

DECEMBER
2021

Truth Caller



Dear Church Family,

As we get closer to Christmas, each year, it seems that Christ's birth is acknowledged less and less during the Christmas season. It looks like Christ has been detached from Christmas, and the season is only for exchanging material gifts to one another. Let us ask ourselves, "What is the real meaning of Christmas?" How can we explain Christmas to others who do not know about the real meaning of Christmas?

Here are some perspectives on the true meaning of Christmas that we can understand for ourselves and share with others. Christmas is primarily a celebration of God's love towards humanity. Christmas is a birthday celebration of God's son who took on human flesh and "dwelt among us". The Baby Jesus in a manger is more than just a child. Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation; Christ came for our sake. Jesus was born to die on the cross for our sins, and he resurrected to give us forgiveness and eternal life. We can accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior and urge people to respond to Jesus with faith and accepting his offer of salvation.

As shepherds in the field were told by the angel about the birth of Christ they instantly went and found Mary and Joseph along with the baby who was lying in the manger. After this they spread the good news. Wise men traveled from far away places to worship the promised King and Savior. So let us take the opportunity to tell others the marvelous story of Jesus, God's son, so many may come and accept and worship him this Christmas time.

My hope and prayer are that this Christmas time, you can share the love of Jesus with others.

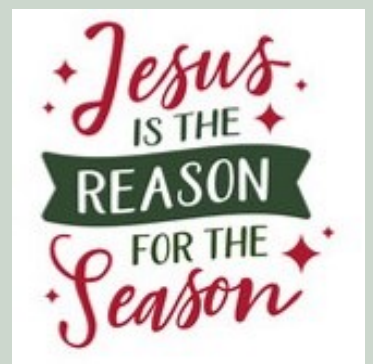
In Christ,

Sherwin Parmar



Upcoming Meetings

- **Women's Book Club**
Jan 3rd
- **Oconto Falls Council**
Jan 11th
- **Oconto Council**
Jan 18th
- **Men's Bible Study**
Mondays at
Oconto - 6pm
- **Women's Bible Study**
Starting January 10th
at Oconto - 6pm



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Christmas Schedule

- **Charge Conference**
December 9 on Zoom at 7:30 pm.
- **Children's program**
Oconto Falls UMC December 12 at 9:00 am.
- **Hymns and Carols**
December 22 at 6:00 pm at Oconto Falls UMC.
- **Christmas Eve Service**
December 24 at 4:00 pm at Oconto Falls UMC.
- **Christmas Eve Service**
December 24 at 7:00 pm at Oconto UMC.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes are starting from January 12 at 6:00 pm. The classes will take place every Wednesday. Oconto will be hosting for the first meeting, Oconto Falls will be hosting every other Wednesday. Parents/ Grand Parents please contact **Pastor Sherwin** to register your child/grandchild for confirmation classes.

Prayers

Carol Schmechel
Pat Magnin
Pat Thomson
Steve VanBoven
Greg Lemay
Judy La Fortune
Bowen Family
Beth Aubut



For families in Waukesha
For families in Oxford Michigan
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 workers during holiday season.

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

Worship & Sunday School

Oconto Falls UMC
Sundays 9:00 am

Oconto UMC
Sunday 10:30 am

Mittens are on the line at Oconto Falls UMC if you know anyone that needs one please utilize it. We have given out approx. 200 items so far. Please donate gloves, hats, socks, mittens if you want to help.

Please find other information on Our Website :

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♦ **Apportionments for the year 2022 will be . . .**

\$115 per member of Oconto United Methodist Church.

You may mail us your checks to: Oconto United Methodist Church 641 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153 or drop it in the offering plate on Sundays.

\$141.82 per member of Oconto Falls United Methodist Church.

You may give online or mail to: Oconto Falls United Methodist Church PO Box 991 Oconto Falls, WI 54154 or drop it in the offering plate on Sundays.

Bread by the Bay

Nov 2nd

Households: 41

Adults: 69

Children: 23

Nov 16th

Households: 49

Adults: 92

Children: 25

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:
December 9, 2021