

# WHAT'S NEW

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

**Sept 21 st**

**Households: 47**  
**Adults: 81**  
**Children: 10**

**Sept 7 th**

**Households: 41**  
**Adults: 75**  
**Children: 18**

**AMERICAN  
 CROSS BLOOD  
 DRIVE DATES: at  
 Oconto Falls UMC**

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

**October 7, 2021**  
**December 9, 2021**

1 in 7 people entering a hospital needs blood.  
 1 Pint of blood can save 3 lives.  
 Every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood.  
 More than 40 thousand pints of blood are transfused daily in the United States and Canada.  
 More than 15 million pints of blood are transfused in the United States each year.  
 Less than 10% of the population eligible to donate blood does so annually.

**Oconto Gospel Chapel is distributing Winter Coats.**  
**Place:**  
**Oconto Gospel Chapel 251 Michigan Ave, Oconto WI 54153**  
**Date: October 16,2021**  
**Time:9:00 am to 2:00**

**Oconto Falls UMC is accepting Winter Coats and Mitten Donations for the Mitten Tree.**

**A Tote will be outside the Office Doors for Donations**



**Oconto Falls UMC is Challenging Oconto UMC to pack Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child, who will pack more ? Contact Mary Prior for Oconto Falls or Julie Puerzer for Oconto for more information.**

**PRAYERS FOR:**

- Carol Schmechel
- Pat Magnin
- Pat Thomson
- Steve VanBoven
- Greg Lemay
- Sohrweide Family



- For Afghanistan Refugees.
- Pray for grieving families.
- 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

October 2021  
 Volume 1, Issue 2

Hello to all my fellow Christians. I pray that you continue to read what I have to say because it's the most important news I've ever heard. It's news that I'm sure I heard many times but just shrugged off saying, "what a Jesus Freak" or "What's this person telling me this for? After all, I go to Church." Well to some, this might not seem very important, but someday we will all realize that it's the most important news in the entire world.

Frist of all, I want everyone to know how much God loves us, no matter what bad things we've done. Even if we've never gone to church or if we've stolen, lied, cheated made fun of someone or any of the bad things we can think of. He just wants us to know how much he loves us. He tells us in the bible how much he loves us. The Bible says that He loved us so much that He gave his only son to pay for all the wrong things we've done, and that if we would believe in Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins that we would spend eternity with Him in heaven. Now most of us feel that we will live to ripe old age 80, 90 or even 100, and to us that seems like a very long time. But it's only a second compared to eternity, which is forever and ever.

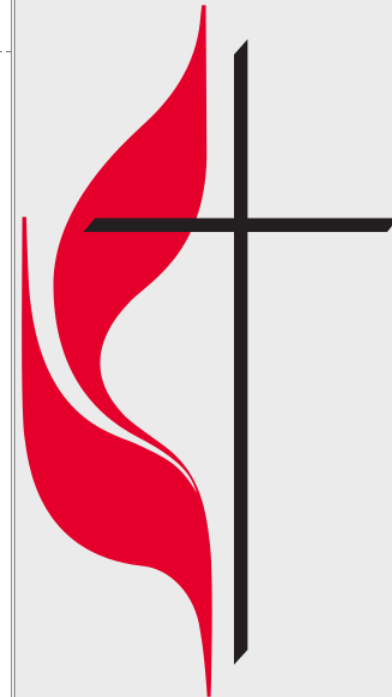
Doesn't it seem like we just graduated, and here it is, 30 years later already. See how fast time goes by? Here are two very important things the bible says. First, that we've all sinned. My wife Tracy, my daughter Melissa and myself have all sinned and so have you. It says in the Bible that "we have all sinned and fall short of God's glory." It also says, "that the penalty of our sin is death" eternal separation from God which is hell, but the next part of that same verse says, "but gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." So to sum all this up: We are all sinners. We deserve to go to hell because of our sins. God loves us so much that he doesn't want any of us to go to hell, so he gave us his son Jesus to pay the penalty for our sins on the cross of Calvary. On the third day he was raised and is waiting for us to invite Him into our lives.

Jesus says in the Bible, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears me and opens up I will come in and be with him." He wont force his way in; you have to invite him in. The door that Jesus is talking about is your heart. If you have never invited Christ into your heart, you can, just by talking to him. Tell him you're sorry for your sins. When we tell Jesus we are sorry for our sins it is called repentance. When we were kids our parents would make us say we were sorry to others that we had hurt, and most of the time we said sorry just to make our parents happy, but when you say sorry to Jesus, you must really mean it. Jesus knows your heart. He knows if you are really grateful for the price He paid on the cross for your sins. Tell him thanks for taking the pain, Blame and shame for your sins, and ask him to come into your heart. If you are sincere about it, he will do just that . You won't have to change anything. If He sees anything in your life that needs to be change- He will do the changing.

Thanks for listening to me. My prayer is that one day we can all spend eternity together in heaven. I would love to talk with anyone who would like to talk about this.

Thanks for listening,

Terry Barribeau



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**UP COMING MEETINGS:**

Women's Book Club: Oct 4th  
 Oconto Falls Council: Oct 12th  
 Oconto Council : Oct 19th

Please Check our Website for pulpit supply Information.

