

The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church

JUNE 2025

“And the Lord continued, ‘See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.’”

~Exodus 33: 21-23

As I read this passage in Exodus, I wonder, how big was God’s hand? How big was God? Was Moses overcome with the glory of God even from the “back” view?

I have often looked at June as an “ending” month or a transitional month. The ending of Spring, the end of the school year, the ending of indoor worship, the end of monthly meetings (the back view of things)

I know you can also view this month as a “beginning” as well. The beginning of Summer, the beginning of vacation or wedding season, hopefully the beginning of sunshine and warmer weather... It is all about perspective.

Recently, I read this illustration about perspective...

A little boy asked his father: “Daddy, how big is God?” His father looked around and scratched his head and when he spotted an airplane in the sky he said: “son, can you see that airplane?” “yes” the boy replied. “How big is it?” “The boy tried to use his fingers to measure it and said “about this big.” “So, it is quite small would you say?” his dad said. “The airplane is far up in the sky and it appears small. Let’s go see the plane up close.” The father took the son to the airport and asked if he could see the plane up close. When they were almost under the plane the father said: “how big is the plane now?” The little boy spread his arms across as wide as they would go and said “this big.” The father said to the boy, “the closer you are to God the bigger He is.”

It is all about perspective.

I pray, no matter your view of this month or the circumstances it brings in your life, you will grow closer to God and gain a bigger perspective of who God is. May you embrace the glory of God from the front as well as from the back

Blessings,

Pastor Linda



CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



MISSION TEAM UPDATE

BBQ – The May BBQ #'s will be in the Summer Newsletter.

We selected Sept.26 for Fall BBQ. The Volunteer signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board a month beforehand.

Respite – We continue to have a good number of folks at each meeting and all seem to enjoy the fellowship. Occasionally people stop in to see what our program is about. We have 5 people on the waiting list.

Summer Picnic – We selected Thursday, July 24 for our picnic, and will be again inviting the other churches in our community. 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.

Masonic Baked Good Sale – We collected \$350 which has been donated to the Pines of Peace.



FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data–. The weekly average tithing for April was \$4,145, which was good. We have \$11,114 in the General fund, with our expenses averaging approximately \$10,000/month. Our year-to-date income is \$8,565 greater than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses are \$3,955 greater than the plan.

First Quarter results versus the budget – The Financial Statements have been reviewed.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- We had the CPR/AED course on May 20th. Several people attended, including some from the community. The course was great!
- Thanks to all who helped with our Spring Clean-up
- The exterior church windows were washed in May. Be sure to take a look – a very nice job was done.
- The new shower stall installation at the parsonage is complete.
- The lease was expiring on our copier, so a new office copier has been ordered. Delivery will be mid-June.
- Light-bulb maintenance was done throughout the church.
- New paddles were received & installed for our AED machine.
- A lift rental will need to be rented, at a rate of \$315/day, for changing parking lot lights and cleaning gutters. This work should all be accomplished in 1 day. We are waiting for estimate from electrician for replacing lights. Updates will follow.

WORSHIP TEAM UPDATE



- The June meeting will meet as scheduled.
- We are so pleased with the congregation's response to creating a garden around the cross for Easter. Thank you!
- The Mother's Day pens & bookmarks that were gifted to moms for Mother's Day, were received with thankfulness.
- Dads will be in for a treat this month.
- The majority voted to continue with Summer Outdoor Services from July thru Labor Day weekend. Thank you for input!



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

- **Summer Study** – Adult study was chosen and children's study is still pending. Please see details on Page 4
- **Graduation Sunday** - There are 3 graduates this year. High School: Tommy Duffy and Abe Pickering from Wayne Central College: Alaska Dunstan. Celebration will be on June 29th and Coffee Hour with cake and punch will follow worship.
- **Next Meeting** – Meetings will resume in September.

Respite

RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- We have a waiting list for participants and would benefit from more volunteers. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact Wanda Klem.
- Our next program dates are, **Wed., June 4th & June 18th and will continue through the Summer.**
- Please keep participants, and their families in your prayers.

