

VBS

**Bread by the Bay
Bread By The Bay :**

July 20th

**Households: 43
Adults: 81
Children: 20**

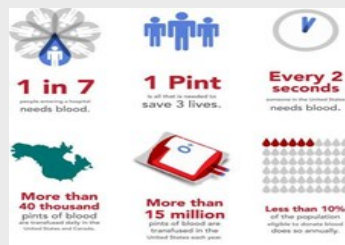
On July 6th

**Households: 54
Adults: 101
Children: 27**

**AMERICAN
CROSS BLOOD
DRIVE DATES:**

By appointment only,
please call . If you
would like to donate.
1-800-733-2767 or
go to
www.redcrossblood.org
to schedule an ap-
pointment:

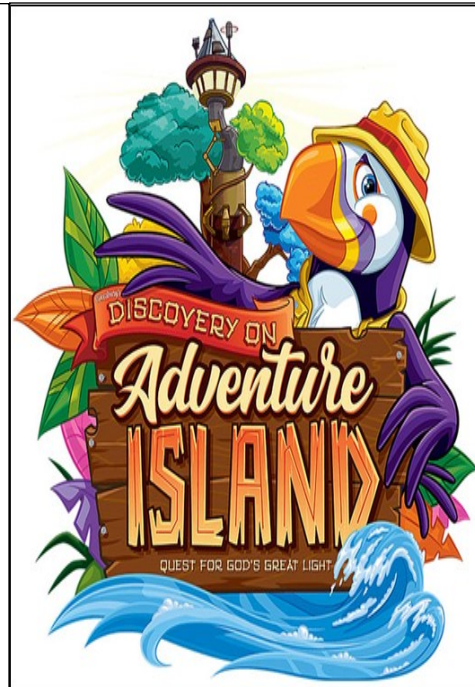
**August 12, 2021
October 7, 2021
December 9, 2021**



Vacation Bible School is back this year we will be meeting in **July 27, 28, 29 at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.**

From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, Explorers are guided by a Lighthouse Keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Using map coordinates from the Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories.

If you are unable to make it to the July VBS, we have VBS in Oconto United Methodist Church **August 10,11,12 at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.**



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR THE NURSE'S NOOK



Oconto Falls will be asking our congregation to pick up **school supplies**

Starting on July 26, Monday through August 22, Sunday and bring them to our church and drop them in the Nurse's Nook box.

This box will be located in the Sip and Chat area. The Nurse's Nook provides aid to families in need throughout all schools in Oconto County. Children in need can talk with their school counselor and/or nurse to receive program assistance.

This program is confidential, has no income restrictions and is open to all students attending school in Oconto County. We have donated to this organization in the past, and they have been very appreciative of our donations!

PRAYERS FOR:

Lon Sohrweide
Pat Magnin
Pat Thomson
Steve VanBoven
Greg Lemay
Tim Lewis
Ronnie (Jo's Nephew who is on hospice)

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently .
Pray for those who are dealing with illness
All our Elderly congregants
Pray for those who have Cancer
Pray for health care workers.
Pray for our country and leaders.
Pray for all teachers and students.



(Let us know if there is someone we can pray for)

Truth Caller

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Church Family,

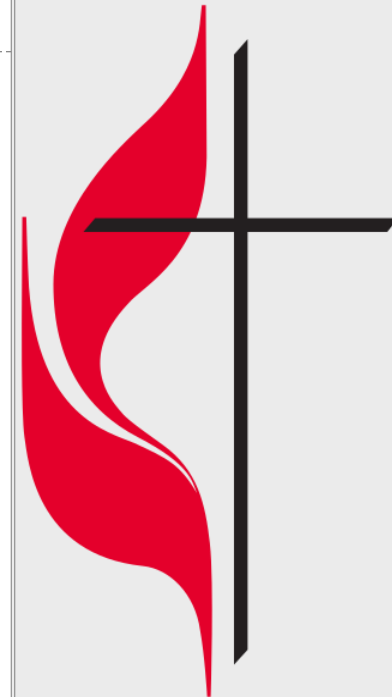
I hope and pray that you all are doing well by the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are moving forward in our series on the book of Hebrews. This week we engaged in a text from the book of Hebrews which encourages us to have a new hunger for our spiritual growth. Hebrews 6:9-12, *"Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation. God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised."*

