

# The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



For the past few weeks, concluding at the end of this month, we have been looking at the promises of God as compiled by Max Lucado. According to Lucado, when we embrace these promises of truth within our lives, we develop Unshakeable Hope which can shore us up to be strong through adversities and worldly problems.

Admittedly, November is my favorite month. This is not due to any temperature fluctuation or the colors on the trees or the chance of snow in the air but it has everything to do with my anticipation for Thanksgiving. I love this holiday more than any others because all that is expected is good food and good fellowship. I love gathering, eating and story-telling (just a few of my favorite things). Although I can get giddy in my anticipation, I am fully aware there are many who face this day as though it were any other day; no special food, no family, and no stories to tell.

To those who face my favorite holiday alone I want to invite you to attend our Sunday worship service before Thanksgiving where we will conclude our Max Lucado series with God's promise of coming joy as found in Psalm 30:5, "Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning." Actually, I invite everyone who needs to embrace this promise from God whether it be from the lack of holiday spirit or just from the weight of life dragging you down to join us, in person or virtually, to remember this promise from God.

This promise of joy comes because God loves each of us, even you. God loves us through the silence, through the chaos of our lives, in spite of our faults, and through our failures. GOD LOVES YOU. In that promise we will find joy. No food, no fellowship, no broken promises...just a God who loves to the depth of his being to the height of his creation, and to the width we cannot even envision.

As Max Lucado says... "Joy comes. Watch for it. Expect it as you would the morning sunrise or the evening twilight...Yes, weeping comes. It comes to all of us. Heartaches leave us with tear-streaked faces and heavy hearts. Weeping comes. But so does joy. Darkness comes, but so does the morning. Sadness comes, but so does hope. Sorrow may have the night, but it cannot have our lives. Joy comes. Watch for it."

Embrace God's love for you and joy will embrace you. In this we can all give thanks!

Happy Thanksgiving,

*Pastor Linda*



# CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



## MISSION TEAM UPDATE

**Mission trips** – Sept 23– 27 Seven of us attended. Good Trip, good show (Daniel), a lot was accomplished.

**Family Promise of Wayne Co.** - Still helping others with the 4 apartments.

**Respite** – We continue to have a good number of folks at each meeting and all seem to enjoy the fellowship, which includes balloon volleyball, singing good old songs and bingo. There are 10 registered, but a typical day would bring 6-8 folks.

**BBQ** – There was no BBQ this fall due to too much going on in our church community. We will resume in the spring.

**Campfire** – The campfire went well. Appears that more children attended.

**Storm Assistance** – What can we do as a church? Please see Page 4 for suggestions where to donate.



## FINANCE UPDATE

**Financial Data**– The weekly average tithing for Sept. was \$3,043. We have \$13,341 in the General fund.

Our year-to-date income was \$7,376 less than the plan.

Our year-to-date expenses were \$1,706 greater than the plan.



## EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

### Advent 2024 All Church Studies:

To be distributed after Church the end of November.

**Adults and Youth:** O.S. Hawkins offers 25 seasonal entries tracing the story of Jesus from its earliest roots in the Old Testament to God's gift of salvation. Each entry features a Scripture passage, inspirational thought and prayer of reflection. This is written by the author of two devotionals we used for Lent and Easter 2024.



**Children:** This book includes nearly 50 pages of study and fun activities. Hide and Seek Ministries (HSM) developed this activity book as a teaching tool to assist parents, caregivers, teachers, and leaders in equipping young minds with biblical knowledge about the powerful and life-changing meaning of Christmas.



A time of fellowship is in the works for the Advent season. Watch your bulletins for the time and place and join us as we "Tune in to Christmas" with some of our favorite Holiday movies and look to see where we can find Christ in each one.

## TRUSTEES

### TRUSTEES UPDATE

- The Fall Clean-up list is now posted on the bulletin board
- We are in the process of scheduling someone from the Wayne County Sheriff's Dept. to come to the church to discuss building safety and security. More details to follow.
- The trustees are going to install a walk-in shower at the parsonage.
- Lights in VandeVate Hall have been repaired. All are working again.
- A contract has been signed with Scott Dietrich (Rockview Landscaping) for snow plowing.
- We have accepted a proposal from Ron Mack (Whitetail Enterprise) for tree trimming at the parsonage.

