

The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church

APRIL **2025**

The old saying goes, “April showers bring May flowers.” I would often recite these words as I trudged through the mud each April. I really, really do not like mud but even while grumbling about the mud I would often find a crocus peeking out from the drudgery. Just the signs and the thought of something beautiful coming from something so awful brought me comfort.

This April we will be trudging through the rest of Lent as we remember our own sins and seek repentance and restoration. We will trudge through the hardest part of Jesus’ story while on earth. We will remember his passion for God and God’s people. We will reflect on his journey toward the cross. We will again remember his stripes which heal us and the pain this caused our Savior. We will again remember the words spoken on the cross with great difficulty as find ourselves holding our breathes as these words are read.

We trudge through the darkness of Friday and the uncertainty of Saturday and we hurt. Lean into this hurt again this year so Jesus’ sacrifice can be felt to your very marrow.

Then remember...

Just like the showers of April bring something beautiful, the pain and suffering of Jesus brought into our lives something unbelievable, SALVATION. This salvation came at a price: the price of pain and suffering and the price of the cross and death.

Since the resurrection, we are offered this salvation freely. Kick off the mud of sin, which no longer has a hold on us and embrace the flowers of restoration given to us by Christ.

Out of the vile journey to the resurrection came something so beautiful: embrace it, grow into it, and share the flowers with others. Live EASTER every day of your lives.

Blessings and Happy Easter,

Pastor Linda





CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



MISSION TEAM UPDATE

BBQ – We selected May 30 and Sept.26. Save the dates. Rich will post volunteer signup sheets on bulletin board.

Respite – We continue to have a good number of folks at each meeting and all seem to enjoy the fellowship. Occasional, we will see a new face to see what we are all about. Last week, we had 12 guests and 20 volunteers.

Summer Picnic – We selected Thursday, July 24 for the picnic. Bob Buck will be organizing. We will be asking attendees to bring a dish to pass, and we will invite local churches in the community.

FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data– The weekly average tithing for February was \$3625. We have \$6447 in the General fund. Our year-to-date income was \$6195 greater than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses were \$6101 greater than the plan

Stewardship - To date, we have received 35 pledge cards, which is a typical number. The total amount on these cards plus what Barb S. then adds in for non-pledge card members (25) have given, come up with an estimated total income from tithing of \$148,300. We thank everyone for their continued commitment to our church.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- We are in the process of scheduling a CPR course for recertification (required every 2 years) or for anyone that would like to get certified for the first time. Details will be available soon.
- The trustees can use some help with some **Spring clean-up** projects. We will be posting a list of projects this month that we could use some help with. Please take a look at the list and sign up for something if you can.
- We need help keeping our building secure. If you have a key to access the building, please be sure to lock the door after you enter and check it as you leave.

Respite

RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- We have a waiting list for participants and would benefit from more volunteers. If you're interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact Wanda Klem.
- Our next program dates are, **Wed., April 2nd & 16th**
- Please keep participants, and their families in your prayers.



NURTURE OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

- No new events this month
- Please direct questions to Dawn Thomas.



Education News

EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

The Education Team met informally after church on Sunday, March 9th. We quickly reviewed items on our agenda.

- **Lent Study** - 8 children's and 65 adult devotionals have been distributed.
- **Summer Study** will be discussed at our next meeting
- **Graduation Sunday** - There are 4 graduates this year: Tommy Duffy, Abe Pickering, Riley Stringer, and Alaska Dunstan. Celebration will be on June 29th. Coffee Hour with cake and punch will follow worship.



FAMILY PROMISE

- Family Promise is looking to the community to help with a roofing project. If you can help, please call them.
- If you have any things you would like to donate to Family Promise of Wayne County, call their office (315) 665-0037 to arrange for a time to drop them off at: 3 Holley St, Lyons, NY.

APRIL MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.