JUNE MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. Tuesday, 6/3/25
3p Nurture Outreach Mtg – VVH
4p Worship Team – Classroom
2. Monday, 6/9/25
NO Education Meeting this month
3. Tuesday, 6/10/25
3p Finance – VandeVate Hall
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall
6p Trustees - Classroom



Church Council: Monday, 6/16/25 @ 6:30p – Classroom

These are last meetings before Summer - Resumes in September



NURTURE OUTREACH UPDATE

- With much gratitude for the wonderful support given by our church, update is as follows: Judy received word from World Vision, regarding the starving children plea – and they offered a 12x match/grant. Our church gave \$390, that times the 12x brought the total to \$4,680!!
- Do you have any ideas for possible future events that could be held at church and would encourage participation from our community? If so, please put your ideas in the suggestion box – which will be located by the entryway.
- **REMINDER:** We continue our monthly donation run to the Ontario Food Pantry. This is a year around program. All donations welcome – big or small.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

~ Richard Adams, kidney failure onset
 ~ Sue Backus
 ~ Barb, Judy Porray's SIL
 ~ Missy Bergen
 ~ Beverly Brown, in hospital
 ~ Michael Buck, Mary Lou's son, healing at hospital in Miami
 ~ Brenda Burley, Healing from fall
 ~ Sherry Carr's father, health issues
 ~ Chris Chelini, recovery
 ~ Georgia Christ, health issues
 ~ Christie, Ginny Eaton's niece
 ~ Gwen Coleman, health issues
 ~ Audrey Collins, friend of Samantha Calus, recovery from vehicle accident.
 ~ Frank Cornelius, brain cancer
 ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
 ~ Stephanie Derse, brain tumor
 ~ Kenny DiRenzo, Sue Smith's nephew
 ~ Mary Earlandt, health issues
 ~ Bob Eaton
 ~ Janice Foulke
 ~ Carol Gillespie, surgery recovery
 ~ Les Gillespie
 ~ Kay Graham, illness
 ~ Kirk Graham, Kay as caregiver
 ~ Donna Greene, Gene Bergen's MIL
 ~ Suzanne Gresens, Missie Bergen's Niece

~ Fran Hastings, recovery-hip surgery
 ~ Sharon Hastings, Doug's sister illness
 ~ Gale Howell, & family caregivers
 ~ Ann Insalaco
 ~ Jackson, family member of the Buck's
 ~ Shirley Kuhn, in medical rehab
 ~ Logan, Judy Porray's grandson
 ~ Bob Lootens, recovery from surgery
 ~ Jim Makins
 ~ Barb Martin, car accident recovery
 ~ Andrew, Martha McGlory's grandson
 ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
 ~ Lori Powers
 ~ Julie Sondervan
 ~ Lillian Speakman
 ~ Stacey, Dawn Russell's daughter
 ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker
 ~ Mike Stengline, burn recovery
 ~ Dawn Straub, heart issues
 ~ Dawn Thomas, bronchitis
 ~ Amy Thormahlen, Haak's daughter
 ~ Jean Van Ingen
 ~ Jane Wage
 ~ Brett Weeker, Wendy's brother
 ~ Destiny Grace Whitnoble, Judy Porray's Granddaughter
 ~ Zeb, Judy Porray's student



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

3 Jasak, Susan (Lyke)
 4 Huston, Van
 8 WAEGHE, RUSSELL & NANCY
 8 Calus, Randall
 13 Chelini, Lisa
 16 Eaton, Gary
 19 Knapp, Lynette
 19 Stramonine, Joseph
 20 HAAK, ROBERT & CHERYL
 23 Beach, Carol
 23 Dunstan, Ben
 23 Hansen, Roger
 24 KUSHALL, ED & SHIRLEY
 25 GARLAND, JEFFREY & CAROL
 26 Calus, Samantha
 26 Speakman, Deanna
 30 Haak, Joel
 30 BARBER, PETER & EILEEN
 30 KNAPP, DAVE & LYNETTE
 30 POWERS, JOHN & LORI

Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
 ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS



BIBLE STUDY

The last 2 classes of our 5-part Bible Study will on:
Thursdays, 6/5/25 @10am in VandeVate Hall & 6/12/25 10am in the classroom.



** ANNOUNCEMENT ** SUMMER SIGHT & SOUND TRIP

- The Webster Methodist Church is planning an area wide (open to all GMC churches) trip to see "Noah" at Sight and Sound in October.
- More details to follow soon, as reservations will be required to be made by the end of July.

