

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.



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Now that Memorial Day has passed, we find ourselves in the summer vacation season once again. Summer is a time in which many people seek to “recharge their batteries”. Family vacations, graduations, summer sports, catching up with long, lost relatives, high school class reunions, anniversaries...may any and all of the activities in which you participate from this list be a joy and a blessing to you during this season of the year. Amid all your big plans for this season, I wanted to encourage you to notice the small stuff too. The following poem reminded me to give thanks for the daily grind of life...because a life well lived isn't a grind at all; it is a gift to be celebrated and cherished.

## **“OTHERWISE”**

**By Jane Kenyon**

I got out of bed on two strong legs. It might have been otherwise.

I ate cereal, sweet milk, ripe, flawless peach.

It might have been otherwise.

I took the dog uphill to the birch wood.

All morning I did the work I love.

At noon I lay down with my mate. It might have been otherwise.

We ate dinner together at a table with silver candlesticks.

It might have been otherwise.

I slept in a bed in a room with paintings on the walls,  
and planned another day just like this day.

But one day, I know, it will be otherwise.

May your time of rest and recreation be a blessing to you. May every day of this season be a blessing to you, for our lives are made up of moments cherished and moments shared.

# JUNE

| 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 2 | NONE          |
| July 7 | NONE          |

| Scripture Readings                    |                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>June 2</b><br><i>Communion</i>     | 1 Samuel 3: 1-10<br>Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18<br>2 Corinthians 4: 5-12<br>Mark 2: 23- 3:6 |
| <b>June 9</b>                         | 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20<br>Psalm 138<br>2 Corinthians 4:13—5: 1<br>Mark 3: 20-25      |
| <b>June 16</b><br><i>Father's Day</i> | 1 Samuel 15: 34—16: 13<br>Psalm 20<br>2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17<br>Mark 4: 26-34   |
| <b>June 23</b>                        | 1 Samuel 17: 32-49<br>Psalm 9: 9-20<br>2 Corinthians 6: 1-13<br>Mark 4: 35-41         |
| <b>June 30</b>                        | 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27<br>Psalm 130<br>2 Corinthians 8: 7-15<br>Mark 5: 21-43           |

## A SUMMER BLESSING

May you walk with God  
This summer  
In whatever you do  
Wherever you go  
Walking with God ...  
Walking with honesty  
And with courage,  
Walking with love  
And respect  
And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God  
This summer  
And every day and  
In every situation  
Talking with God ...  
Praying words of praise  
For the beauty of creation  
Saying prayers of thanks  
For friends and good times,  
Asking God's help  
In all your decisions  
Expressing sorrow  
When you have failed  
May you talk with God  
Every day.  
Amen.



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## Summer Worship

Worship for the summer months will continue at **10:00 am** on **Sunday, June 2nd.**

The First Sunday of each month 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.



## Breakfast & Books (B & B)

B & B (Breakfast & Books) next get together will be held on

**July 27th** in the Memorial Lounge at 9:30 am. The book we will be discussing is "**Someone Else's Shoes**" by **Jojo Moyes**. Pastor Kathy will lead the discussion and Susan Goldsmith will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided. New persons are always welcome. Any questions contact Bonnie Curnes at 262-654-1612.



The Men's Breakfast group will be meeting on **Saturday, June 15th** 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.



There are five Sundays in the month of June, which means we will be serving the evening meal at the Shalom Center on **Sunday, June 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.



Our Food Pantry/ Diaper Ministry is in need of **KID'S CEREAL, PAPER**

**TOWELS, and TOILET PAPER**. If you cannot shop nor do not want to shop just make a check payable to "**Somers United Church of Christ**" and mark on it "**Food Pantry**" and we will do the shopping for you.

**THANK YOU**, Bonnie Curnes, Project Manager



Congratulations to the following graduates:

**Gavin Curnes**...son of Mark and Jenny Curnes, and grandson of Dennis and Bonnie Curnes graduated from Oak Creek High School.

**Joseph J. Rossi**...son of Jeff and Jennifer Rossi, and grandson of Randall and Mary Rossi graduated from University of Wisconsin—Whitewater with a BBA—Business.

## Thank You

Dear friends at Somers UCC,

On behalf of the Grace Welcome Center, we would like to thank you for your April 23, 2024 donation of \$1,500 to our organization's shower program.

Grace Welcome Center is dedicated to providing food, fellowship and respite for the many unsheltered homeless in our community. This past year, we provided food to over 10,000 visitors to our pantry, served 6,552 breakfasts, handed out 3,034 bag lunches, and provided 599 showers.

Your donation will help us continue with our work. Additionally we invite you to join us as a volunteer or guest any time you would like to meet us all in person.

Thank you again for your generous donation and we wish you peace, health, and renewal in the promise of spring.

Sincerely,

Denise Russell, Executive Director  
Grace Welcome Center  
2006 60th St, Kenosha WI



### Shalom Center Update

On Tuesday, April 23rd, we filled in for Beth Hillel since it was the first day of Passover. Our church served approximately 70 people at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. Pastor Kathy made delicious minestrone soup and Martha S. made the sandwiches. Barb Flocker, Martha Swartz, Pastor Kathy, Char Laba, Jennifer Swartz, and Jack Swartz helped serve the meal. Thank you to all. Our next date to serve is Sunday, June 30th.



### "Immanuel's Songs with Friends Concert Series"

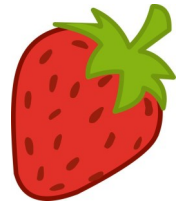
presents a benefit concert for Helping the Homeless.

Featuring two amazing folk singers/songwriters: David

Roth & Anne Hills. **Saturday, June 8 at 7:00 pm, Immanuel United Methodist Church, 5410 Sheridan Road, Kenosha.**

Suggested donation: \$25 at the door (no one turned away). To order \$20 pre-sale, send check to above address by June 4 (zip code 53140).

Questions: call 262-652-3784 or email [song-swifriendsconcert@gmail.com](mailto:song-swifriendsconcert@gmail.com)



| Sun                                                                                             | Mon | Tue                                                 | Wed | Thu | Fri                                                                                                                                                        | Sat                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</b> |     |                                                     |     |     |                                                                                                                                                            | 1                                                          |
| <b>2 Communion</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                | 3   | 4<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry  | 5   | 6   | 7<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <b>Wisconsin UCC Annual Conference June 7th—9th at Green Lake</b> </div> | 8<br><br>7 PM—Roth & Hill Concert at Immanuel UMC          |
| 9<br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                                 | 10  | 11<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 12  | 13  | 14                                                                                                                                                         | 15<br><b>8:30 AM—Men's Breakfast</b> at Phoenix Restaurant |
| <b>16 Father's Day</b><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                        | 17  | 18<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 19  | 20  | 21                                                                                                                                                         | 22                                                         |
| 23<br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                                                                | 24  | 25<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 26  | 27  | 28                                                                                                                                                         | 29                                                         |
| 30<br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship<br><br><b>Shalom Center</b>                                    |     |                                                     |     |     |                                                                                                                                                            |                                                            |