

The North Star



Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



I had a dear friend once tell me, “There are three major Sundays in the church year which need our special attention.” She went on to explain the three as being Christmas, Easter, and Mother’s Day (not necessarily in that order). I chuckled thinking she was just being facetious but she was serious.

Knowing how important Mother’s Day was in her church I kept my roaming thoughts to myself at the time. Upon reflection though, I want to ask have we forgotten about Ascension Sunday (which happens to be celebrated on Mother’s Day this year), what about Pentecost or the fact we are in the Easter Season for several weeks and not just one day. How about Baptism Sundays, Communion Sundays...and the list can go on and on.

I pray each Sunday, whether we have labeled it as an important Sunday or not still leaves a lasting imprint upon us. We might not get epiphanies every week but we are still being fed from the Word of God.

This reminds me of a story...

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. ‘I’ve gone for 30 years now,’ he wrote, ‘and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.’

This started a real controversy in the ‘Letters to the Editor’ column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: ‘I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!’

How ever we rank our Sundays in order of importance, may we make each Sunday a priority so we may continue to be spiritually alive!

Blessings,

Pastor Linda



CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



MISSION TEAM UPDATE

Mission Trips – We are scheduled for September 23-28th for our annual trip to Mission Central and Sight and Sound Theater. See details on page 4.

BBQ – Friday, May 17th will be our Spring BBQ. Look for sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteering.

Wayne Central Senior Class – A \$500 donation was made to the 2024 Senior Class at Wayne Central HS, since several members of this graduating class are also members of our church. Funds were used from the Backpack program, which is currently inactive.



NURTURE OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

- Nurture Outreach will meet Tuesday, May 14th @ 12:30pm. Bring your lunch and ideas for future planning! Any questions, please call Judy McMillan, 315-524-4219.

TRUSTEES

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- The Spring Clean-up project list is now posted on the bulletin board. If you can help with any of these projects please sign your name on the list. Thanks to those that have already signed up.
- In addition to the Spring Clean-up list, we could use help staining the deck and mulching shrub beds at the parsonage. A group effort will help us get these projects done for the season. Please let one of the trustees know if you can help.
- We have ordered a new sign for the East entrance and will install it ourselves when it is ready.
- We are getting prices on 4 new tables to replace some very old, and in some cases unstable tables, for use in VandeVate Hall and classrooms.
- Both leaky kitchen faucets have been replaced with single lever pull down sprayer faucets. Thank you to Ted Faulks!

MAY MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.

Ministry Teams: *



1. Tuesday, 5/7/24
4p Worship - Classroom
2. Thursday, 5/9/24
2p Finance – Classroom
3. Monday, 5/13/24
6:30p Education - Classroom
4. Tuesday, 5/14/24
12:30p Nurture Outreach - Classroom
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall
6p Trustees – Classroom

Church Council: Monday, 5/20/24 @ 6:30p - Classroom



FINANCE UPDATE



Financial Data – An update will be provided next month with a summary in an upcoming bulletin, as Rich is out of town.

RESPIRE PROGRAM UPDATE

- Please keep 2 of our Respite participants and their families in your prayers as they start a new chapter in Nursing Homes.
- Life Span held an appreciation event for volunteers in Respite Care programs they assist. Fran Hastings and Delores Becken represented our group. They were treated to massages, Tai Chi exercise, snacks, and sharing and returned with gifts from Life Span for all of our volunteers
- Joyce Lyke and Wanda Klem represented our Respite program at an annual Wayne County Forum on Aging hosted by The Alzheimer's Association in Wolcott this month. We were able to share our church's journey into drop-off Respite care and to learn of other programs available for aging adults in Wayne County.



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATE

SUMMER TAKE HOME STUIDES: Our team has reviewed potential materials for our church take home in the Summer. The end of June, we will be distributing the following books for summer study - at home but all together!



ADULTS:

In our technology-driven age, we're drowning in content---and the pressure for more "friends," followers, and "likes." Idleman's devotional allows you to take a breath and contemplate the biggest difference-maker in history: *Jesus*. He didn't need social status to impact the world; he built relationships---one by one. Unlock the power of small things done with big love! 272 pages, hardcover from Baker.



YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS:

Easy-to-understand answers to your toughest questions about the Savior, his invitation to salvation, and the assurance that God really does hear our prayers. *Can I Really Know Jesus?* will inspire and offer comfort as you grow closer to God and gain a better understanding of why he sent his Son to earth, what it means to have salvation, and how prayer can deeply impact your life.



