- ***passing laws to make it illegal to talk about the hurt***
- ***telling people it's all in their head***
- ***reserved for some, denied to others***
- ***a proclamation instead of a process***
- ***the same as cure***

If a shining someone has arisen before you—in person or on your feed—and is asking you to listen to them, or vote for them, or worship them, ask them to tell you the story of their own healing. Ask them what they think healing even is. And then ask them this: by their words, their deeds, their legislation, their work, their art, their life, to whom have they given a taste of it?

May the true gifts of healing be yours now...and all year through!

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



# JANUARY

| January Birthdays     |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 5                     | Marie Christenson      |
| 16                    | Lukas Rossi            |
| 20                    | Dick Swartz            |
| 23                    | Janet Kurz             |
| 27                    | Char Laba              |
| 31                    | Jack Adams             |
| January Anniversaries |                        |
| 13                    | Richard & Barb Flocker |

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

| Sunday |               |
|--------|---------------|
|        | Altar Flowers |
| Jan 5  | NONE          |
| Jan 12 | NONE          |
| Jan 19 | NONE          |
| Jan 26 | Char Laba     |

| Scripture Readings               |                                                                                      |
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| <b>Jan 5</b><br><i>Communion</i> | Jeremiah 31: 7-14<br>Psalms 147: 12-20<br>Ephesians 1: 13-14<br>John 1: (1-9), 10-18 |
| <b>Jan 12</b>                    | Isaiah 43: 1-7<br>Psalms 29<br>Acts 8: 14-17<br>Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22                 |
| <b>Jan 19</b>                    | Isaiah 62: 1-5<br>Psalms 36: 5-10<br>1 Corinthians 12: 1-11<br>John 2: 1-11          |
| <b>Jan 26</b>                    | Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10<br>Psalms 19<br>1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a<br>Luke 4: 14-21 |



**WE'RE 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.

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

Announcements

ANNUAL  
Report

If you have any reports for the 2024 Annual Report booklet, get them to the church office by **Sunday, January 5th**.



The Men's Breakfast group will be meeting on **Saturday, January 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.



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

**B & B (Breakfast and Books)** next get together will be on **January 25th at 9:30 am (If the weather is bad we will meet February 1st)**. Pastor Kathy will lead the discussion the book "**Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker**" by **Jennifer Chiaverini**. Pastry will be furnished by Judy Desotell and coffee will be provided. Contact Bonnie Curnes (262-654-1612), if you have any questions about joining this group.



This year's ANNUAL MEETING will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, February 2nd**. If we have to cancel due to weather conditions, it will be held on *Sunday, February 9th*. Hope to see you there!!

Food Pantry

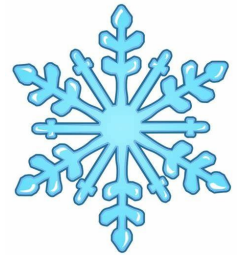
We are always in need of **KID'S CEREAL, TOILET PAPER, and PAPER TOWELS**. In the past few months, we have seen more food being given to families and even some senior citizens at our food pantry. \$\$\$ money donations are always welcome, and we will do the shopping for you. Just send or put a check in the offering plate and mark on it "**Food Pantry**". Thank you for your help.

Bonnie Curnes, Project Manager

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STRONGER. SAVED  
Hopeful. Loved  
FORGIVEN. FOUND  
Blessed. Inspired



# January



| 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 <i>New Year's Day</i> | 2   | 3   | 4                                                            |
| 5 <i>Communion</i><br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                       | 6                                    | 7<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00 PM<br>Diaper Ministry  | 8                       | 9   | 10  | 11                                                           |
| 12<br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                                       | 13                                   | 14<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00 PM<br>Diaper Ministry | 15                      | 16  | 17  | 18<br>8:30 am Men's<br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant |
| 19<br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                                       | 20 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> | 21<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00 PM<br>Diaper Ministry | 22                      | 23  | 24  | 25<br>9:30 AM<br>Breakfast &<br>Books                        |
| 26<br>10:00 AM<br>Worship                                                                       | 27                                   | 28<br><br>2:00 PM—5:00 PM<br>Diaper Ministry | 29                      | 30  | 31  |                                                              |