## Respite

### RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- Please keep participants, and their families in your prayers.
- If you're interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact Wanda Klem.



## NURTURE OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

Our team will be packing OCC Boxes for mailing to add to those that individuals & families have donated. Updates on family participation, see Page 3.



## FAMILY PROMISE

- Family Promise of Wayne County depends on donations to assist families in crisis and dealing with homelessness.
- Please see bulletin board for list of needed items.
- If you have any things you would like to donate to Family Promise, call their office -(315) 665-0037 to arrange for a time to drop them off at: 3 Holley St, Lyons, NY.

## NOVEMBER MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

\*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. Tuesday, 11/5/24  
4p Worship – Classroom
2. Monday, 11/11/24  
Education – NO MEETING
3. Tuesday, 11/12/24  
12p Nurture Outreach – VandeVate Hall  
2p Finance – Classroom  
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall  
6p Trustees – Classroom



**Church Council:** Monday, 11/18/24 @ 6:30p - Classroom

## BIBLE STUDY

Our Fall Bible Study will conclude on **Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>**.



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!

Pastor Linda extends her heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, and flowers for Pastor Appreciation Month.





### REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

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| ~ Richard Adams, tests                       | ~ Kirk Graham   |
| ~ Kathy Aman                                 | ~ Kay Graham  |
| ~ Lindsey Aman, pregnancy issues             | ~ Suzanne Gresens, Missie's Niece                                 |
| ~ Sue Backus                                 | ~ Debbie Grohman  |
| ~ Barb, Judy Porray's SIL                    | ~ Linda Haight, back issues                                       |
| ~ Missy Bergen                               | ~ Gale Howell, & family caregivers                                |
| ~ Michael Buck, Mary Lou's son               | ~ Sandy Hussey  |
| ~ Tina Buck, Mary Lou's daughter, surgery    | ~ Ann Insalaco, tests   |
| ~ Brenda Burley                              | ~ Shirley Kuhn  |
| ~ Roger Campbell, health issues              | ~ Karen LaRue, Bonnie's sister                                    |
| ~ Sherry Carr's father, health issues        | ~ Logan Loveless, Judy Porray's grandson                          |
| ~ Georgia Christ, health issues              | ~ Jim Makins  |
| ~ Christie, Ginny Eaton's niece              | ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter                                  |
| ~ Gwen Coleman, health issues                | ~ Libby Pickering, recovering                                     |
| ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL        | ~ Lori Powers, medical concerns                                   |
| ~ Rich Denison, healing                      | ~ Wayne Schultz, Jackie's cousin                                  |
| ~ Stephanie Derse, brain tumor               | ~ Larry Smith   |
| ~ Paul Dickinson, Lori Power's dad           | ~ Morgan Smith, Lillian's Son-in-law in hospital, and wife Lynnae |
| ~ Mary Earlandt, health issues               | ~ Julie Sondervan   |
| ~ Bob Eaton                                  | ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker                               |
| ~ Janice Foulke                              | ~ Dawn Straub, heart issues                                       |
| ~ Carol Gillespie                            | ~ Dawn Thomas, Healing  |
| ~ Les Gillespie                              | ~ Jean Van Ingen  |
| ~ Desitny Grace, Judy Porray's Granddaughter | ~ Jane Wage   |



### NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

- 5 Todd, Mary Gwen
- 6 Goodenough, Michele
- 8 Goodenough, Jerry
- 8 Thomas, Dawn
- 8 HANSEN, ROGER & JACQUELINE
- 11 Jones, Jesse
- 14 Hussey, Sandra
- 15 Barber, Eileen
- 16 Straub, Dawn
- 20 Eaton, Lorelai
- 21 Chelini, Chris
- 25 Perry, Rodney
- 28 Burley, Brenda
- 29 COOMBER, JEFF & MARILYN



Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case  
ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight Savings Time ENDS
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> All Saints Sunday
- Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Election Day & Bake Sale
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> NOMC Charge Conference
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Veterans Recognition Sunday
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Making Our Church Safe Mtg
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Christ the King Sunday & Thanksgiving Worship
- Nov 28<sup>th</sup> THANKSGIVING!!
- NO SCHOOL: Nov 11, 27–29**

### Election Day Bake Sale

#### PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH THE ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

We will be hosting our Annual Election Day Bake Sale on **Tuesday, November 5th**. Sign- up sheets are up on bulletin board. Please direct questions to Darlene Canan



#### FALL CLEAN-UP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The Trustees need help with the Fall Clean-up. A list of Fall Projects is posted on the bulletin board. If you can help with anything on the list, please sign your name next to it and cross off the list once it is completed. Thanks in advance!