CHILDREN:

This book of devotions will keep children engaged and encouraged as they learn timeless truths about God's Word. Each reading, one for every book of the Bible, will challenge kids to run their faith race with strength and perseverance. Kids will ready their hearts with an inspiring scripture selection. Then they'll get set with a brief, memorable rhyme; and finally they will know their Bible with a relatable, age-appropriate devotional reading.



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ~ Richard Adams
- ~ Kathy Aman
- ~ Sue Backus
- ~ Barb, Judy Porray's SIL
- ~ Elise Boring
- ~ Kendall Brodie, relative of Klems
- ~ Michael Buck, Mary Lou's son
- ~ Tina Buck, Mary Lou's daughter
- ~ Brenda Burley
- ~ Karen Calus, caregiver of mother
- ~ Linda Casey, Doug as caregiver
- ~ George Cataldo
- ~ Christie, Ginny Eaton's niece
- ~ Betty Crow
- ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
- ~ Bob Eaton
- ~ Tucker Eaton, concussion
- ~ Sandi Drexler, recovery
- ~ Janice Foulce
- ~ Carol Gillespie
- ~ Les Gillespie
- ~ Kirk Graham, Kay as caregiver

- ~ Suzanne Gresens, Missie Bergen's Niece
- ~ Debbie Grohman
- ~ Tori Himes, home recovering!
- ~ Gale Howell, recovery
- ~ Mel Hussey
- ~ Sandy Hussey
- ~ Ann Insalaco
- ~ Shirley Kuhn
- ~ Karen LaRue, Bonnie's sister
- ~ Jim Makins
- ~ Andrew, Martha McGlory's grandson
- ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
- ~ Nelson, Martha McGlory's brother
- ~ Lori Powers, medical concerns
- ~ Larry Smith
- ~ Sue Smith's sister, Cathy.
- ~ Julie Sondervan
- ~ Dave Stark, surgery – and Joan as his caretaker.
- ~ Jean Van Ingen
- ~ Jane Wage



MAY CELEBRATIONS

- 2 Eaton, Ginny
- 3 SANGER, RAYMOND & BARBARA
- 4 Barber, Peter
- 7 Sanger, Barbara
- 8 PERRY, RODNEY & MARCIA
- 9 Brown, Beverly
- 9 KILLION, DON & KRISTEN
- 14 Perry, Marcia
- 16 Cindy Dey
- 18 Ludington, Jim
- 19 SCOTT, JAY & KATE
- 19 THOMAS, KENDOLPH & DAWN
- 25 Porray, Judy
- 25 Straub, Doug
- 27 Insalaco, Ann
- 31 Waeghe, Nancy



Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

SPRING DRIVE-THRU BBQ

Friday, May 17, 2024 ** 4pm – Sold Out

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for Kitchen Helpers, Runners & Set-up volunteers

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

May 2 nd	National Day of Prayer
May 9 th – 11 th	Heritage Square Barn Sale
May 12 th	Ascension Sunday & Mother's Day
May 17 th	Drive-Thru BBQ
May 19 th	Day of Pentecost
May 26 th	Trinity Sunday
	Veteran's Recognition
May 27th	Memorial Day
	No School



IT'S TIME FOR OUR SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Trustees need your help getting things in shape for Spring. A list of projects is posted on the bulletin board. Please check the list and sign your name next to any project that you can help us out with. Thanks in advance!



GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday will be on June 9th

- We will be recognizing our High School and College graduates during the June 9th service. Matthew Chelini and Lorelai Eaton will be graduating from Wayne Central and Sarah Goodenough (UB) and Madeline Jasak (Nazareth) from College.
- We will also present Bibles to 5 young people during the service as is our tradition for those who are fast approaching the end of their Elementary years.
- A reception for Graduates will follow the service in VandeVate Hall.



BIBLE STUDY – LAST 5 CLASSES

Our Bible Study on "The Shack" will continue for 5 more classes, through Thursday, May 30th. An announcement will be made in June for a New Summer/Fall Bible Study



CHURCH DIRECTORY

The updated Church Directory is complete. Printed copies are in Motley Hall & electronic copies were emailed mid-April. If you still need a copy, call Wendy, at the office.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Please remember to bring your non-perishable contributions, as we support the Ontario Food Pantry. **Donations are delivered after the 1st Sunday each month. This month is May 5th** The donation bin is in Motley Hall– Thank you!



OUR FIRST OFFICIAL MONTH WITH THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

On April 11-13, 2024, the Convening Conference of the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church took place. Both Pastor Linda and Jeff Klem were in attendance.

