

# The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church

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**Happy 2025 !!**

Here we are, facing down another New Year and if I have learned anything from the previous few years it is to not take things for granted, especially time. The past few years have flown by and I am still wondering where the time went.

Here is a story to consider as each day of the new year is placed before us...

What if we all woke up each and every morning with \$86,400 in our bank account and this happened day after day over and over again? The only caveat is that we have to spend every dollar. You can't save any of it. If this were the case, I would venture to say that most of us would spend this money wisely. We would think about it. We would make the most of every single dollar. The reality is that we do have this account available to us every day – except instead of money we have time. We all have 86,400 seconds to spend each and every day. We can't carry them over until the next day. If we don't use them, we lose them. Yet, how many are wasted? How many do we waste on being inefficient; on people that don't really matter to us; on routines that don't make us feel better about our lives; on jobs that don't inspire us?

Ponder this concept of time. Each day is before us in this new year so how do you intend to spend your seconds? According to the Greek philosopher Theophrastus, "Time is the most valuable thing a human can spend."

Please consider how many seconds we actually have and how many we offer to God. May our seconds be lived in praise and our days be used to glorify God's holy name. Amen.

May you and yours have a blessed New Year.

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Linda*



# CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



## MISSION TEAM UPDATE

**Family Promise of Wayne Co.** – We are still supporting this program. Please see Community News Bulletin Board for list of needed items.

**Respite** – We continue to have a good number of folks at each meeting and all seem to enjoy the fellowship.

**More updates to follow  
after meetings resume this month**



## FINANCE UPDATE

**Financial Data**– The average weekly tithing for November was \$2,877. The General Fund was at \$7,151. Our year-to-date income was \$1,051 less than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses were \$12,579 greater than the plan. Please take a moment to review the charts posted on the bulletin board opposite the offices.

**\*Finance Team Meeting now meeting at 3pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of Month\***

## 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.
- Our next program date is, **Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

## TRUSTEES

### TRUSTEES UPDATE

- With busy holiday schedules we have been limited to routine maintenance for December.
- The gutters were cleaned at the parsonage
- The following projects will be started soon:
  - Shower upgrade at the parsonage
  - A railing for the steps to the altar

### NURTURE OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

- Team meetings will now be held at 3pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- Warm Clothing/Blanket Drive in January. See Pg 4
- Please direct questions to Dawn Thomas, the new chairperson.



### EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

- We hope everyone enjoyed the Advent resources!
- We've decided to show the Christmas Movie either during a Christmas in July event, or during Advent 2025.
- Lenten resources will be chosen soon and we will update then.



### 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.

### JANURAY MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

\*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. Tuesday, 1/7/25  
4p      Worship – Classroom
2. Monday, 1/13/25  
Education – Classroom
3. Tuesday, 1/14/25
  - 3p      Finance – Classroom
  - 3p      Nurture Outreach – VandeVate Hall
  - 4p      Missions – VandeVate Hall
  - 6p      Trustees – Classroom



### SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM PASTOR LINDA!!

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generosity to me and my family during this holiday season.

I pray you were all as blessed as I was!

*...and just like that,  
Santa is gone until next year...  
but Jesus is still here  
with gifts that never end.*



**il:** Monday, 1/20/25 @ 6:30p - Classroom



For Everything There is a Season



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

~ Richard Adams  
 ~ Anthony, seeking long-term care  
 ~ Sue Backus  
 ~ Barb, Judy Porray's SIL  
 ~ Bill Beach, Carol's BIL in hospital  
 ~ Missy Bergen  
 ~ Beverly Brown, in hospital  
 ~ Michael Buck, Mary Lou's son  
 ~ Brenda Burley, healing from fall  
 ~ Roger Campbell, health issues  
 ~ Sherry Carr's father, Health Issues  
 ~ Carol's husband, Judy Porray's friend  
 ~ George Cataldo, in hospital  
 ~ Chris Chelini, recovery  
 ~ Georgia Christ, Health Issues  
 ~ Christie, Ginny Eaton's niece  
 ~ Gwen Coleman, Health Issues  
 ~ Debbie, friend of Ginny Eaton's  
 ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL  
 ~ Rich Denison, Healing  
 ~ Stephanie Derse, brain tumor  
 ~ Paul Dickinson, Lori Power's dad  
 ~ Mary Earlandt, Health Issues  
 ~ Bob Eaton  
 ~ Haley Flower, whose dad passed  
 ~ Janice Foulke  
 ~ Carol Gillespie  
 ~ Les Gillespie  
 ~ Louie Grace, Alma's husband  
 ~ Kirk Graham, Kay as caregiver  
 ~ Donna Greene, Gene Bergen's MIL  
 ~ Suzanne Gresens,  
 Missie Bergen's Niece

~ Debbie Grohman  
 ~ Pastor Linda, possible back surgery  
 ~ Hanna, in ICU, and her mom  
 as caretaker  
 ~ Havier, who had a stroke, and his  
 wife Myra as caretaker  
 ~ Gale Howell, & family caregivers  
 ~ Ann Insalaco  
 ~ Shirley Kuhn  
 ~ Logan Loveless, Judy Porray's  
 Grandson  
 ~ Jim Makins  
 ~ Andrew, Martha McGlory's grandson  
 ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter  
 ~ Judy Porray's cousin's grandchild  
 ~ Lori Powers, medical concerns  
 ~ Barb Sanger, healing  
 ~ Wayne Schultz, Jackie's cousin  
 ~ Julie Sondervan  
 ~ Stacey, Dawn Russell's daughter  
 recovering from car accident  
 ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker  
 ~ Mike Stengline, burn recovery  
 ~ Dawn Straub, heart issues  
 ~ Dawn Thomas, Healing  
 ~ Jean Van Ingen  
 ~ Jane Wage  
 ~ Beth Welsch and family, Darlene's  
 cousin in PA who had heart attack.  
 ~ Destiny Grace Whitnable,  
 Judy Porray's Granddaughter  
 ~ Zeb, Judy Porray's student with  
 brain tumor



## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

3 Scott, Jay  
 3 Grace, Alma  
 5 Makins, Jim  
 6 Bergen, Stephanie  
 6 Pickering, Elizabeth (Libby)  
 9 Duffy, Tommy  
 11 Denison, Richard  
 17 Douglas, Jacqueline  
 18 Smith, Lynae  
 19 Foulke, Eric  
 23 Huston, Janet  
 26 SONDERVAN, RITA & MARTIN  
 27 HUSTON, JANET & VAN



Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case  
 ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS

## IMPORTANT DATES

### HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Happy New Year 2025!!  
 Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Epiphany Sunday  
 Advent Giving Donations Due  
 Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Baptism of the Lord  
 Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Meet with GMC's Rev. Steve Taylor  
 Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday  
 Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> New Bible Study Begins

**NO SCHOOL: January 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



### ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR REMINDER

Donations for this year's Advent Giving Calendar are due  
 at church on **Sunday, January 5, 2025.**  
 This is to support the Ontario Food Pantry.  
 Give what you can ~ All donations are greatly appreciated

### Bible Study



### NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Pastor Linda will be hosting a new Bible Study  
 beginning on **Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10am**  
 The classes will be held in VandeVate Hall,  
 unless otherwise notified.



### WEATHER & EMERGENCY CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS

We will post cancellations on our  
**Facebook Page** and our **NOMC website**  
**www.nom.church** updated.  
 You can also find them,  
**Online: [www.13wham.com](http://www.13wham.com)**  
 and some **Radio Stations**  
 (who decide individually to list cancellations)

Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP LEAH GREGORY

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

I'm blessed and thankful for all the Bishops of the Global Methodist Church, who are leading and shepherding this new Holy Spirit movement in Methodism! As an Annual Conference, we've been led by Bishop Mark Webb since our inception in January 2024. On November 1, 2024, a new bishop was assigned to the Northeast Conference, after having been elected to the episcopacy at the Global Methodist Convening General Conference in September 2024. Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory is our newly assigned general superintendent and will work closely with me to serve and lead the Northeast Conference for the next two years.

Here is an introductory video from Bishop Hidde-Gregory and a picture of her family. She and her family live in Texas, and she also serves as the Conference Superintendent of the Mid-Texas Conference of the Global Methodist Church. [https://midtexasgmc.dubb.com/v/X5KkgA?from\\_email=1](https://midtexasgmc.dubb.com/v/X5KkgA?from_email=1) (you can type this into your browser bar to view)

As we turn the page from 2024 to 2025, I'm thankful for the leaders who have been instrumental in shaping this movement, and I now look forward to increasing our Kingdom impact with Bishop Leah at the helm. May God bless and grow us in this season!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Rev. Steven Taylor  
Conference Superintendent  
Northeast Annual Conference  
of the Global Methodist Church



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**, (time to be determined), to meet with the **GMC Conference Superintendent, Reverend Steve Taylor**.

He will be spending the day in our area and will be having a Meet and Greet at the Webster GMC along with some time for questions and answers.

**Specifics regarding time to meet at Webster GMC will be announced in the next couple of weeks.**



### SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH, SALVATION ARMY & SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Please take a moment to see the letters of thanks for our generous donations from the Global Methodist Church, Salvation Army & Samaritan's Purse.

The letters are posted on our bulletin board. **A HUGE THANKS TO ALL IN OUR CONGREGATION THAT MADE THESE DONATIONS POSSIBLE!**



### 2025 WARM CLOTHING DRIVE BEGINS

The NOMC Nurture Outreach Team is sponsoring this year's **January Warm Clothing & Blanket Drive**

Please open your hearts...and your closets and participate in the NOMC Clothing Drive to benefit:

Open Door Mission and other local organizations.

**During the entire month of January**, we will have a tote located in the Narthex, and we will also be accepting your donations in the first Sunday School room. (There will be a sign on the door)

**For questions – call Dawn Thomas at 524-2725**



**Items Needed: All types of warm clothing for men, women & children, and blankets. Please make sure all items are clean.**

**Thank you for helping with this Outreach project**





# JANUARY 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VVH – VandeVate Hall CR - Classroom KR – Kid’s Room	<p><i>Happy New Year!!</i> It's never too late to begin a <i>fresh start with God....</i></p>		No School 1 	No School 2	No School 3 	4
10a Communion Celebration 5 Epiphany Sunday Advent Calendar - Food Pantry Collection Due	6 6:30p BS Mtg – VH Epiphany	7 4p Worship Team – CR	8 10a Respite-VH	9 9a Garden Club – VH	10	11
10a Worship 12 Baptism of the Lord	13 6:30p Education Team –CR 6:30p BS Mtg – VH	14 3p Finance - VH 3p W/O Mtg – CR 4p Mission Team-CR 6p Trustees – CR 6:30p GS Unit Mtg-VH	15 	16	17	18 9a Heritage Square-VH Meet with Rev. Steve Taylor, GMC Conf. Superintendent, at Webster GMC
10a Worship 19	20 No School 6:30p Church Council –CR 6:30p BS Mtg – VH MLK Jr. Day	21	22 10a Respite-VH	23 10a Bible Study -VH 7p BS Leadership-VH	24	25
10a Worship 26 	27 6:30p BS Mtg – VH	28	29 No School 	30	31	



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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



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