

# 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.



## September 2024



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Monday, Tuesday,

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9:00pm - 3:00 pm



I am writing this page in August, so that it can get to everyone before the month of September begins. Last night, I watched the speech given by current president Joe Biden at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Whether you like or dislike the current president, he has one distinction that no other president in the history of our country can claim...he is the only president that has ever walked a picket line during a labor strike. In these last several years, I have thought about labor and Labor Day in new ways.

When I was working as your pastor and as a hospice chaplain as well during COVID, I was given a letter to carry in my car. It was a letter from my employer stating that I was an "Essential Worker". I was to show this letter to anyone (police officer, nursing home administrator, etc.) who had questions about why I was attempting to visit a dying patient or why I was out of my house and driving in public. During COVID, it was determined that some employees were absolutely necessary for life to continue...and others could work from home or not work at all. I still contemplate this distinction. There is a part of me that believes that all workers are, and all work is "essential". This Labor Day, I hope to treat everyone as such... especially those who will be working on Labor Day, while the rest of us enjoy the last hurrah of Summer.

Because of the Auto Industry, Kenosha has been a "labor town" historically. We have had more than a few church members who have worked in the Auto Industry. I moved here after the Auto Industry had already disbanded here...but I believe that the effects of organized labor still live on.

Finally, I am remembering my dad on this Labor Day. He was the first vice president of the Correctional Officers' Union in the Wisconsin System of Corrections. The state tried to kill the union many times in its early years...but it survived until Governor Walker's administration. I remember attending secret meetings as a little girl at the ranch of Dick Jarvis—the union's first president. Little did I know that I was amid a small slice of history. Thanks, Dad, for providing a happy childhood for me; thanks to all of those who work so that all may enjoy life. As the author of Psalm 90 beseeches, may God "prosper the work of our hands."

# SEPTEMBER

| September Birthdays     |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1                       | Dino Sturino            |
| 16                      | Tamara Frentzel         |
| 17                      | Jennifer Swartz         |
| 19                      | Liz Borger              |
| 20                      | Ryan Rossi              |
| 23                      | James Bishop            |
| September Anniversaries |                         |
| 11                      | Robert & Terra Newhouse |
| 28                      | Joseph & Peggy Gallo    |
| 30                      | Jack & Bonnie Adams     |

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

| Sunday  |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
|         | Altar Flowers       |
| Sept 1  | NONE                |
| Sept 8  | NONE                |
| Sept 15 | NONE                |
| Sept 22 | NONE                |
| Sept 29 | Rev. Kathleen Gloff |

Remember Your Offerings

If you would like to mail your offering:  
 Somers United Church of Christ  
 PO Box 183  
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| Scripture Readings                     |                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sept 1</b><br><i>Communion</i>      | Song of Solomon 2: 8-13<br>Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9<br>James 1: 17-27<br>Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 |
| <b>Sept 8</b>                          | Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23<br>Psalm 125<br>James 2: 1-10, 14-17<br>Mark 7: 24-37           |
| <b>Sept 15</b>                         | Proverbs 1: 20-33<br>Psalm 19<br>James 3: 1-12<br>Mark 8: 27-38                              |
| <b>Sept 22</b>                         | Proverbs 31: 10-31<br>Psalm 1<br>James 3: 13- 4:3, 7-8a<br>Mark 9: 30-37                     |
| <b>Sept 29</b><br><b>Shalom Center</b> | Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22<br>Psalm 124<br>James 5: 13-20<br>Mark 9: 38-50                |

*Prayer for*  
**September**  
*May You Have:*

Enough happiness to keep you sweet,  
 Enough trials to keep you strong,  
 Enough sorrow to keep you human,  
 Enough hope to keep you happy,  
 Enough failure to keep you humble,  
 Enough success to keep you eager,  
 Enough wealth to meet your needs,  
 Enough enthusiasm to look forward,  
 Enough friends to give you comfort,  
 Enough faith to banish depression,  
 Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

*And God to Keep You going..*  
*Bless You & Your Loved Ones.*

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Our **10:00 am** worship will move back inside to a more “formal” style on **Sunday, September 8th**. We welcome the addition of special music if you know of someone, please let Pastor Kathy know.



The Men’s Breakfast group will be meeting on **Saturday, September 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.



We are always in need of **TOILET PAPER and PAPER TOWELS**. In the past few months, we have seen more food being given to families and even some senior citizens at our food pantry. \$\$\$ money donations are always welcome, and yes, 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



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



### **Breakfast & Books (B & B)**

On **September 28th**, B & B will gather at **9:30 am** in the Memorial Lounge to discuss the book “**Nine Perfect Strangers**” by **Liane Moriarty**. Susan Goldsmith will be leading the discussion and Bonnie Curnes will furnish the pastry. Coffee will be provided. Any questions contact Bonnie Curnes at 262-654-1612.



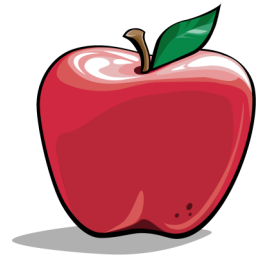
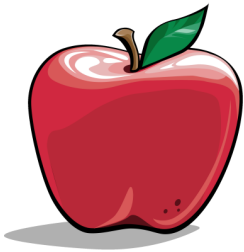
### **NEIGHBORS IN NEED**



### **NEIGHBORS IN NEED—OCTOBER 6th**

The **Neighbors in Need Offering (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ (UCC) that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy, efforts, and direct service projects through grants. This year’s theme is “**Mental Health Justice For All!**”. A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life’s mental health journey.

We will be collect the NIN offering on **Sunday, October 6th** as part of World Communion Sunday observance.



# September

| Sun                                                                 | Mon                | Tue                                                               | Wed       | Thu       | Fri       | Sat                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1 Communion</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                    | <b>2 Labor Day</b> | <b>3</b><br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br><b>Diaper Ministry</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>8</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                              | <b>9</b>           | <b>10</b><br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br><b>Diaper Ministry</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>15</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                             | <b>16</b>          | <b>17</b><br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br><b>Diaper Ministry</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br><b>8:30 am</b> Men's<br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant                                                                                                      |
| <b>22</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                             | <b>23</b>          | <b>24</b><br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br><b>Diaper Ministry</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br><b>9:30 am</b><br>Breakfast &<br>Books                                                                                                                             |
| <b>29</b><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship<br><br><b>Shalom Center</b> | <b>30</b>          |                                                                   |           |           |           |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                     |                    |                                                                   |           |           |           | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</b> </div> |