

The North Star



Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



I started babysitting neighborhood kids when I turned twelve and I have been working ever since. Granted, some years I worked longer hours than others but very few years have I worked only one job. When I was in college for the 10 years it took me to work through my undergraduate degree and then through seminary, I had 4 part time jobs and two children at home.

My heart and soul have always been more focused on family than anywhere else. I consider my church as family and my kids can tell you stories about me having to miss school events, family dinners, or other activities because I had to be at church. My churches can recall moments where I have had to miss church events due to family obligations but I try to balance both in a healthy way.

I have already formally announced that I will be taking the month of August off to be with my eldest son and his family as they welcome a new child into their home and will be moving within weeks of the birth. I need to be there for them. This is my time to focus my heart on this side of my family.

This does not mean that ministry should stop here at the church. God did call me to be your minister but God has called us all to be ministers to those around us. Use this time to lift someone up, to help someone out or just to love your neighbor. Jesus is counting on you to continue His work in all places.

When I have shifted from one side of the family (my husband, sons, and extended members) to the other (the church) I have never waived from my focus and attention on God. So, during this time away, I will also be focusing on renewing my heart and soul toward a deeper devotion and love of Jesus. I already have some books packed to read and I have scheduled cuddling time with my grandchildren to add more peace into my heart.

Please find within the pages of this newsletter the names of those who will be filling in my duties while I am away. I pray you will also take some time to reconnect with God's peace and allow that peace to permeate your own soul. Amen

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. So far there are 10 people attending. See details on page 5.

Community Assistance – We’ve had numerous requests for assistance from the community in recent weeks. We will continue to assist those in need as the Caring Fund allows.

Family Promise – Many items from the Heritage Square Barn Sale went to Family Promise!

BBQ – While selling out the chickens, we made a profit of \$1,845. The charities we will be making donations to will be decided next month.



FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data –The weekly average tithing for May was \$2,491. We have \$10,345 in the General Operating Fund. Our year-to-date income was \$5,546 less than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses were \$5,946 greater than the plan. Items of interest were the expenses associated with tree removal (\$2,100) and furnace inspection/repairs (\$1,710)

Respite

RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- The Respite Program continues throughout the summer.
- We had a new participant join our program and we have many participants that are benefiting from this program. Our volunteers are invaluable in making this program a success.
- If you’d like to participate as a volunteer, please reach out to Wanda Klem.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- There are no scheduled meetings for July or August.
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the Spring Cleanup!
- Several trees were removed that were posing a danger to the gazebo.
- The much needed parking lot repair & sealing has been scheduled. Should be done before 1st outdoor service.
- The gazebo has been pressure washed. Fresh for Summer!
- The deck at the Parsonage has been stained.
- Working on tree trimming, weeding & mulching at Parsonage.
- The leak in the roof in Motley Hall/Library is being investigated and will be repaired.
- Working on obtaining new Tax-Exempt certificate for NOMC.
- Aluminum trim from Steeple will be repaired or replaced.



Education News

EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

- Our team distributed the summer study books. If you would like one, but didn’t get it, please contact Wanda Klem, and if there are still any available, she will get it to you. Keep God in your Summer!
- We celebrated our Graduates; Sarah Goodenough (college), Matthew Chelini (HS) and Loreli Eaton (HS)
- Bibles were presented to Laney Eaton, Tommy Duffy and Katherine Hancock.

JULY AUGUST MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



No meetings are set for Summer.

If this changes, the appropriate team leader will advise.



NURTURE OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

- Nurture Outreach will meet sometime in August. No date is set yet, but an email update will be sent out with updates.
- See Page 5 for Upcoming Events.



PASTOR WILL BE OUT OF OFFICE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Pastor Linda will be on sabbatical for the month of August. Mary Lou Buck and Rev. Manilla Owen will be serving at the pulpit.

