

# The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



I am the type of person whose default attitude is one of joy. Not that I do not have problems in my life but I chose to work through those problems remembering God has my future. I can rejoice even in my problems because “the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations (Ps. 100: 5).”

This month holds for some celebrations and for others sorrows. We celebrate with all the mothers on Mother’s Day and, on Memorial Day, we remember all the service men and women who are no longer with us. Often times in life we experience both celebration and sadness on the same day. It is hard to find the joy of rejoicing when sorrow seems to knock us to the ground.

Remembering how good our God is, remembering God’s love endures forever, and remembering God’s faithfulness can turn our hearts back to joy.

May 31<sup>st</sup> is considered National smile day so let’s practice our smile with hearts filled with thanksgiving and praise to God. Brighten your corner of the world with a smile on your face and joy in your step for God is good and always will be.

Ray Ortlund once said, “The best adornment, the greatest beauty, in any church is a Spirit of praise to God.” Let each of us adorn ourselves with praise to God in all circumstances for we are God’s church. Amen

*With Great Joy,*

*Pastor Linda*



# CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



## MISSION TEAM UPDATE

**BBQ** – We selected May 30 and Sept.26. Save the dates. Volunteer signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board.

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

**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.

**Masonic Baked Goods Sale** – We have collected over \$300, which has been given to The Pines of Peace. Thank you to all who supported this fundraising effort.

## TRUSTEES

### TRUSTEES UPDATE

- We have the CPR/WED course schedule for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to register if you're interested. See page 4 & bulletin board.
- Thanks to all who have already signed up to assist with our Spring Clean-up projects. There are a few more items left to be assigned. Please take a look at the list and sign up if you can.
- The exterior church windows will be washed on May 12<sup>th</sup> – weather permitting.



Education News

### EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

- **Summer Study** will be discussed at our next meeting
- **Graduation Sunday** - There are 4 graduates this year. High School: Tommy Duffy, Abe Pickering, and Riley Stringer College: Alaska Dunstan. Celebration will be on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Coffee Hour with cake and punch will follow worship.
- **Next Meeting** – May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p

## MAY MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

\*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. Tuesday, 5/6/25  
3p Nurture Outreach Mtg – VVH
2. Monday, 5/12/25  
6:30p Education – Classroom
3. Tuesday, 5/13/25  
3p Finance – VandeVate Hall  
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall  
6p Trustees - Classroom



**Church Council:** Monday, 5/19/25 @ 6:30p - Classroom



## FINANCE UPDATE

**Financial Data**–. The weekly average tithing for March was \$2,947. We have \$8,856 in the General fund, but a large amount of expenses paid out in April. Our year-to-date income is \$4,868 greater than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses are \$198 greater than the plan, as of March.

**First Quarter results versus the budget** – We reviewed this quarterly report. It will be presented to Church Council. Rich will address the congregation soon to report on our finances.

## RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

**Respite**

- 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., May 7<sup>th</sup> & May 21<sup>st</sup>**
- Please keep participants, and their families in your prayers.

## WORSHIP TEAM UPDATE



The May meeting has been cancelled. Meetings will resume in June.

## NURTURE OUTREACH UPDATE



- No new events this month
- 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.

## SIGHT & SOUND

### \*\* 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.



## PASTOR LINDA – OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Linda will be out of the office for  
Vacation May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup>  
NE GMC Conference: May 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact:  
5/2/25 – 5/7/25: Rev. Jeff Crawford - 585-729-9168  
5/8/25 – 5/10/25: Darlene Canan - 585-489-4366



## 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  
 ~ 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  
 ~ 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  
 ~ Les Gillespie  
 ~ Kay Graham, illness  
 ~ Kirk Graham, Kay as caregiver  
 ~ Donna Greene, Gene Bergen's MIL  
 ~ Suzanne Gresens, A. Bergen's Niece

~ Debbie Grohman  
 ~ 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  
 ~ Jim Makins  
 ~ Andrew, Martha McGlory's grandson  
 ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter  
 • Marcia Perry, sick  
 • Shirley Perry, hospice, friend of Wanda Klem  
 ~ Lori Powers  
 • Kylie Reisman, Pastor Linda's niece.  
 ~ Julie Sondervan  
 ~ Lillian Speakman, Fairport Bap. Home  
 ~ Stacey, Dawn Russell's daughter  
 ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker  
 ~ Mike Stengline, burn recovery  
 ~ Dawn Straub, heart issues  
 • Amy Thormahlen, Haak's daughter  
 ~ Jean Van Ingen  
 ~ Jane Wage  
 ~ Destiny Grace Whitnabe, Judy Porray's Granddaughter  
 ~ Zeb, Judy Porray's student



## MAY CELEBRATIONS

- 2 Eaton, Ginny
- 3 SANGER, RAYMOND & BARBARA
- 4 Barber, Peter
- 7 Sanger, Barbara
- 8 PERRY, RODNEY & MARCIA
- 9 Brown, Beverly
- 9 KILLION, DON & KRISTEN
- 14 Perry, Marcia
- 14 Landrigan, Priya (Deana Speakman)
- 16 Cindy Dey
- 18 Ludington, Jim
- 19 SCOTT, JAY & KATE
- 19 THOMAS, KENDOLPH & DAWN
- 25 Porray, Judy
- 25 Straub, Doug
- 27 Insalaco, Ann
- 31 Waeghe, Nancy

Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case  
 ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

### EASTER SUNDAY ALTAR PREPARATIONS

A special thank you to all who provided flowers, the cross & setup to make our Easter Altar so beautiful!!