This historic event was the first gathering of Northeast Global Methodist Church and there were representatives from the 13-state Northeast region including members from Maine to West Virginia and part of Pennsylvania. There are currently 175 churches and over 200 clergy that have joined the GMC in this region with many more in the process of joining. The theme of the event was "Moving in the Spirit."

During the historic convening conference, over 450 people attended from every part of the Northeast. The event included the ordination of 45 Elders and 9 Deacons. A significant amount of time was devoted to fellowship, inspiring guest speakers, worship and prayer for the new denomination and the Global Methodist Church.

The vision for the Conference emphasized the commitment across the Northeast and the globe to worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. Bishop Webb led the ordination service where he described the denomination as, "A connectional orthodox Wesleyan Methodist movement with a mission to multiply the number of followers of Jesus." He added, "Our priority is to trust the promise and message of the cross and boldly proclaim the message of the cross."

The Global Methodist Church launched officially on May 1, 2022 as a new denomination upholding traditional scriptural and Wesleyan theology and discipline and as a Holy Spirit inspired movement supported by fervent prayers, faithful discernment, and scriptural authority. There are almost 6,000 churches that currently make up the Global Methodist Church.

You can learn more about the Global Methodist Church or the convening conference visit:

<https://www.northeastgmc.org/> or <https://globalmethodist.org/>



PINES OF PEACE ANNUAL BRUNCH & AUCTION

The Pines of Peace 23rd Annual Charity Brunch & Auction will be held on **May 4, 2024** @ Heights Restaurant in Sodus Point, NY

Tickets available to purchase thru May 2nd at pinesofpeace.org

Please see bulletin board for additional details



HERITAGE SQUARE ANNUAL BARN SALE

The Heritage Square Annual Barn Sale

Will be held on

Thursday May 9th 9a – 7p

Friday May 10th 9a – 7p

Saturday May 11th 9a - Noon

Please see bulletin board for additional details



ONTARIO GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 18, 2024

9a – 1p

Casey Park Lodge

6551 Knickerbocker Rd, Ontario, NY

Please see bulletin board for additional details



REMINDER TO SIGN UP!!

MISSION CENTRAL TRIP IS SCHEDULED

Mission Trip to Mission Central in Pennsylvania will be September 23-27.

Optional trip to see the show 'Daniel' at the **Sight and Sound Theater** will be included at a cost of \$89.

Most meals, lodging and transportation will be paid by the Mission Team.

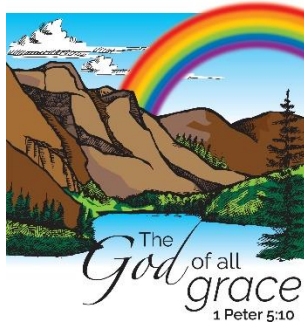
Signup as soon as possible on the bulletin board at church if attending the Sight and Sound Theater.

Direct questions to Bob Buck at 315-573-7314 or Mary Lou Buck at 315-524-8953.

MAY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VVH – VandeVate Hall CR - Classroom KR – Kid’s Room			10a Respite - VVH	10a Bible Study– # 14 7p BS Leaders - VVH National Day of Prayer	3	4 9a-1p Heritage Sq Mtg Choir Rm 10a-4p Klem Shower VVH
10a Communion Celebration 5 Food Pantry Collection	6:30p GS #337 – Choir Rm 7p BS #127 - VVH	4p Worship Team	8	9-12p Garden Club- VVH 10a Bible Study– # 15 2p Finance - VVH Ascension Day	10	11 11a-4p BS – Eagle Scout Ceremony -VVH
10a Worship  Ascension Sunday Mother’s Day	13 6p GS Daisies - KR 6:30p Education Team - CR 7p BS #127 - VVH	12:30p N/O Mtg - CR 4p Mission Team-CR 6p Trustees - CR 6:30p GS Leaders - VVH	15	10a Bible Study– # 16	17  4:30p Drive Thru BBQ	18
10a Worship 	20 6:30p Church Council – CR 7p BS #127 - VVH	21	22	23 10a Bible Study– # 17	24	25
10a Worship  Veteran’s Day Recognition	27  No School	28	29	30 10a Bible Study– # 18 Final for this Study	31	 Time to Bloom!



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**North Ontario Methodist Church exists to:
Spread the Gospel in our community and elsewhere as we share
Christ's hope and love with the world.**

**Global Methodist Church Vision:
Worship Passionately, Love Extravagantly, Witness Boldly**



VIEWING WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

You may view through our Facebook page.

The option will remain that you can remain in cars and
listen in parking lot, or view online