

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.



April 2025



In honor of Easter this year, I wanted to share a prayer with you, written by Joyce Rupp in her book May I Have This Dance? The prayer is called "Watered Gardens":

*God of little buds just now wearing green sleeves,
God of lilac limbs all full with signs of flowering,
God of fields plowed and black with turned-over earth,
God of screeching baby bird mouths widely awaiting food,*

*God of openness, of life and resurrection,
Come into this Easter season and bless me.*

*Look around the tight, dead spaces of my heart
that still refuse to give you entrance.*

Bring your gentle but firm love.

*Begin to lift the layers of resistance
that hang on tightly deep inside of me.*

*Open, one by one, those places in my life
where I refuse to be overcome by surprise.*

*Open, one by one, those parts of my heart
where I fight the entrance of real growth.*

*Open, one by one, those aspects of my spirit
where my security struggles with the truth.*

*Keep me open to the different and the strange;
help me to accept the unusual and also the ordinary;*

*Never allow me to tread on others' dreams
by shutting them out, closing them up,*

by turning them off or pushing them away.

*God of the Resurrection, God of the living,
untomb and uncover all that needs to live in me.*

*Take me to people, events, and situations
and stretch me into much greater openness.*

Open me. Open me. Open me.

For it is only then that I will grow and change.

For it is only then that I will be transformed.

*For it is only then that I will know how it is
to be in the moment of rising from the dead.*

Have a Blessed Easter
Christ is Risen! Halleluia! Amen!

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday

9:00pm - 3:00 pm






| April Birthdays     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 8                   | Bonnie Adams          |
| 8                   | Joseph Gallo          |
| 21                  | Bonnie Curnes         |
| 23                  | Ronald Birchell Sr    |
| April Anniversaries |                       |
| 15                  | Jeff & Jennifer Rossi |

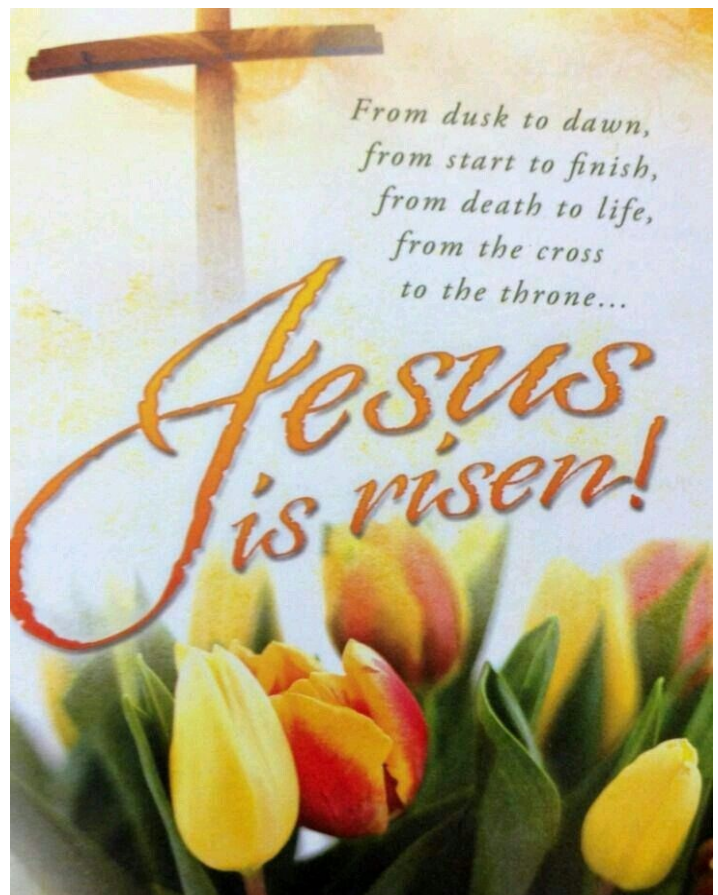

*NOTE: If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know.*

| Sunday |               |
|--------|---------------|
|        | Altar Flowers |
| Apr 6  | LENT          |
| Apr 13 | PALM SUNDAY   |
| Apr 20 | EASTER        |
| Apr 27 | NONE          |

| Scripture Readings                    |                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>April 6</b><br><i>Communion</i>    | Isaiah 43: 15-21<br>Psalm 126<br>Philippians 3: 4b-14<br>John 12: 1-8                          |
| <b>April 13</b><br><i>Palm Sunday</i> | Isaiah 50: 4-9a<br>Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; 31:9-16<br>Philippians 2: 5-11<br>Luke 22: 14-23: 56 |
| <b>April 20</b><br><i>Easter</i>      | Acts 10: 34-43<br>Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24<br>1 Corinthians 15: 19-26<br>John 20: 1-18             |
| <b>April 27</b>                       | Acts 5: 27-32<br>Psalm 150<br>Revelation 1: 4-8<br>John 20: 19-31                              |



**Remember Your Offerings** If you would like to mail your offering:  
Somers United Church of Christ  
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Just a reminder, if the weather gets bad and it is dangerous to travel, there's a possibility church may be cancelled. You can find cancellation information on Channels 4, 6, and 12.

**HOLY**  
  
**WEEK**

**Palm/Passion Sunday** - April 13th at 10:00 am

**Maundy Thursday** - April 17th

**Good Friday** - April 18th

**Easter Sunday** - April 20th at 10:00 am



The **Men's Breakfast** group will be meeting on **Saturday, April 19th 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 **KID'S CEREAL, TOILET PAPER, and PAPER TOWELS**. In the past few months, we have seen more food being given to families and some 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



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

B & B (Breakfast & Books) next gathering will take place on **Saturday, May 17th** in the Memorial Lounge at **9:30 am**.

Norene Charon will lead the discussion on the book "Mercy House" by Alena Dillon and Pastor Kathy will furnish the pastry and coffee will be provided. At the end of April a signup sheet will be provided in the Narthex if you will be attending. Any questions see Bonnie Curnes (262-654-1612). Hope you will join us.



Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost for as dark the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled and may wonderful blessings be upon you and all your loved ones on this very special day. Happy Easter.

Read, Love and Learn



# April



| Sun                                                     | Mon | Tue                                                 | Wed | Thu | Fri                                                                                             | Sat                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                         |     | 1<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry  | 2   | 3   | 4                                                                                               | 5                                                                       |
| 6 <i>Communion</i><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship    | 7   | 8<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry  | 9   | 10  | 11                                                                                              | 12                                                                      |
| 13 <i>Palm Sunday</i><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship | 14  | 15<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 16  | 17  | 18                                                                                              | 19<br><br><b>8:30 am</b> Men's<br>Breakfast at<br>Phoenix<br>Restaurant |
| 20 <i>Easter</i><br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship      | 21  | 22<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 23  | 24  | 25                                                                                              | 26                                                                      |
| 27<br><br><b>10:00 am</b><br>Worship                    | 28  | 29<br><br><b>2:00 pm—5:00 pm</b><br>Diaper Ministry | 30  |     | <p>Dates and times are subject to change, call the church or check the website for updates.</p> |                                                                         |