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Highlights

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here

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It's That Time



- **MONDAY:** "We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:69)
- **TUESDAY:** "Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." (John 13:34)
- **WEDNESDAY:** "I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart." (John 14:27)
- **THURSDAY:** "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." (John 11:25)
- **FRIDAY:** "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Vacation Bible School



August Worship Schedule

August 4th	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost <i>Guest Preacher: Sharon Midyette</i>
August 11th	VBS Sunday <i>Communion & Deacon's Fund Sunday</i> Stewardship Moment with Jim Jewell
August 18th	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Start of "I Believe. . ." <i>Sermon Series</i>
August 25th	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost John 1:1-18, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 and <i>The Nicene Creed</i>



Backpack and School Supply Collection

As in previous years, Dominic, our Social Worker from the Department of Children and Families, has reached out for help with back-to-school supplies for children from those families

most in need. The Mission Committee has once again offered to work with Covenant to Care to collect those supplies. We're so thankful for your overwhelming generosity to our mission project benefiting the residents of Parkway Pavilion Health and Rehab Center and Evergreen Health Care Center, and now we're turning our focus to children.

Dominic has provided specific information for 30 children and Sue Zdebski and your Mission Committee hope to match backpacks with the personal interests and/or wishes of each individual child. We are hoping our church family will provide personal (color, character or theme) backpacks based on the information Dominic provided. It surely makes it more gratifying (and fun) to know a bit about the child you're shopping for, and to make a purchase knowing that it's exactly what he or she was hoping for.

Sue has the children's wish list. Please contact her and she can provide details so that you may choose who to shop for. She can be reached at 860-836-9702 or suezdeb-ski@gmail.com. In addition to BACKPACKS, we are collecting COLORED PENCILS, CRAYONS, ERASERS, GLUE STICKS, MARKERS (NON-PERMANENT), #2 PENCILS, PENCIL HOLDERS, COLLEGE RULE PAPER, 1 INCH NOTEBOOKS, 1 AND 3 SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, FILE FOLDERS AND SMALL TISSUE PACKS.

These items can be dropped off at the church office. THE DEADLINE TO DROP ITEMS IS AUGUST 11.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CARE IN SUPPORTING OUR MISSION PROJECTS! WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Back to School

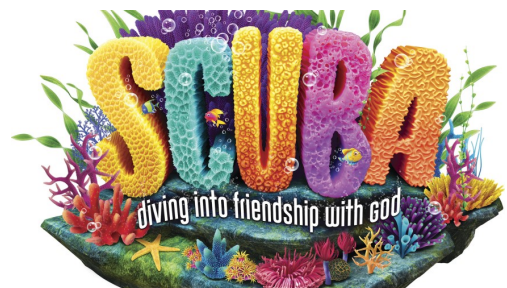
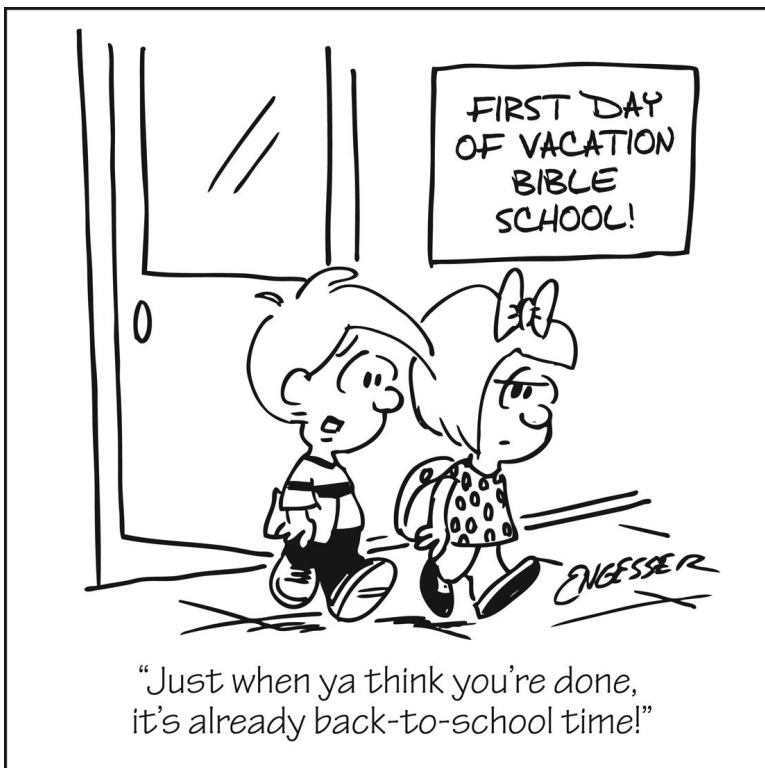


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August 4	Music and Arts Committee Meeting	10:45 am
August 5-9	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	9:00-Noon
August 5	Christian Education (Zoom)	7:00 pm
August 6	Missions Committee Mtg. (Offsite)	7:00 pm
August 7	Fellowship Committee (Zoom)	7:00 pm
August 11	Facilities Meeting	8:30 am
August 11	Deacon's Meeting	10:45 am
August 12	CMC Meeting	7:00 pm
August 14	Community Supper	5:30 pm
August 15	Friendship Kitchen—PREP	9:30 am
August 20	Council	6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study – 10am



Vacation Bible School

August 5th—9th



We Need The Following:

Instant or Box Potatoes
Canned fruit
Decaf Tea
Toilet Paper
Peanut Butter
Children's Juice boxes or

Did you know. . . .