#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – 2024

As a church-wide effort, we're asking each family to pack a box full of joy for a child. We have boxes and instructions available.

**Please bring completed box, including postage, to church by Sunday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> as we will be mailing from here that week.**

Please direct questions to Judy McMillan @ 315-524-4219

#### SANDY HUSSEY – CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note that Sandy Hussey will be moving as of 11/8/24

Sandra Hussey  
126 Kamdyn Lane  
Evansville, TN 37332  
Phone: 423-447-2053  
Email: sstocia@frontiernet.net



#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 2am

Remember to turn your clocks back!

#### 2025 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS

On sale now for just \$10.00. See Darlene Canan to purchase on Sunday mornings



#### ~ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~ CHRISTMAS CAROLING & SINGALONG

We are looking forward to hosting a Christmas Caroling Singalong for all in the community. Join us in the church Sanctuary on

**Sunday afternoon, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

We will conclude with a Cookie Reception in VandeVate Hall  
More Info to Follow!!

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### NORTH ONTARIO METHODIST CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE MEETING

Charge Conference will be held on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Leadership Team Meeting @ 9:00am** in VandeVate Hall  
**Charge Conference @ 9:30am** in VandeVate Hall  
Rick LaDue, our Presiding Elder, will be in attendance and looks forward to meeting & speaking with everyone there. Everyone is welcome to attend.



### 2025 CHURCH LEADERSHIP ROLES

In the next few weeks, we will be seeking help with filling leadership roles.  
Please be in prayer about where God may be leading you to serve.  
We have openings on our Trustees and Finance Teams, but no teams will turn you away.  
As you pray, ask God which team you would be most valuable in.  
Our teams include Staff Parish Relations Committee, Trustee,  
Christian Education, Finance Team, Nurture Outreach, Missions, Worship,  
Martha Ministry, Audit Team, Nominations Committee.  
If you would like to know more about any of the teams,  
please contact any member of the team, Wanda Klem, Fran Hastings, or Darlene Canan.  
There is a leadership listing on the bulletin board across the hall from the offices.

## **DISASTER** RELIEF

### GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

We invite you to join us in this critical response by giving financially. Your generosity will directly impact those affected by this heartbreaking disaster. Here is how you can donate:

#### ONLINE

<https://globalmethodist.org/join-us-in-supporting-hurricane-helene-recovery-efforts/>

At the website above, you can donate to a general relief fund,  
or you can indicate a specific state you'd like your donation to go to.

#### BY MAIL

Make checks payable to "Global Methodist Church" noting 'Disaster Relief Fund' on memo line.

**Mail to:** Global Methodist Church  
11905 Bowman Drive, Suite 501-A  
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

# N·O·V·E·M·B·E·R 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 10a Communion Celebration 3 	Election Day Setup <i>VWH Reserved</i>	 4p Worship Team - CR <b>Election Day Bake Sale</b> <i>VWH Reserved</i>	10a Respite - WH	10a Bible Study - # 7 CR	11a Mell Hussey Funeral & Reception <i>VWH Reserved</i> All Saints' Day	 9a Leadership Mtg - vvh 9-30a NOMC Charge Conf. Meeting - VWH
10a Worship  <b>Veteran's Day Remembrance</b>	6:30p Boy Scouts VWH 6:30p Ed. Team - CR <b>Veterans Day</b>	12p N/O Mtg - CR 2p Finance - WH 4p Mission Team-CR 6p Trustees - CR	5-9p Heritage Square Dinner - VWH	9a Garden Club - VWH 10a Bible Study - #8 CR		
10a Worship 11:30p Making Our Church Safe Mtg - VWH	6:30p Boy Scouts VWH 6:30p Church Council - CR	6:30p G.S Unit Mtg-VWH		10a Final Bible Study-CR 7p BS Leadership-VWH		
10a Worship 3p Thanksgiving Svc  <b>3p Thanksgiving Worship</b>	6:30p Boy Scouts VWH					<i>VWH Reserved</i>
VWH - VandeVate Hall CR - Classroom KR - Kid's Room						



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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



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