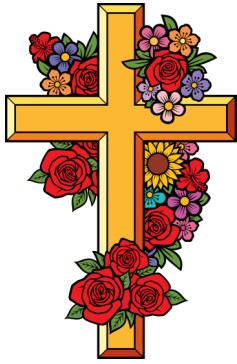


# CHURCH CHAT

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.



June 2026



Sr. Joyce Rupp writes about her spiritual encounter with God in her book *May I Have This Dance*. For the month of June, Sr. Joyce talks about God seeking us, and us seeking God. She says:

***“Deep within us is a place where we have found God and God has found us. Once in a great while we come to this place within us and we realize it is the goal of our seeking. It feels like home. It is a place of safety and security, an ideal home where we can be ourselves and know that we are accepted for who we are. We have easy access to understanding and acceptance. We may be challenged to grow here, but always in the context of a deep and strong love.”***

In this season of growing crops and flowers and plants, are you being challenged to grow in your connection with God? If so, Sr. Joyce has some insight into how we might recognize that God is seeking us. She says that: “Many times God is seeking us out when we sense the following:

- ◆ Restlessness within or an unnamed loneliness
- ◆ A hunger for deep bonding
- ◆ Questions that keep surfacing
- ◆ Sudden awareness or clearer vision about life’s meaning
- ◆ An unexpected sense of deep contentment or peace
- ◆ Darkness that has the aura of mystery and searching
- ◆ A desire for greater truth
- ◆ A hopefulness that rises in one’s spirit
- ◆ A yearning for justice
- ◆ An overwhelming awareness of God’s mercy
- ◆ A bonding with beauty

How might you be aware that you are seeking God out? Here are some possibilities that Sr. Joyce has experienced:

- ◆ Willingness to sit with the unnamed stirrings within
- ◆ The discipline of reflecting, pondering, and meditating
- ◆ Confrontation of fears, anxieties, and concerns
- ◆ Deliberate decisions to go deeper
- ◆ Owning and claiming one’s inherent goodness
- ◆ Savoring the beauty of creation
- ◆ Entering into situations that involve risk and struggle
- ◆ Actively bonding with a community or others who seek God
- ◆ Welcoming the goodness of others

May your search for God and God’s search for you grow abundantly this month!

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm





| June Birthdays     |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 11                 | Cathy Rossi               |
| 12                 | Mary Rossi                |
| 13                 | Patti Stolfi              |
| 25                 | Norene Charon             |
| June Anniversaries |                           |
| 3                  | Joe & Char Laba           |
| 12                 | Richard & Patricia Swartz |

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

| Sunday |               |
|--------|---------------|
|        | Altar Flowers |
| June 7 | None          |



If you would like to mail your offering:  
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| Scripture Readings                    |                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>June 7</b><br><i>Communion</i>     | Genesis 12: 1-9<br>Psalm 33: 1-12<br>Romans 4: 13-25<br>Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26                     |
| <b>June 14</b>                        | Genesis 18: 1-15, (21: 1-7)<br>Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19<br>Romans 5: 1-8<br>Matthew 9:35- 10:8 (9-23) |
| <b>June 21</b><br><i>Father's Day</i> | Genesis 21: 8-21<br>Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17<br>Romans 6: 1b-11<br>Matthew 10: 24-39                   |
| <b>June 28</b>                        | Genesis 22: 1-14<br>Psalms 13<br>Romans 6: 12-23<br>Matthew 10: 40-42                              |

Summer  
is here!

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24





## Summer Worship

Worship for the summer months will continue at **10:00 am on Sunday, June 7th.** The First Sunday of each month we will be in the sanctuary for communion. The rest of the month we plan to worship outdoors in the Pavilion, weather permitting. Just remember the mornings can be a bit cool, so don't forget to bring a sweater, and some bring a blanket to put on the benches to make sitting more comfortable. We will worship outside through the month of September weather permitting.



The **Men's Breakfast** group will be meeting on **Saturday, June 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)

The B & B (Breakfast and Books) next gathering will be on **July 25th at 9:00 am** in the Memorial Lounge. The book we chose to discuss is **"The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store"** by **James McBride.** Pauline Koons will lead the discussion, and Jennifer Swartz will bring the pastry. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex beginning June 28th to let us know if you will be attending. Any questions contact Bonnie.



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



Congratulations to the following graduates:

**Jake Flocker**...*grandson of Barb & Rick Flocker* graduated from New London High School with Highest Honor 4.0.

**Ryan Rossi**... *son of Jeff and Jennifer Rossi, and grandson of Randall and Mary Rossi* graduated from Union Grove High School. Ryan will be working on the family farm.



# JUNE



| Sun                                                  | Mon | Tue                                                 | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                      | 1   | 2<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry  | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6                                                                          |
| <b>7 Communion</b><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship | 8   | 9<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13                                                                         |
| <b>14</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship              | 15  | 16<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 17  | 18  | 19  | <b>20</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Men's<br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant |
| <b>21 Father's Day</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship | 22  | 23<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27                                                                         |
| <b>28</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship              | 29  | 30<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry |     |     |     |                                                                            |

Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.