For emergencies during this time, please contact:

Rev. Jeff Crawford
585-729-9168

The office will be open regular hours, unless otherwise stated



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ~ Kathy Aman
- ~ Sue Backus
- ~ Barb, Judy Porray's SIL
- ~ Missy Bergen
- ~ Kendall Brodie, relative of Klems
- ~ Michael Buck, Mary Lou's son
- ~ Tina Buck, Mary Lou's daughter
- ~ Brenda Burley
- ~ Roger Campbell, health issues
- ~ Christie, Ginny Eaton's niece
- ~ Betty Craw, recovery
- ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
- ~ Stephanie Derse, brain tumor
- ~ Paul Dickinson, Lori Power's dad
- ~ Bob Eaton
- ~ Janice Foulke
- ~ Carol Gillespie
- ~ Les Gillespie
- Desitny Grace, Judy Porray's Granddaughter
- ~ Kirk Graham, Kay as caregiver
- ~ Suzanne Gresens, Missie Bergen's Niece
- ~ Debbie Grohman

- ~ Gale Howell, recovering at home
- ~ Mel Hussey
- ~ Sandy Hussey
- ~ Ann Insalaco
- ~ Shirley Kuhn
- ~ Karen LaRue, Bonnie's sister
- ~ Logan Loveless, Judy Porray's grandson
- ~ Jim Makins, recovering at rehab
- ~ Andrew, Martha McGlory's grandson
- ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
- ~ Nelson, Martha McGlory's brother
- ~ Libby Pickering, recovering
- ~ Lori Powers, medical concerns
- ~ Larry Smith
- ~ Morgan Smith, broken ankles, Lillian's Son-in-law
- ~ Sue Smith's sister, Cathy.
- ~ Julie Sondervan
- ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker
- ~ Dawn Straub, heart issues
- ~ Jean Van Ingen
- ~ Jane Wage
- ~ Bev Wooster, hospice



JULY & AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

JULY

- 2 Gillespie, Carol
- 5 Miller, Robert
- 5 EATON, GARY & VIRGINIA
- 6 Killion, Caleb
- 6 Killion, Lucas
- 8 Hussey, Melvin
- 8 Jones, Paul
- 9 Haywood, Marge
- 12 FOULKE, ERIC & ANNE
- 13 Ryan, Kara
- 13 HASTINGS, DOUGLAS & FRAN
- 18 Pickering, Gretchen
- 21 Graham, Kay
- 22 STRAMONINE, JOSEPH & LEORA
- 24 Deichmiller, Michael (Thomas)
- 27 JONES, PAUL & DEANA
- 29 Buck, Mary Lou

AUGUST

- 4 Eaton, Tucker
- 5 Ryan, Carly
- 5 Thomas, Ken
- 6 Chelini, Matthew
- 6 Killion, Kristen (Hastings)
- 7 Hershberger, Kristen
- 7 EATON, ANNETTE & JEREMY
- 9 DUFFY, BRYAN & SHARON
- 12 Sanger, Daniel
- 14 Hancock, Tammi
- 16 Foulke, Merryon
- 16 Ryan, Nathan
- 18 LUDINGTON, DONNA & JIM
- 19 Coomber, Jeff
- 21 Canan, Barbara
- 23 Klem, Wanda
- 25 Deichmiller, Ryan (Thomas)
- 25 Waeghe, Russell
- 25 SMITH, LAWRENCE & SUE
- 27 STRAUB, DOUG & DAWN
- 27 Eaton, Laney
- 29 Foulke, Anne
- 31 Hancock, Steven



Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS



PLEASE NOTE

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 7th – Sunday, September 1st
9:00am Drive-in Worship Services



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. July 7th & August 4th

The donation bin will be provided through the Summer— Thank you!



COME JOIN US!!!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC & CAMPFIRE

Thursday, July 25th @ 6pm

If it rains, we will move festivities inside

The campfire will be lit at 6pm, and the hot dogs will be roasting and s'mores ready to be made.

