

TRUTH CALLER



"I now know beyond a shadow of a doubt that there is no God anywhere on earth other than the God of Israel." -2 Kings 5:15

A Letter From The Pastor

by Sherwin Parmar

Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the name of our living Lord Jesus Christ! A small reflection from our sermon this Sunday from 2 Kings chapter 5.

Naaman, a military leader from a nation at odds with Israel (on and off), hears about the Prophet Elisha in Israel and seeks recovery from him. Elisha does not even leave the home but sends his servant to Naaman with the simple instruction to go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. Naaman is angered, but his servants encourage him to listen to the prophet's advice, which he does. Naaman is restored to health and returns to Elisha with gifts.

Elisha refuses the gifts, and Naaman returns to Syria with some soil from Israel, pledging never to sacrifice to false gods again—with the exception of kneeling down with his king to the false god—but assuring Elisha that his heart is not in it. Elisha tells him to go in peace.

However, Naaman's heart transformation became Gehazi's corruption in his thoughts.

My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting what he brought, said Gehazi. Greed has taken root in Gehazi's mind, and it is now manifesting itself in his actions. When Gehazi arrived at the hill, he took the items from the servants and stored them in the house. When he returned home, he refused to tell Elisha where he had gone.

We know Gehazi realized his acts were inappropriate because when he got home, he refused to tell Elisha where he had gone and what he had been doing.

What situation have you found yourself in? Do you find yourself in the shoes of Gehazi, who goes from good to bad, or in the shoes of Naaman, who goes from bad to good?

Turn your hidden sin up to the Lord right now! Come honest with him now and repent! Do it now! Don't be late! Tomorrow may be too late! Jesus, your loving Savior, is present right now! Don't make him your furious judge tomorrow! I invite you now to turn it over to the Lord!

Apportionments

YEAR 2022

\$115 PER MEMBER OF OCONTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

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

\$141.82 PER MEMBER OF OCONTO FALLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

- July 27, at 6:00 pm at Oconto UMC
- August 17, at 6:00 pm at Oconto Falls UMC
- August 31, at 6:00 pm at Oconto UMC

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- July 25, at 6:30 pm Oconto Falls UMC
- August 18, at 6:00 pm Oconto UMC

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Oconto Falls UMC

- August 1 thru 4, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Oconto UMC

- August 8 thru 12, 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- Dinner is available between 5:30 thru 6:00 pm

Decorating Sanctuary

- July 17 at 11:30 am
- August 7 at 11:30 am

Planning Meeting

- July 26 at 6:00 pm

Tie-Dye Event

- July 31 at 1:00 pm

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE DATES

- AUGUST 18, 2022
- OCTOBER 13, 2022
- DECEMBER 8, 2022

By appointment only, please call- 1-800-733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Oconto Falls UMC

9:00 AM Sunday

Oconto UMC

10:30 AM Sunday

Men's Bible Study

6:00 PM Oconto UMC(Monday)

Women's Book Club

6:00 PM August (1st Monday)

Women's Bible Study

6:00 PM Oconto UMC (Monday)

BIBLE QUIZ

1. Stole items from Ai after Israel had defeated that town.
a. Amos b. Asenath c.Achan d.Ananias
2. Created a golden calf out of jewelry.
a. Aaron b. Miriam c. Balak d. Baruch
3. Ate locusts and honey while in the wilderness.
a. Jesus b. Peter c. Moses d. John the Baptist
4. Walked on the water of the Sea of Galilee.
a. Peter b. John c. Andrew d.Thomas
5. "Let people go."
a. Joseph b. Paul c. Moses d. David
6. In the book of Esther who died on the gallows he had built for another man?
a. Mordecai b.King Xerxes c.Ahab d.Haman
7. With which disease was Naaman afflicted?
a.Epilepsy b. Covid c.Leprosy d.Gout

BREAD BY THE BAY

On June 21st

Households: 43

Adults: 80

Children: 26

On July 5th

Households: 51

Adults: 88

Children: 26