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.



November 2026



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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm



I am thinking of my Mom as I write this. My Mom was a Poll Worker in Waupun for more than a decade after she retired from being a hospital nurse. It was something that she did until her health stopped her.

I went to the Sturtevant Clerk's Office on October 21st…and participated in early in-person voting. My partner Steve voted with a mail in ballot, which I put in the mail on that same day. I have voted early for the last several election cycles, because I have volunteer work to do on Election Day. I serve as a Poll Chaplain.

A Poll Chaplain is not an election observer, who registers with the election official in charge and sits in a designated area inside the polling place itself. A Poll Chaplain is a volunteer who stays 100 feet from the polling place, but is free to provide a less anxious presence for anyone who may be stressed by things like long lines, forgotten IDs, or going to the wrong polling place by mistake. We are there to be support for anyone who needs support.

For all of those from Somers UCC who serve in any capacity in helping people vote…I am grateful. I know that I am not the only one! I am sharing a prayer with you below that came across my desk from Georgetown University Center for Faith and Justice. Blessings to you all.

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION AND FOR CALM

God of every nation and people,
we lift before you the election in the days ahead.
We pray for every voter,
that each may cast a ballot freely and without fear.
We pray for election officials and poll workers, that they may do their work with integrity, patience, and safety.
We pray for every candidate, that they may seek the common good and accept the will of the people with grace.
We pray for those who hold power,
that they may use it to protect and not to threaten.
Calm our anxious hearts.
Where there is fear, grant courage.
Where there is division, grant understanding.
Where there is anger, grant peace.
Help us to love our neighbors, including those with whom we disagree, and to remember that our ultimate hope rests not in any ruler or party, but in you. In your holy name we pray. Amen.
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November Birthdays	
7	Brent Christenson
8	Terra Newhouse
18	Stephanie Christenson
20	Pastor Kathy Gloff
29	Gloria Chubrilo
29	Julie Rossi
30	Carol Bishop

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

Sunday	Altar Flowers
Nov 1	NONE
Nov 8	NONE
Nov 15	Swartz Family
Nov 22	NONE
Nov 29	NONE

If you would like to mail your offering:



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I want to put a "huge" thank you out to Bonnie Curnes, Char Laba, Martha Swartz and Barbara Sherman for jumping in and helping to clean up the church after the recent city water installation and hook up. The church was in total disarray covered with stones and mud, with the addition of dust from a jack hammer. They all came in, got to work and cleaned and organized the entire area without having to be asked and it looks so good. Also, thanks to John Koons for helping to clear out the rooms,

-Dennis Curnes, Property Chairperson

Scripture Readings	
Nov 1 ***Communion***	Micah 3: 5-12 Psalm 43 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 Matthew 23: 1-12
Nov 8 ***Stewardship Sunday***	Wisdom of Solomon 6: 17-20 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Matthew 25: 1-13
Nov 15 ***Heritage Sunday***	Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 Psalm 90: 1-8, (9-11), 12 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30
Nov 22	Ezekiel 11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95: 1-7a Ephesians 1: 15-23 Matthew 25: 31-46
Nov 29 ***1st Sunday of Advent*** ***Shalom Center***	Isaiah 64: 1-9 Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-37



Dear Somers Community UCC,

Thank you for your recent in-kind donation of school supplies to the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha. Today, hundreds of kids are walking through the doors of the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha to find a safe place to be after school to learn, dream and receive access to opportunities and resources to reach their full potential.

The donation you have made helps the Club provide programs and activities for youth and teens. Our impact on the youth in the Kenosha community could not happen without your support.

Thank you,
Tara Panasewicz, Chief Executive Officer
Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha



Breakfast & Books (B & B)

Breakfast & Books (B & B) will finish out the year on **November 7th** at **9:30 am** in the Memorial Lounge. The book that was chosen to discuss is ***"Lottery"*** by **Patricia Wood**. Jennifer S. will lead the discussion, and Norene C. will furnish the food. Coffee will be provided. Also remember on this day we will be selecting the books for 2027. Look for the signup sheet in the narthex if you are attending. Any questions see Bonnie C.

The **Men's Breakfast** group will be meeting on **Saturday, November 21st** 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.

187 Years of Serving God! Come celebrate our Heritage and History on Sunday, November 15th.

2027 Committee Budgets are due to Dennis Curnes by **Sunday, December 13th.**



Planning for the month of December, we will be collecting 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.

There are five Sunday in November, which means we will be serving the evening meal at the Shalom Center on **Sunday, November 29th**. 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.

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 6th**. Any questions contact Dennis at 262-914-4523.

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



NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ***Turn Clocks Back Communion*** **10:00 am** Worship	*2*	*3* ***Election Day!*** **2:00 pm – 5:00 pm** Diaper Ministry	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7* **9:30 am** B & B (Breakfast & Books)
8 ***Stewardship Sunday*** **10:00 am** Worship	*9*	*10* **2:00 pm – 5:00 pm** Diaper Ministry	*11*	*12*	*13*	*14*
15 ***Heritage Sunday*** **10:00 am** Worship	*16*	*17* **2:00 pm – 5:00 pm** Diaper Ministry	*18*	*19*	*20*	*21* **8:30 am –** Men's Breakfast at Phoenix Restaurant
22 **10:00 am** Worship	*23*	*24* **2:00 pm – 5:00 pm** Diaper Ministry	*25*	*26*	*27*	*28*
29 **10:00 am** Worship ***Shalom Center***	*30*					

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