

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.



December 2025



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Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



Darius Rucker, who first gained musical fame in the rock band Hootie and the Blowfish, and then crossed over into country music stardom, wrote an unusual song for his Christmas Album "Home for the Holidays". The song is called "What God Wants for Christmas." These are the lyrics of his modern Christmas Carol:

**Old man playing Santa Claus blew into town with old Jack Frost  
Now he's handing out candy canes and smiles for free  
People scurry with their lists rushing around to buy those gifts that will  
End up wrapped up underneath the tree  
I'm sitting at this red light looking at a manger scene  
Watching snowflakes kiss that baby and it makes me think**

**I wonder what God wants for Christmas  
something that you can't find in a store  
Maybe peace on Earth, no more empty seats in church  
might be what's on His wish list  
I wonder what God wants for Christmas**

**What do you give someone who gave His only Son?  
What if we believe in Him like He believes in us?**

**I wonder what God wants for Christmas what might put a smile on His face  
Every Bible with no dust, the devil giving up might be what's on His wish  
list**

**I wonder what God wants for Christmas what kind of gift from you and me?  
More sister, more brother, more lovin' one another  
Yeah, I wonder, I wonder what God wants (By now we oughta know)  
what God wants for Christmas**

I think that Darius is right. By now we ought to know what God wants for Christmas (and for the rest of the days of the year too). May God's peace be the gift that you give and the gift that you receive with a joyful and grateful heart.

Have a Blessed Christmas...and be a blessing to all of the lives you touch!

# DECEMBER

| December Birthdays     |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 3                      | Phyllis Borger       |
| 5                      | Michael Burbach      |
| 23                     | Christine Sturino    |
| 24                     | Steve Ingham         |
| 25                     | Joseph Rossi         |
| December Anniversaries |                      |
| 1                      | Mary & Randall Rossi |

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

| Sunday |               |
|--------|---------------|
|        | Altar Flowers |
| Dec 7  | NONE          |
| Dec 14 | NONE          |
| Dec 21 | Poinsettias   |
| Dec 28 | Poinsettias   |



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



**2026 COMMITTEE BUDGETS** are due to Dennis Curnes by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.**



If you have any reports for the 2025 Annual Report booklet, get them to the church office by **Sunday, January 4th.**

| Scripture Readings                    |                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>December 7<br/>Communion</b>       | Isaiah 11: 1-10<br>Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19<br>Romans 15: 4-13<br>Matthew 3: 1-12             |
| <b>December 14</b>                    | Isaiah 35: 1-10<br>Psalm 146: 5-10<br>Luke 1: 46b-55<br>James 5: 7-10<br>Matthew 11: 2-11 |
| <b>December 21<br/>Christmas Fund</b> | Isaiah 7: 10-16<br>Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19<br>Romans 1: 1-7<br>Matthew 1: 18-25              |
| <b>December 28</b>                    | Isaiah 63: 7-9<br>Psalm 148<br>Hebrews 2: 10-18<br>Matthew 22: 13-23                      |



## 2026 Offering Envelopes

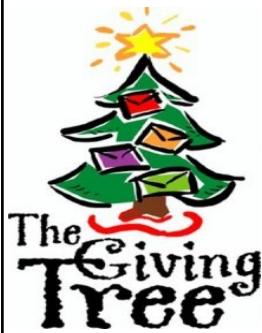
2026 Offering Envelopes will be available to pick up in December. If you don't find one for you, please let the church office know.



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.



*Wednesday,  
December 24th  
4:00 PM  
Lessons & Carols  
communion, &  
candlelight*



For the month of **December**, we will be collecting for our annual Giving Tree. 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.



## Holiday Shopping

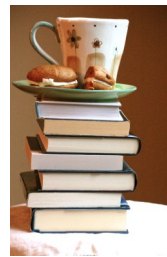
Here is one way our church can benefit from your holiday giving:

♦ **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 7th.** Any questions see Dennis or call at 262-914-4523.



The **Men's Breakfast** group will be meeting on **Saturday, December 20th 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)**

Breakfast & Books (B&B) next gathering will take place on **Saturday, January 24th** in the Memorial Lounge at **9:30 am.** *(If the weather is bad, we will meet on January 31st.)* Tami Frentzel will lead the discussion on the book **"The Frozen River"** by **Areil Lawhon**. Pastry / fruit will be furnished by Debbie Radovanovic and coffee will be provided. Any questions see Bonnie Curnes (262-654-1612).



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



Here is a list of our homebound members/friends, if you would like to remember them with a card this holiday season:

- **Phyllis Borger**  
Willow Brook Assisted Living  
3508 Washington Rd Apt 119  
Kenosha WI 53144
- **Barbara Dinges**  
PO Box 33  
Somers WI 53171
- **Karen McKenzie**  
6410 12th St  
Kenosha WI 53144
- **Judy Thomas**  
Waterford Senior Living  
301 S 6th St Apt 400  
Waterford WI 53185
- **Eugene & Eleanor Thompson**  
1451 Pheasant Run Unit 101  
Mount Pleasant WI 53406-5750



In the midst of the holiday season we remember those members or friends who have died this past year and we hold their families in our prayers:

**Shirley Mandernack**

To these families and others who have lost loved ones, we pray for comfort and peace.

*Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.*

*Psalms 31:24*



## The Christmas Fund

**Sunday, December 21st**

**“When they saw the star, they were filled with joy” from Matthew 2:10,**

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund is one of the UCC’s special mission offerings. This fund is managed by the Pension Boards. We will be taking the offering on **Sunday, December 21st.**



# December



| Sun                                         | Mon | Tue                                       | Wed                                                   | Thu                 | Fri                                                                                                 | Sat                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                             | 1   | 2<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Diaper Ministry  | 3                                                     | 4                   | 5                                                                                                   | 6                                                   |
| 7 Communion Scrip DUE!<br>10:00 am Worship  | 8   | 9<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Diaper Ministry  | 10                                                    | 11                  | 12                                                                                                  | 13                                                  |
| 14 2026 Budgets Due<br><br>10:00 AM Worship | 15  | 16<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Diaper Ministry | 17                                                    | 18                  | 19                                                                                                  | 20<br>8:30 am Men's Breakfast at Phoenix Restaurant |
| 21 Christmas Fund<br>10:00 AM Worship       | 22  | 23<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Diaper Ministry | 24 Christmas Eve<br><br>4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service | 25 Merry Christmas! | 26                                                                                                  | 27                                                  |
| 28<br>10:00 AM Worship                      | 29  | 30<br><br>2:00 pm—5:00 pm Diaper Ministry | 31                                                    |                     | <div>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</div> |                                                     |
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