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**Oconto Falls UMC Leadership Council Minutes Date: 9/20/2021**

**SECRETARY: MARY PRIOR**

Attendees: Mary Prior, Becky Turecek, Joanne Finnell, John and Tammy Thomson, Jill Wendt

Prayer by Joanne Finnell  
Time Called to Order: 6:05PM by Chair Becky Turecek

Previous Minutes Approval: \*Motion by Joanne Finnell. Second by John Thomson. Vote: For-6 Against-0 Abst-0 Motion passed.

**Area Reports:**

1 Finance: (submitted by Lori Magnin)

- Motion by Mary Prior to approve August financial report. Second by Tammy Thomson. Vote: For-6 Against-0 Abst-0 Motion passed.
- Motion by Tammy Thomson to approve amount of \$1500 for Lori Magnin to send for our apportionments. Second by Jill Wendt. Vote: For-6 Against-0 Abst-0 Motion passed.

2 Education: Our VBS program went well on July 27-29 and we appreciated the help from Julie Puerzer and Kathy Bancroft, from Oconto UMC. Thank you also to Pam Jackson, Tammy Thomson, Kayleigh Makuck, and many others who helped us! Our attendance ranged from 6 to 12 children. Our Sunday School classes started on **Sept. 12 at 10AM.**

3 Trustees: (submitted by John Thomson)

- LaForce will contact John sometime with issues on keyless entry to South door to Fellowship Hall.
- Problems with kitchen garbage disposal: to decide if we need a residential or commercial grade one, Bear Magnin will check on this.
- Sound system in sanctuary is working again and fuses that it uses can be purchased from any store now.
- John contacted Malkovich and he stated that they hoped to fix Oconto parsonage roof in October.
- John signed a contract with Astrea Services to proceed with Installing lines for our new internet server.
- Our contract for our old printer has been canceled.
- Furnace issues: relays replaced, new condenser, 2 new thermostats, air conditioning is more balanced now in Pastor and secretary's offices and four Sunday School rooms.
- Need a new AC unit for newer part of church: estimated cost is \$5000; need to consider future fundraising projects.

4 SPRC: No Reports.

**New Business:**

1 Our new monthly meetings now will be the second Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 7PM.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, October 12 at 6:00PM.**

**Financial info:  
August  
Giving:3088  
Expenses: 4300**

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 9:00 am  
Sunday School**

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

**OCONTO UMC COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION MINUTES SEPT 21, 2021**

**Present:** Julie Puerzer, Scott Bancroft, Faye Dworshok, Barb Beck, Chris Schwartz, Gary and Kathy Bancroft and Jo Schulz. Arrived late because of work-Paul Retzlaff.

Gary called meeting to order.

**Old Business**

Motion made by Faye and seconded by Scott to accept the minutes from Aug. 17, 2021 as printed. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Misc. line on joint account with Oconto Falls is for pulpit supply. Motion made by Kathy and seconded by Scott to accept the report as printed. Motion carried.

**Trustees Report**

Trustees met and discussed the crosses on Church. They all will be lit. Entry-way lighting outside church entrance will be replaced by LED lights. Parsonage roof project is on schedule for October. Parsonage had a tub leak and the dryer was not working. Both are repaired. Discussed replacing or repairing the shed at church. Received quote for 12' x 12' building with steel on the outside—cost \$5200 approx. Discussed project and decided to put it on hold until spring. Winter clean-up will be set for November. A date will follow at next meeting.

**Education Report**

Thank you to Chuck and Julie and all who helped make our VBS such a success. Julie stated that Sunday School will start on October 3. She is sending out postcards to all involved. Boxes for Samaritans Purse have been ordered and should be here soon, along with several free items for the project.

**Worship Committee :No Report**

**SPRC :No Report**

**New Business**

Memorial Book needs to be updated. Jo said she would update it with assistance from Julie and anyone else that has information regarding memorials received.

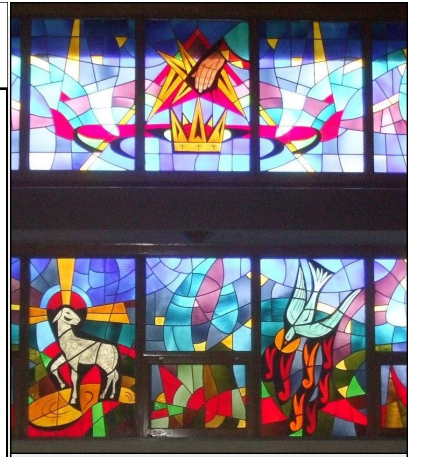
Faye will contact Newcap regarding needy family projects that we can participate in. Rainbow house still needs gas cards. Motion made by Scott and seconded by Dan to use loose change in offering plates be used to help with Newcap baskets. Motion carried.

Tapes will go back on pews for social distancing for Covid-19. Masks will be optional at this time.

Next meeting will be October 19 at 6pm.

Discussion was held on moving meetings to Wednesdays because school events are not held on Wednesdays. Motion to adjourn was made by Dan and seconded by Faye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kathy Bancroft



**Apportionments for the  
year 2021 would be 120\$  
per member of Oconto  
United Methodist  
Church.**

**Financial info:  
June  
Giving: 5745  
Expenses: 7905**

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

**Worship Timing  
Sunday 10:30 am**

**Sunday School 10:30 am**

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