Champ's regularly provides food for approximately 64 families. Donations come in through various local organizations as well as deliveries from Food Share.

HOURS: Mondays 10 am—Noon and 6 pm -7



Don't forget to mark your calendars for the second Wednesday at 5:30pm. The schedule is as follows:

- **August 14th**
- **September 11th**

Donations are greatly appreciated. Menus will be announced beforehand, please let the office know if you plan to attend!



Community Supper



Summer is here in its beautiful hot, humid glory, bringing us thunderstorms and rainbows, delicious tomatoes, sweet golden corn, cool crunchy cucumbers and a daily reminder of God's generous blessings!. Here is our Monthly Missions Corner news:

Allocated donations for July 2024: None
Unallocated donations for July 2024:

Somers Public Library: A donation was made in loving memory of Lois Lindell. See the Thank You notes below for more details.

Town of Somers Back to School: A monetary donation was sent to help ensure that every child in Somers goes back to school and is ready to learn by providing classroom supplies to those without resources.

Mission Project News:



Evergreen and Parkway Pavilion Care Facilities: This fundraiser was profoundly successful by everyone's generous and thoughtful donations. The gifts were blessed during worship on Sunday July 14 and delivered to the facilities on Tuesday July 23. Thank you so much to everyone for embracing this Mission!

Annual Back to School Backpack and Supplies Mission: It's hard to believe that it's time to think about back to school preparations, but September is coming in hot! We again will partner with Covenant to Care to provide backpacks and school supplies for children in need. Please extend the generosity you showed to our elderly neighbors to now include the youngest in our community by supporting this mission. Watch for more information from the Church Office.

Thank you notes: Our donations do make a difference! This month, we received two letters of gratitude:

Brian Daigle Foundation: “Thank you for your generous donation to the Brian Dagle Foundation. The Brian Dagle Foundation is grateful for your support of the mission – anchored in hope, dedicated to support adults grieving the loss of a loved one as well as to support our community on suicide prevention and awareness.

Your donation will continue to help us provide multiple support groups and free grief therapy at no cost for those who have lost a loved one, offer suicide education prevention and awareness to our communities, as well as support our yearly Lax2Live lacrosse games which bring suicide and mental awareness to student athletes. Please visit the Foundation’s website at www.brianshealinghearts.org for more information including dates, times and locations of the support groups being offered and yearly events. With Kind Regards, Ann Irr Dagle, The Brian Dagle Foundation, Inc and the Dagle Family”

Somers Public Library: “I would like to thank you for your donation to be used to purchase books in the memory of Lois Lindell. We have selected the following titles, all by authors read by Lois.

Shadow of Doubt – Brad Thor
You’ll Never Find Me – Allison Brennan
15 Summers Later – RaeAnne Thayne
The Next Mrs. Parrish – Liv Constantine
Our Little Secret – Lisa Jackson
With Each Tomorrow – Tracie Peterson

These books will be delivered to the library soon and we will place bookplates in them acknowledging your donation in memory of Lois. We are sure these books will be popular with our patrons and enjoyed for many years to come.
Thank you, Joanne Nichting, Library Director”

Thought to Ponder:

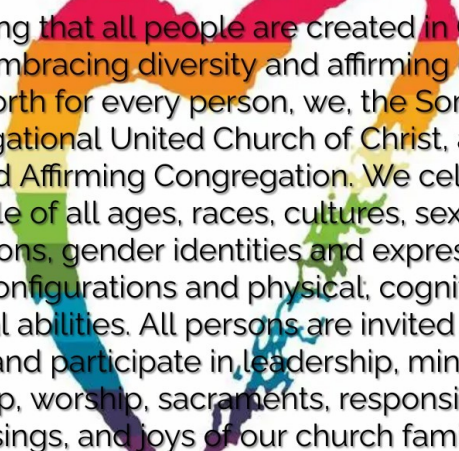
**“You must be the change you want to see in the world”
– Mahatma Gandhi**

As we hear the good news of the Lord every Sunday, we must not just let those words sit in our ears. We must allow them to seep into our minds, mouths, hearts and hands and guide our thoughts, words and actions!

Again, and as always, please reach out if you have an organization that you would like us to consider donating to. If you have any questions about anything we do on Missions, please feel free to ask. From all of us on your Missions Committee, be well and above all else, **always be kind**. We look forward to continuing the good work that we do on behalf of all of our congregation and our community.

Lisa, Abbie, Jill, Ellen, Bev, Laura
Your Missions Committee

Somers Congregational United Church of Christ
Open and Affirming Covenant



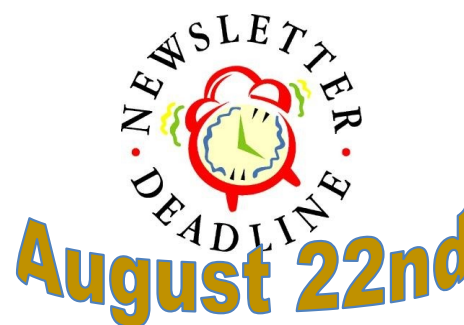
"Believing that all people are created in God's image, embracing diversity and affirming dignity and worth for every person, we, the Somers Congregational United Church of Christ, are an Open and Affirming Congregation. We celebrate people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, family configurations and physical, cognitive or emotional abilities. All persons are invited to fully share and participate in leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings, and joys of our church family."



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