

TRUTH CALLER



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

A Letter From The Pastor

by *Sherwin Parmar*

Greetings in Christ!

I trust you are doing well and staying healthy in these challenging times.

As you know, our church has faced tremendous challenges over the past months as we have done our best to navigate the pandemic. Doubtless, all the decisions we've made have not been perfect, but we have tried to seek the mind of God and sought His wisdom.

As we have returned to worship together, again, we've tried to do so with a sense of care while striving to gain some semblance of "normalcy." We often hear that people can't wait to "get back to normal." I heard someone say at one point though, that "normal is just a setting on the dryer."

Many churches have seen drops in both attendances (online or in-person) as well as financial drops. We believe God will help us through any of the challenges we have faced along the way.

If you're like me, you hear opinions and facts (that seem to change as much as opinions) on a daily or weekly basis. Talk of the effectiveness of masking or even a vaccine can get tiresome to listen to, let alone attempt to understand!

My goal as Pastor of Oconto & Oconto Falls United Methodist Churches is to do my best to provide an atmosphere where people are welcomed, regardless of where you may stand on these issues.

If you feel it best to attend church with a face covering, then please do! Perhaps you think that you have adequate immunity due to having the virus or from getting the vaccine, then, by all means, you are encouraged to attend church! Yet, please know if you are still in a place where you don't feel quite ready to return; we do understand. If you would like to discuss your situation personally, please don't hesitate to reach out to me!

I don't believe God's long-term answer for anyone is to spend their church time at home watching online. The Word of God is still true when it shares the following: Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV) not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. We see our nation open up again, and for that, we are thrilled!

If you are out and about doing other things such as shopping, sporting events, etc., why not consider joining us for worship as well! We are sending this letter to everyone within our church, including those of you who have been with us every week.

We want to see our church family! We are strongest that way because, truly, we are better together!

Hope to see you Sunday!

In Christ,
Pastor Sherwin Parmar

IMPORTANT DATES

TRUNK OR TREAT

Oconto UMC

- October 30 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Oconto Falls UMC

- October 31 4:00 to 6:00 pm

OCONTO UMC CHURCH

CLEAN UP DAY

NOVEMBER 5 AT 9:00 AM

GRATITUDE

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20TH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- November 20 after church service
Oconto UMC
- November 28, at 6:00 pm
Oconto Falls UMC

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Blessed
THANKSGIVING

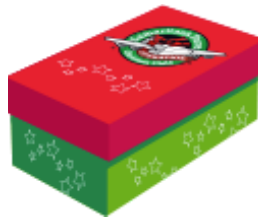
THE CONFIRMATION CLASS HAS SEATS OPEN IF YOU HAVEN'T YET PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS. (7TH & 8TH GRADE)

CONTACT PASTOR SHERWIN

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WONDERING WHAT TO PACK?

- SOCCER BALL WITH PUMP
- DOLL
- STUFFED ANIMAL
- SHOES
- TOY CARS
- JUMP ROPES
- YO-YOS
- PEN, PENCILS, SHARPERS, CRAYONS, MARKERS
- SOLAR CALCULATORS.



DEADLINE NOV 14

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 15, 2022

AT 7:30 PM

AT OCONTO UMC

ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27: HOPE

DECEMBER 4 : LOVE

DECEMBER 11: JOY

DECEMBER 18: PEACE

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Oconto Falls UMC

- December 24 at 4:00 pm
Oconto UMC
- December 24 at 7:00 pm



PRAYER LIST:

BILL KOKKO

BETH AUBUT

VIRGINIA (JINX) NIVENS

DAVE MAGNIN

PAT MAGNIN

STEVE VAN BOVEN

MARK & JUDY WILSON

LORETTA SHELMAN

WILLIAM LOCKSTEIN

FAMILY OF VERNON ZOELLER

CHILDREN IN PULASKI

PEOPLE IN UKRAINE

PEOPLE IN RUSSIA

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE DATES

- 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

1:00 pm Oconto Falls UMC

(Monday)

6:00 PM Oconto UMC (Monday)

BREAD BY THE BAY

October 4th 2022.

Households: 47

Adults: 84

Children: 22

October 18, 2022.

Households: 50

Adults: 98

Children: 32