These words from the book of Hebrews are in a way encouragement as well as challenging to us because it makes us realize that like the first century Jewish Christians, we too lack in our spiritual growth. However, there is hope for us just like there was for the first century Christians. In the case of the first century Christian, life was tough and they faced persecution and even death threat due to following Christianity. It was easy for them to revert back to the old ways of Judaism which had to do with Law and following the Jewish religion and to give up on the Christianity. Within our context we too can find times within our spiritual lives when we are backslidden in to the old ways of life that we used to do before we were a Christian. It is easy for us to be tempted to the old ways of sinful life. Just like it was for the first century Christians and that's where the author of Hebrews gives a message of encouragement and hope with a challenge.

The Author of Hebrews says, *"We don't want you to become lazy or in other words stop slacking in your walk with God."* Rather the author encourages us to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what had been promised. At the end of chapter 6 the author encourages us to keep our hope on the anchor. If we want to develop faith we need to look to the author and perfecter of Our Faith that is Jesus. If we want to make it until the end we need to be connected to the anchor. If we're connected to the anchor we can face storms of life and with the anchor with us we can find stability. We can face life's challenges if we're connected to Jesus.

Are you connected to the anchor? How are you spending time with the anchor? Within the book of Hebrews we can find many heroes of the Faith mentioned. We can start our journey by simply picking up the bible and start reading the stories of the Heroes of Faith to encourage us to be anchored to Jesus.

Grace and Peace to all in Jesus Christ
Pastor Sherwin



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UP COMING MEETINGS:

Women's Book Club: Aug 2
Wednesday Meeting: Aug 4
at Oconto UMC
Oconto Church Picnic: Aug 8
Oconto VBS : Aug 10-11-12
Oconto Falls Council: Aug 16
Oconto Council : Aug 17
SPRC Meeting : Sept 16

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Oconto Falls UMC Leadership Council Minutes Date: 6/16/2021

SECRETARY: MARY PRIOR

(Our June 21 meeting was rescheduled for June 16, due to conflict with Pastor Sherwin's vacation.)

Attendees: Pastor Sherwin Parmar, Mary Prior, Becky Turecek, Joanne Finnell, John Thomson

Prayer by Becky Turecek Time Called to Order: 5:50PM by Chair Becky Turecek

Previous Minutes Approval:

*Motion by Pastor Sherwin to approve May Minutes. Second by Joanne Finnell.

Vote: For-5 Against-0 Abst-0 Motion passed.

AREA REPORTS:

1. FINANCE: (SUBMITTED BY LORI MAGNIN)

* Motion by Joanne Finnell to accept May finance report. Second by Pastor Sherwin.

Vote: For-5 Against-0 Abst-0 Motion passed. (May Financial Report attached)

2. EDUCATION: Our 2021 Sunday School classes will start on Sept 12, Sunday from 10:00 to 11:00AM. We will be having a VBS meeting With Oconto's VBS team in July (TBD) to make final plans.

3 TRUSTEES: John Thomson will be setting a work date (TBD) to clean Inside and outside areas of our church building. We hope to Purchase Servant Keeper as our new bookkeeping software. John will Check into the cost and Holly, who uses it at Grace Lutheran Church, Will be contacted to help us with training. New Astrea Service will. Take about 6 to 8 weeks to set up yet. John will check when new Roof will be installed on Oconto's parsonage also.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 DISCUSSION on road construction on Highway 22 East from Stiles Junction to overpass of Highway 41 in Oconto that is slated to start On June 23, Wed and road will be closed and how this will affect Pastor Sherwin's time schedule to travel to Oconto UMC after our Service.

*Motion by Becky Turecek that beginning on July 4th, Sunday, our service will start at 8:50AM until Highway 22 is open to Traffic again-TBD.

Second by John Thomson.

Vote: For 5 Against-0 Abst-0 Motion passed.

