

# 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.



July / August 2026



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Monday, Tuesday,

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9:00pm - 3:00 pm



In honor of the 250th birthday of our country, I wanted to share the words of a song I first heard as a child. Old Blue Eyes (Frank Sinatra) sang it in a ten-minute short film called "The House I Live In." The short film came out in 1945, and it was meant to oppose the anti-Semitism that occurred at the end of World War II.

Earl Hawley Robinson—a member of the Communist Party who was blacklisted by Sen. Joe McCarthy during the Red Scare of the 1950s—wrote the music for this American Anthem.

Abel Meeropol wrote the words. Abel was also a member of the American Communist Party; he and his wife adopted Michael and Robert Rosenberg after their parents Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed for espionage on June 19, 1953.

**What is America to me--a name, a map, or a flag I see...  
A certain word, democracy--What is America to me?  
The house I live in...a plot of earth, a street,  
The grocer and the butcher and the people that I meet  
The children in the playground the faces that I see  
All races and religions--that's America to me  
The place I work in, the worker at my side, the little town,  
The city where my people lived and died,  
The howdy and the handshake, the air of feeling free  
And the right to speak my mind out--that's America to me.  
The things I see about me--the big things and the small...  
The little corner newsstand and the house a mile tall  
The wedding and the churchyard...the laughter and the tears  
The dream that's been growing for a hundred and fifty years.  
The town I live in--the street, the house, the room  
The pavement of the city or the garden all in bloom  
The church, the school, the clubhouse, the millions lights I see...  
But especially the people--that's America to me.**

Happy 250th birthday to the United States of America...may "We the People" (all of the people) celebrate and expand our democracy. Happy 4th!



**July Birthdays**

11	Todd Armstrong
27	Barbara Flocker

**July Anniversaries**

2	James & Carol Bishop
5	Dennis & Bonnie Curnes
13	Steve & Lynette Ingham
28	Jack & Jennifer Swartz

**August Birthdays**

1	Donald Stolfi
8	Kent Duesing
17	Eugene Thompson
25	Judy Thomas
28	Randall Rossi


**August Anniversaries**


29	Eugene & Eleanor Thompson
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*NOTE: If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know.*

**Sunday**

	<b>Altar Flowers</b>
<b>July 5</b>	Deb Radovanovic
<b>August 2</b>	None

 If you would like to mail your offering:  
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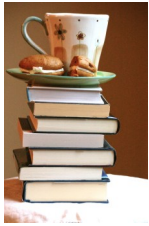
**Scripture Readings**

<b>July 5</b> <i>Communion</i>	Zechariah 9: 9-12 Psalm 14: 8-14 Romans 7: 15-25a Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
<b>July 12</b>	Isaiah 55: 10-13 Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-13 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
<b>July 19</b>	Isaiah 44: 6-8 Psalm 86: 11-17 Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
<b>July 26</b>	1 Kings 3: 5-12 Psalm 119: 129-136 Romans 8: 26-39 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
<b>August 3</b> <i>Communion</i>	Isaiah 55: 1-5 Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21
<b>August 10</b>	1 Kings 19: 9-18 Psalm 85: 8-13 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-23
<b>August 17</b>	Isaiah 56: 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
<b>August 24</b>	Isaiah 51: 1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20
<b>August 31</b> <i>Shalom Center</i>	Jeremiah 15: 15-21 Psalm 26: 1-8 Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28

## Announcements



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### **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 K. will lead the discussion, and Jennifer S. 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.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** On **September 26th**, B & B will meet at **9:30 am** in the Memorial Lounge to discuss the book **"My Friends"** by **Fredrik Backman**. Susan G. will be leading the discussion, and Judy D. will bring the goodies. Look for the sign-up starting September 6th on the stand as you enter worship. Any questions see 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



### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

For the month of July and August, we will start collecting school supplies to be donated to a local mission group.

Suggested school supply items to donate include: Spiral notebooks, loose-leaf paper, 2-pocket folders, pencils, pens, erasers, glue/glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, markers, and backpacks. Thank you for helping the students get a great start to the school year.



There are five Sundays in the month of August, which means we will be serving the evening meal at the Shalom Center on **Sunday, August 30th**. If you have never participated in this mission opportunity, why not give it a try? Talk to someone who has and find out what's involved. Those who have served find it a meaningful experience. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex during the month.



### **Shalom Center Update**

On Sunday, May 31st, our church served approximately 68 people at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. Jennifer S. made delicious minestrone soup. We provided meat, bread & cheese for sandwiches, garden salad, fruit salad, and cookies along with monetary donation of \$25. The following helped serve the meal: Stephanie C., Barb F., Lisa H., Lynetta I., Char L., Terra N., Jennifer S. and Martha S.. Thank you to all. Our next date to serve is Sunday, August 30th.



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<b>5 Communion</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> Worship	6	7  <b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b> Diaper Ministry	8	9	10	11
<b>12</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Worship	13	14  <b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b> Diaper Ministry	15	16	17	<b>18</b> <b>8:30 am</b> Men's Breakfast at Phoenix Restaurant
<b>19</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Worship	20	21  <b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b> Diaper Ministry	22	23	24	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Breakfast & Books
<b>26</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Worship	27	28  <b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b> Diaper Ministry	29	30	31	



# AUGUST



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