

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.



October 2025



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Church Office Hours  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday  
9:00pm - 3:00 pm



This month, I wanted to share some prayers with you in this space. They are from Soul Weavings: A Gathering of Women's Prayers. Keep praying...

- ◇ From the chapter "**My Whole Being Shouts for Joy**": "The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything. God is the ground, the substance, the teaching, the teacher, the purpose, and the reward for which every soul labors." *Julian of Norwich (1342-1419)*
- ◇ From the chapter "**We are Not Alone**": "Bless our home, Father, that we cherish the bread before there is none, discover each other before we leave, and enjoy each other for what we are, while we have time." *Hawaiian Prayer*
- ◇ From the chapter "**May We Always be Seekers**": "Go with the strength you have. Go simply, lightly, gently, in search of Love. And the Spirit go with you." *Kiamu Cawidrone*
- ◇ From the chapter "**On the Way to Goodness**": "Renew my will from day to day. Blend it with Thine and take away all that now makes it hard to say, 'Thy will be done!'" *Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871)*
- ◇ From the chapter "**Go Out with Good Courage**": "Jesus, who never grew old, it is not easy for any of us to face old age. It is fine to be young, attractive, and strong. Old age reminds us of weakness and dependence on others. But to be your disciple means accepting weakness and interdependence. Because of you we can rejoice in weakness in ourselves and be tender to it in others." *Monica Furlong, England*
- ◇ From the chapter "**How Long, O Lord?**": "May the God of mercy, who is well acquainted with grief, bless us with gentle comfort and healing for our sorrows. Amen." *Marchiene Vroon Rienstra*
- ◇ From the chapter "**And I Will Give You Rest**": "Lord, teach us how to pray. There's a busy part of us that urges us to be always out doing something. But you've told us that being quiet with you is essential too. How can we know what you want us to do if we don't take time out to listen to you? Help us not to be afraid of what we might learn if we are still. Let our lives be a work of peace because we have discovered you and ourselves in you. Amen." *Pat Corrick Hinton*



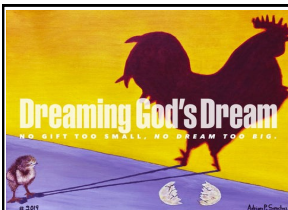
| October Birthdays     |                               |
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| 1                     | Jeff Rossi                    |
| 5                     | Karen McKenzie                |
| 23                    | Peggy Gallo                   |
| 27                    | Jennifer Rossi                |
| October Anniversaries |                               |
| 10                    | Brent & Stephanie Christenson |
| 24                    | Dino & Christine Sturino      |
| 26                    | Donald & Patti Stolfi         |

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

| Sunday |               |
|--------|---------------|
|        | Altar Flowers |
| Oct 5  | Swartz Family |
| Oct 12 | NONE          |
| Oct 19 | NONE          |
| Oct 26 | NONE          |



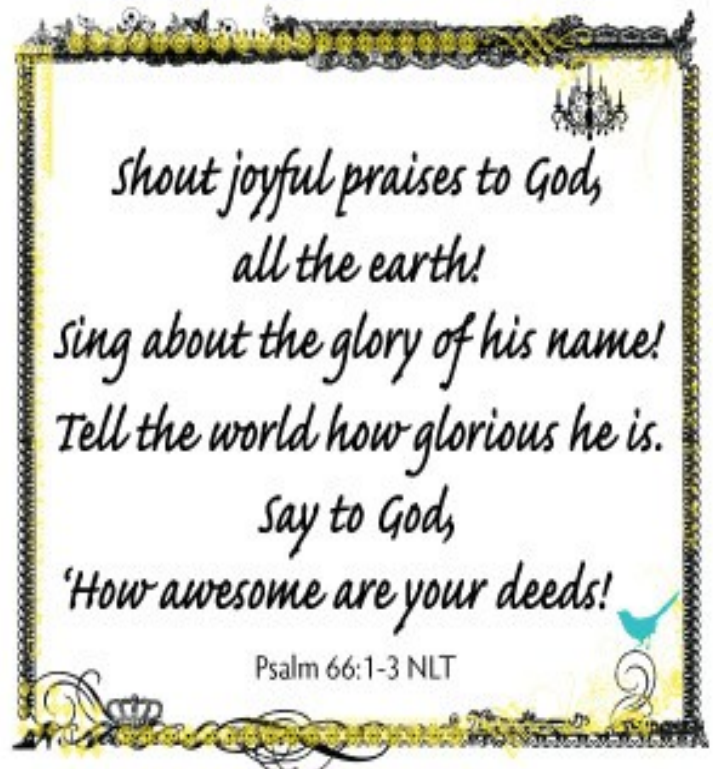
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*Just a reminder that our annual Stewardship Sunday will be here soon.*