2 FUNERALS: Discussion on a request to hold a funeral luncheon in our Fellowship Hall. Our Council decided that it was important to Maintain Covid19 guidelines from the Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services that stated to "Avoid 'potluck' or buffet style food Options." It is our decision that no meals (potluck or buffet style) Will be served in our church for the present time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Next meeting is July 19, Monday at 6:30PM

Financial info:
June
Giving:6752
Expenses: 4716

You may give online or mail to:
Oconto Falls United
Methodist Church
PO Box 991 Oconto Falls,
WI 54154

We would like assistance with
Audio-Visual

We are looking for some volunteers who are good with technology, or are willing to learn, to assist us on Sunday morning. They will be required to operate the PowerPoint on the church laptop. Responsibilities also include turning on the sound board, checking the microphones and setting them. Time commitment on Sunday Mornings an hour and half. **Please contact church office.**

Worship Timing
Sunday 8:50 am

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please email
Pastor Sherwin
umcocontofalls@gmail.com

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MINUTES JUNE 15, 2021

Present: Pastor Sherwin, Gary and Kathy Bancroft, Scott Bancroft, Dan Zoller, Faye Dworshok and Barb Beck.

Pastor Sherwin led us in a short devotion from I Timothy 4: 7-8.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Barb and seconded by Faye to accept the minutes from the May meeting as printed. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussed the financial report. Motion made by Scott and seconded by Barb to accept the financial report as printed. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Gary reported that DearCo from Shawano came to quote glass for stained glass windows. Once bid comes in Gary will send out quote to Trustee committee members. Trustee's meeting set for July 13 at 6pm.

Dan reported on outside timbers around the church that need replacing. There are 3 that need to be replaced at a cost of \$5 to \$6 each. The bark needs replacing also. Bark cost would be \$40yd and filtered rock \$16yd and washed stone \$20yd with a \$15 delivery charge. Quotes came from Carley. Scott will check out prices from other companies.

Dan also checked out new dusk to dawn lights for the outside of church and the lighting in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Cool white tubes \$6 per tube and LED about \$21 each. Gary will contact Focus on Energy for information also. All these things will be discussed at the upcoming trustees meeting.

EDUCATION REPORT

Julie sent a report by email regarding VBS. Sign-up on-line or sheets in church narthex. Oconto Falls July 27-28-29 and Oconto August 10-11-12. We are looking for volunteers to help with snacks, crafts or anything else can contact Julie or Kathy. A list of donations is on the bulletin board or on table in narthex, there is also a jar for cash donations on the table. A list of snacks will be made in July for anyone wanting to donate to. Decorating for VBS will be the week before VBS starts.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Father's Day—Gary will get a new flag and a collection will be taken for two Sundays to be sent to Methodist Churches in India through the foreign exchange program.

No Facebook service for June 27. Pastor Fritz will have the services for June 20 and 27. Pastor Sherwin will be on vacation from June 20 until July 2.

SPRC COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting to be held July 14 at Oconto at 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Faye reported she ordered 60 offering envelopes.

Dan suggested that the congregation might have suggestions on anything else that they feel needs repairing around church.

District Superintendent will visit Oconto church August 11.

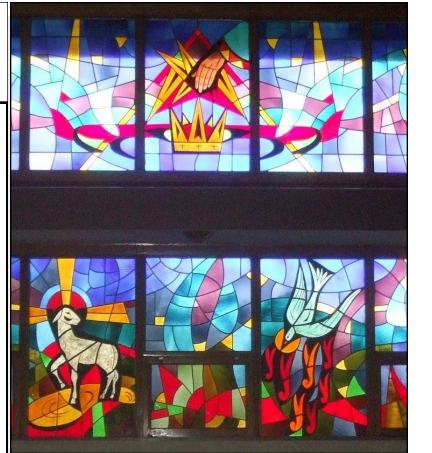
We will keep social distancing until the end of June and discuss again after that.

August 8 will be the Outdoor Service and Picnic at the church with games to follow.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 20.

Motion made by Dan and seconded by Faye to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Bancroft



Apportionments for the
year 2021 would be 120\$
per member .

Financial info:
June
Giving: 3714
Expenses: 4798

You may mail us your
checks to:
Oconto United Methodist
Church
641 Washington Street,
Oconto, WI 54153

Worship Timing
Sunday 10:40 am

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please email Pastor Sherwin at: umcoonto@gmail.com