MINISTRY TEAMS

1. Tuesday, 4/1/25
3p Nurture Outreach Mtg – VVH
4p Worship – Classroom
2. Tuesday, 4/8/25
6p Trustees – Classroom
3. Monday, 4/14/25
6:30p Education – Classroom
4. Tuesday, 4/15/25
3p Finance – VandeVate Hall
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall



Church Council: Monday, 4/21/25 @ 6:30p - Classroom

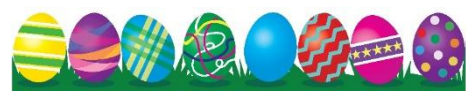


PLEASE NOTE: OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Wendy will be out of town and the **office will be closed March 26th – April 7th**

Barb Sanger will be checking on delivered mail and voicemail, so you can still leave messages. As well, Wendy will be checking church email for while gone. Pastor Linda will be in and out of the office with meetings and visits, but can always be reached via email or cell phone.

Email: pastorlinda11@gmail.com
Cell phone: 585-330-0618





REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

- ~ Richard Adams, kidney failure onset
- ~ Sue Backus
- ~ Barb, Judy Porray's SIL
- ~ Eileen Barber, broken arm
- ~ Bill Beach, health concerns
- ~ 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
- ~ Chris Chelini, recovery
- ~ Georgia Christ, health issues
- ~ Christie, Ginny Eaton's niece
- ~ Gwen Coleman, health issues
- ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
- ~ Stephanie Derse, brain tumor
- ~ Kenny DiRenzo, Sue Smith's nephew, home but long recovery
- ~ Paul Dickinson, Lori Power's dad, in hospice
- ~ Mary Earlandt, health issues
- ~ Bob Eaton
- ~ 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
- ~ Havier, who had a stroke, and his wife Myra as caretaker
- Fran Hastings, recovery-hip surgery
- ~ Gale Howell, & family caregivers
- ~ Ann Insalaco
- Jackson, family of the Buck's, being treated for cancer at Roswell.
- ~ Shirley Kuhn, in medical rehab
- ~ Jim Makins
- ~ Andrew, Martha McGlory's grandson
- ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
- ~ Lori Powers, new medical device
- ~ Julie Sondervan
- ~ Lillian Speakman, recovering at Fairport Baptist Home
- ~ Stacey, Dawn Russell's daughter
- ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker
- ~ Mike Stengline, burn recovery
- ~ Dawn Straub, heart issues
- ~ Jean Van Ingen
- ~ Jane Wage
- ~ Destiny Grace Whitnable, Judy Porray's Granddaughter
- ~ Zeb, Judy Porray's student with brain tumor

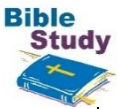


APRIL CELEBRATIONS

- 2 Russell, Dawn
- 4 Foulke, Janice
- 5 Haak, Robert
- 5 Knapp, Dave
- 8 Duffy, Sharon
- 8 Speakman, Lillian
- 11 Knapp, Daniel
- 11 Sanger, Raymond
- 11 GRAHAM, KIRK & KAY
- 12 Garland, Jeff
- 12 Killion, Don
- 16 Haight, Pastor Linda
- 16 Smith, Sue
- 17 Thornbury, James
- 18 Jasak, Abigail
- 18 Powers, John
- 19 Garland, Carol (Fisher)
- 22 Kushall, Edward
- 25 Bergen, Richard, Jr
- 28 Cone, Linda
- 28 Dyer, Chris
- 30 Canan, Darlene

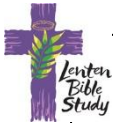


Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS



PSALM BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME ON 4/17

The Psalm Bible Study is on pause,
it will resume on April 17th, for the final 2 classes on
April 17th (Psalm 139) & April 24th (Psalm 100)



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

The 6-week Lenten Bible Study will continue through
Thursday, March 10th @ 10am
The classes are held in VandeVate Hall, unless notified.