Join us for dinner - hot dogs, rolls, chips, s'mores & drinks- and relaxing fun around the fire.

Church members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

If you prefer something besides hot dogs, bring it along and we will put it on the grill if possible.

Please Sign-up on the sheet on bulletin board or let Bob Buck or Wanda Klem know if you will be joining us.

IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

- July 4th Independence Day!
- July 7th 1st Outdoor Service of Summer
- July 25th Church Picnic & Campfire
- Aug 1st – Sep 1st Pastor Linda on Sabbatical



Happy 4th of July

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Enjoy Fun & Safe Celebrations

Thursday, July 4th

Please note that the office will be closed that day.



GRADUATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION PICTURE



Congratulations to Sarah Goodenough, Matthew Chelini, and Loreli Eaton!

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS



**WELCOME
TO THE
FAMILY**



We welcomed Lisa Stramonine, Dexton Stramonine and Miles Stramonine into the Family of God as they have chose to be Baptized on June 9, 2024. Bibles were given as gifts to those baptized.



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.



THANK YOU
BAGS FOR MISSION CENTRAL

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the bags for Mission Central. We appreciate the donations of fabric, and the work of all of the helpers to cut and sew the bags. We will be donating over 140 bags. What an awesome group you are!!!



SAVE THE DATE
2024 HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR & LUNCHEON

Save the dates for this year's bazaar on **Friday, Oct. 25th and Saturday, Oct. 26th.**

Hope you're working on your crafts to sell and setting aside your treasures for the "Next to New - New to You" sale.

Watch future bulletins and newsletter with ways you can help!



HERITAGE SQUARE MUSEUM – SUMMER TOURS

Looking for something fun and educational to do? The Heritage Square Museum is holding Summer Tours

Weekends from June 1st 2 September 29th (\$)

1:30p – 4:00p (Last tour starts at 3pm)

For more information on events, visit their Facebook Page



SAVE THE DATE
NOMC LASAGNA DINNER

Saturday, September 21st the Nurture/Outreach team along with the help of our congregation will be hosting a Lasagna Dinner from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. or until gone.

We will need help with setting up, serving, money collection, donations, kitchen duties and clean up.

We hope your family and friends will plan to attend the dinner.

Stay tuned for more details as the date gets closer!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – 2024

The Nurture/Outreach Team has decided to try something new this year for our collection of items for Operation Christmas Child.

Below is a list of items we would like to have purchased and donated by month.

Just a reminder: all items need to fit into shoeboxes.

June

Summer Items & Toys: Flip Flops (Dollar Tree stores have a great selection) dolls, Jacks, toy trucks/cars, playing cards, card games, kazoos, yo-yos, jump robes, balls, small stuffed animals, toys that make noise & light up (include batteries).

July

School Supplies: Pens, regular and colored pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamp, and ink pad sets, writing pads, flash cards, solar calculators, coloring, activity, and picture books.

August

Hygiene Items: **MOST IN NEED** – toothbrush, (**NO TOOTHPASTE**), mild bar soap (in plastic bag), washcloth, combs, brushes, headbands, hair accessories.

Do Not Include:

Used or damaged items, war-related toys, chocolate, food, out of date candy, toothpaste, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, no breakables, glass, or aerosol cans.

We thank you in advance for your donations!



JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Outdoor Worship @ 9am 7/7/24 - 9/1/24	1	2 	3 10a Respite - V.V.H	4  Independence Day	5	6
9am Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
9am Worship	14	15	16	17 10a Respite - V.V.H	18	19
9am Worship	21	22	23	24	25 6pm - Church Picnic & Campfire - Parking Lot  Indoors if rain	26
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AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Outdoor Worship @ 9am 8/4/24 - 9/1/24				1	2	3
9am Worship Mary Lou Buck, Pulpit	5	6	7 10a Respite - V.V.H	8	9	10
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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