*Please take a little time to reflect on how you are able to best share your particular gifts in 2026.*

| Scripture Readings                                               |                                                                                  |
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| <b>October 5</b><br><i>Communion</i><br><i>Neighbors in Need</i> | Lamentations 1: 1-6, 3: 19-26<br>Psalm 137<br>2 Timothy 1: 1-14<br>Luke 17: 5-10 |
| <b>October 12</b>                                                | Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7<br>Psalm 66: 1-12<br>2 Timothy 2: 8-15<br>Luke 17: 11-19     |
| <b>October 19</b>                                                | Jeremiah 31: 27-34<br>Psalm 119: 97-104<br>2 Timothy 3: 14- 4:5<br>Luke 18: 1-8  |
| <b>October 26</b>                                                | Joel 2: 23-32<br>Psalm 65<br>2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18<br>Luke 18: 9-14            |



## Announcements



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



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 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



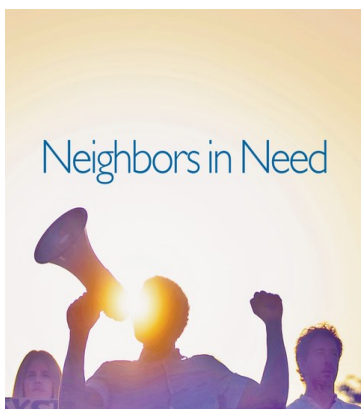
## **Breakfast & Books (B & B)**

Breakfast & Books (B&B) will finish out the 2025 year discussing the book "**When Life Gives You Pears**" by **Jeannie Gaffigan** on **Saturday, November 1st at 9:30 am** in the Memorial Lounge. Tami Frentzel will lead the discussion, and Pauline Koons will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided. A signup sheet will be in the Narthex the first part of October for you to sign to let us know if you will/ will not be coming. **Also, on this day we will be choosing 6 book selections for 2026, so bring some suggestions with you.** Any questions see Bonnie Curnes (262-654-1612).



If you have adult fiction / non-fiction books laying around your home and you would like to donate them to a worthy cause, please contact Bonnie Curnes.

They will be going to the Little Library at the Shalom Center. Thank you.



## **NEIGHBORS IN NEED—OCTOBER 5th**

The **Neighbors in Need Offering (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ (UCC) that support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The program allocates one-third of its funds to the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) while the remaining two-thirds support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants.

We will be collect the NIN offering on **Sunday, October 5th** as part of World Communion Sunday observance.



## Shalom Center Update

Our church served approximately 57 people (56 adults and one child) on Sunday, August 31st at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. Stephanie Christenson made delicious minestrone soup. The following helped serve the meal: Stephanie Christenson, Pastor Kathy Gloff, Steve Litin, Lynette Ingham, Char Laba, Terra Newhouse, and Martha Swartz. We provided meat, cheese, and bread for sandwiches, chips, and fruit salad. Thank you to all who help. Our next date to serve is **Sunday, November 30th.**



## Congregations United to Serve Humanity (CUSH) 25th Banquet Celebration

**Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM**

**The Vault, 625 57th St., Kenosha**

*\*See CUSH Kenosha Website or Pastor Kathy for ticket purchase.\**

Congregations United to Serve Humanity (CUSH) is pleased to announce its 25th anniversary, marking a quarter-century of our commitment to justice through advocacy, education, and community empowerment. Join us by attending our 2025 Banquet Celebration! Each ticket secures general admission for one, including a full meal.

Enjoy cocktails, food, a silent auction, and a short program featuring CUSH community leaders including our esteemed guest speaker, Mr. Darryl D. Morin, President and CEO of Advanced Wireless, Inc. (AWI), and the National President of Forward Latino.



## School Supplies Update

Members of the Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who donated school

supplies these past few weeks. The items were taken to the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha, and they were very grateful to receive them.

Here is what was collected:

- Backpack —1
- Lunch bag—1
- Spiral notebooks—26
- Folders — 14
- Loose leaf paper — 9 packages
- Erasers—7
- Eraser caps 12
- Colored pencils — 12 packages
- Glue Bottles —9
- Glue sticks—32
- Crayons — 6 packages
- Pencils — 408
- Highlighters—24
- Markers—2 packages
- Pens—42 pens (blue & black)
- Pencil Sharpeners—2
- Pencil boxes—4
- Scissor—1
- 3 ring binder 1







| Sun                                                                                                          | Mon | Tue                                                 | Wed | Thu                                                      | Fri | Sat                                                                 |
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| <div> <b>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</b> </div> |     |                                                     | 1   | 2                                                        | 3   | 4                                                                   |
| <b>5 Communion</b><br><b>Neighbors in</b><br><b>Need</b><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                                                                  |
| 12<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 |
| 19<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<br><br><b>5:30 pm</b> CUSH<br>Banquet at The<br>Vault | 24  | 25                                                                  |
| 26<br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                                             | 27  | 28<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 29  | 30                                                       | 31  |                                                                     |