IMPORTANT DATES

HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

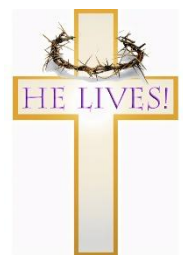
- Apr 13th Palm Sunday
- Apr 17th Maundy Thursday
- Mar 18th Good Friday
- Apr 20th Easter Sunday

NO SCHOOL: April 14th – 18th



SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

- Palm Sunday** Sunday, April 13th @ 10am
- Maundy Thursday Service** Thursday, April 17th @ 5:30p in V.V.H. w/Soup & Bread Dinner and Communion
- Good Friday** Friday, April 18th @ 3pm
- Easter Sunday (2 services)** Sunday, April 20th @ 8:30a & 10am
Both services will be in Sanctuary



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WORSHIP TEAM REQUESTING YOUR HELP TO DECORATE FOR EASTER

- **The Worship team would like to decorate the sanctuary with Spring flowers on Easter Sunday.**
- We're asking the congregation to consider purchasing a potted flower such as an Easter Lily, Hydrangea, Tulips, or Daffodils to place in the sanctuary. Lowes has a great selection for reasonable prices.
- You may bring your flower to the church on Good Friday or Saturday before Easter between 10:00a and noon.
- If you have questions, please see Cheryl Haak.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP & COMMUNION SERVICE

Please join us in **VandeVate Hall at 5:30p** for **Soup and Bread with Communion Service** to follow.
CAN YOU HELP? If you would be able to make soup or bring a loaf of Italian bread.
Please look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board.
Direct questions to Darlene Canan.



APRIL COFFEE HOUR

Please join us, after service, on **Sunday, April 27th** in VandeVate Hall
This long-awaited Coffee Hour will give us all a great opportunity for fellowship!
Please direct questions to Rich Denison



"Given for you."



CHANGE TO MAY SCHEDULE

Please note that our **Communion Service in May** will be held on the **2nd Sunday, May 11th**

PINES OF PEACE – SAVE THE DATE CHARITY LUNCH & AUCTION



Pines of Peace
24th Annual Charity Lunch & Auction

WHEN

May 3, 2025

WHERE

Dunn's at the Heights
7030 Bay View Drive | Sodus Point, NY

TICKETS

\$40.00 | Available April 1 - 25, 2025
Purchase online or call to make arrangements
M-F 8am-4pm. No walk-ins. Limited seating.

315.524.2388 | pinesofpeace.org

All proceeds benefit Pines of Peace Comfort Care Home.

Please see the bulletin board for more information.
Questions directed to Bonnie Denison



SAVE THE DATE HERITAGE SQUARE BARN SALE

This year's Barn Sale will be held at Heritage Square on **May 8th – 10th**








If you'd like to make **donations for the sale**, they can be dropped off on:

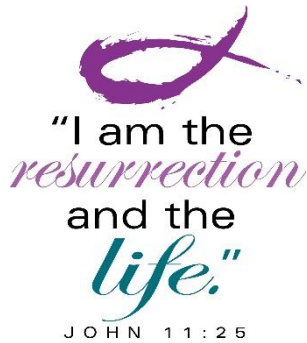
Saturdays: April 19th & 26th 9a-1p or

Thursdays: April 24th & May 1st 4p-7p

See bulletin board flyer for more information.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VVH – VandeVate Hall CR - Classroom KR – Kid’s Room		3p N/O Mtg - VVH 4p Worship Mtg -VH	10a Respite – VVH Wendy Out of Office	10a Lenten Bible Study -VVH #5		
10A Communion Celebration 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Food Pantry Collection	6:30 Boy Scouts - VVH	6p Trustees - VVH		10a Lenten Bible Study -CR #6		
10a Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm/Passion Sunday	6:30p Educ. Team – CR 6:30 Boy Scouts – VVH	3p Finance Mtg – VVH 4p Mission Team – VVH	School Closed 10a Respite – VVH	10a Psalm Bible Study 5:30p Worship - VVH Maundy Thursday	3p Good Friday Svc Good Friday	
8:30a & 10a Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
 Easter Sunday	6:30p Church Council–CR 6:30 Boy Scouts – VVH	4p VVH Blocked-D. Canan 6:30p GS Mtg -Choir Rim Earth Day	10a VVH Blocked-D. Canan Administrative Professionals Day	10a Psalm Bible Study 7p BS Leadership-VVH		
10a Worship	28	29	30			
11:30a Coffee Hour - VVH	6:30 Boy Scouts - VVH					
						



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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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