IMPORTANT DATES

HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

June 1st Ascension Sunday
 June 8th Pentecost Sunday
 June 14th Flag Day
 June 15th Father's Day & Trinity Sunday
 June 29th Graduation Sunday & Reception



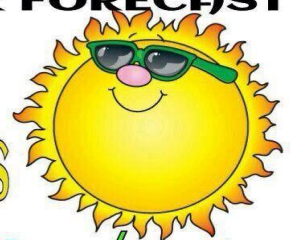
LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL FOR SUMMER:

K-8: ½ Days on June 25th & 26th
 Regents Exams: June 17th – 27th



WEATHER FORECAST

GOD REIGNS
 and the
 SON SHINES
 EXPECT
 SHOWERS
 OF
 BLESSINGS!



✓ Every day
 GOD is good!

The LORD is my Shepherd Ministries

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUMMER WORSHIP

It was decided, by majority vote, to continue with Outdoor Summer Worship from July through Labor Day.

This year's outdoor worship dates will be:
Sunday, 7/6/25 through Sunday, *8/31/25 @ 9am.

Please let Darlene Canan know if you'd like to help with parking, bulletins, or sound for the services.

***Please note that Labor Day is on September 1st, with school scheduled to begin on September 2nd**



SAVE THE DATE

NOMC ANNUAL CHURCH SUMMER PICNIC & CAMPFIRE

Our Summer Picnic & Campfire will be held on

Thursday, July 24, 2025 ** 5:00pm

~ Rain or Shine ~

Direct questions to Bob Buck. More details to follow.



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

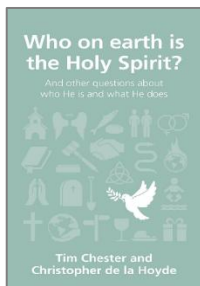
Please remember to bring your non-perishable contributions, **even throughout the summer months**, as we continue to support the Ontario Food Pantry.

Donations are delivered after the 1st Sunday each month
The bin is in Motley Hall during indoor worship, and will be placed inside the main entryway during outdoor worship
Your donations are appreciated!

SUMMER ALL-CHURCH STUDY

The Adult & Youth Summer All-Church Study will be **"WHO ON EARTH IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?"**

This was chosen based on the experiences and teaching at our Global Methodist Northeast Annual Conference. We will advise, shortly, when this will be distributed.



This Children's material is still pending.
Stay tuned for updates in our June bulletins.



SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULES



PASTOR LINDA – OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Linda will be out of the office for
Vacation June 16th – June 21st

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact:
TBD – Updates will be in bulletin



UPCOMING EVENTS AT HERITAGE SQUARE



CHICKEN BBQ: Pick up or eat there on
June 6th ~ 4p – gone

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Heritage Square is hosting an
Ice Cream Social, Car Show & Music event on
June 15th ~ 1:30p – 4:30p ~ \$5/car 🍦🍦🍦

STEPPING BACK IN TIME: A free education program
for kids ages 6-10. Held on Thursdays;
Jun 26th, Jul 24th, & Aug 28th ~ 10a-11:30a
****Registration required****

For more info, see our bulletin board and/or visit:
www.heritagesquaremuseum.com













WENDY – OUT OF OFFICE – OFFICE CLOSED

Wendy will be out of the office on June
June 12th, June 17th, and June 26th

There will be extra office hours to cover those days on
June 9th, June 20th, and June 23rd

As always, email will be checked as well as phone messages
for any of the days the office is closed.

JUNE **2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10A Communion Celebration 1  Food Pantry Collection	2 6:30p Boy Scouts – VVH	3 3p N/O Mtg – VVH 4p Worship Team - CR	4 10a Respite – VVH	5 10a Bible Study #4 VVH	6 	7
10a Worship 8 	9 6:30p Boy Scouts – VVH	10 3p Finance Mtg – VVH 4p Mission Team – VVH 6P Trustees – CR	11	Office Closed 12 9a Garden Club - VVH 10a Bible Study #5 - CR	13	14 
10a Worship 15  Father's Day Trinity Sunday	16  6:30p Church Council-CR 6:30p Boy Scouts – VVH	Office Closed 17 6:30p GS Svc Unit - VVH	18 10a Respite – VVH Pastor Linda on Vacation 6p Ontario Presb. Using Gazebo & VandeVate	19	20  1st Day of Summer No School	21
10a Worship 22	23 6:30p Boy Scouts – VVH	24	25 	Office Closed 26 Wendy on Vacation 7p BS Leadership-VVH	27	28
10a Worship 29  Graduation Sunday Reception following Worship - VVH	30					
VVH – VandeVate Hall CR - Classroom KR – Kid's Room						



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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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