## IMPORTANT DATES

### HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

May 1<sup>st</sup> May Day  
 May 11<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day  
 Communion Celebration  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day  
 May 30<sup>th</sup> Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

**NO SCHOOL: May 26<sup>th</sup>**



### NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

The 5-week Bible Study will begin on

**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**

The classes are held in VandeVate Hall, unless notified.

### CHANGE TO MAY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

"Given for you."



Please note that our

**Communion Service in May**

**will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**



### SUMMER WORSHIP BALLOT

There have been some inquiries regarding holding Summer Worship Outdoors or Indoors. You can cast your vote in church on the ballot, call the office or speak with Darlene

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



### SAVE THE DATE

#### SPRING DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN BBQ

Join us for our Spring BBQ which will be held on  
**Friday, May 30, 2025 \*\* 4:30pm – Sold Out**

### SAVE THE DATE

#### ANNUAL CHURCH SUMMER PICNIC & CAMPFIRE



Our Summer Picnic & Campfire will be held on  
**Thursday, July 24, 2025 \*\* 5:00pm**  
Direct questions to Bob Buck. More details to follow.



### UPDATE ABOUT FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise Supporters,

As of April 1st, our last family being sheltered at our Day Resource Center (DRC) will graduate into their own home and our doors here for sheltering in Lyons will close. The DRC building will be placed on the market.

With the closing of one door comes the opening of another. On Monday April 7th we will be moving into the First United Methodist Church in Newark. This is where we will hold our office space, meetings, case management will continue. Roof Over Their Heads (ROTH) will continue, which provides Prevention/Diversion to families locally. Shelter is on hold until such time we can acquire multi units/office space in one building so we can continue our shelter mission work. Our hope is to take that one step back, so that we can take a GIANT leap forward by saving and building our funding for general funds and our building fund.

Family Promise of Wayne County NY Inc has Sheltered 61 families (72 adults and 147 children) since we opened our doors to the first family October 20, 2018. Out of the 61 families 53 successfully completed our program and all 53 are still self-sustaining in the community. Our Roof Over Their Heads (ROTH) program started August 2021 and since has provided one-time financial assistance to 198 as of March 14th. That is 226 adults and 435 children. We are averaging about \$701.26 in one time assistance per family.

The board is working diligently alongside staff on this and we will be continuing to work together for FPWC, for our mission and for the families in our community that we have yet to reach! Prayers and support are much needed and very welcomed during this time of transition. We are feeling very positive about these next steps and hope you will continue to join us on this journey!

To follow for updates, their new Facebook page is under Family Promise of Wayne County Ny Inc. You can also get to it through our website <https://www.fpwayneny.org/> and click the little icon to the left to go directly to either Instagram, Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.

All my respect,

Evonne D. Pomerantz  
Family Promise of Wayne County NY Inc  
Executive Director

Our New Address starting 4/7/2025:  
PO Box 165  
301 South Main Street  
Newark, NY 14513



### HERITAGE SQAURE BARN SALE

This year's Barn Sale will be held at Heritage  
Square on May 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

If you'd like to make **donations for the sale**,  
drop off is on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 4p-7p

**See bulletin board flyer for more information.**



### ONTARIO GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

**Saturday, May 17, 2025 ~ 9a – 1p**

Casey Park Lodge  
6551 Knickerbocker Rd, Ontario, NY  
Please see bulletin board for additional details



### AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

#### BASIC LIFE SUPPORT CPR & AED COURSE

Learn the use of CPR and AED on

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6pm**

Class will be held in VandeVate Hall  
**\$10/participant ~ Open to the Community –**

**Registration Required by May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Please contact Doug Hastings @  
[douglaswhastings@aol.com](mailto:douglaswhastings@aol.com)  
or 585-455-4507 to register





# MAY

2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>10a Worship</b> <b>4</b> 				<b>1</b> 10a Bible Study #1 VVH <b>NATIONAL PRAYER</b> 	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 
<b>10a Worship</b> <b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 3p N/O Mtg - VVH 	<b>6</b> 3p N/O Mtg - VVH 	<b>7</b> 10a Respite - VVH 	<b>8</b> 9a Garden Club VVH 	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> 10a-5p Vandevate Hall Reserved 
<b>10a Worship</b> <b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 6:30 Boy Scouts - VVH 	<b>13</b> 3p Finance Mtg - VVH 4p Mission Team - VVH 6p Trustees - CR 6:30p GS Svc Unit - VVH 	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> 10a Bible Study #2 VVH 6p Heritage Sq Dinner Vandevate Hall 	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> 
<b>10a Worship</b> <b>18</b> 2p-4p Girl Scouts Award Event - VVH 	<b>19</b> 6:30p Church Council - CR 6:30 Boy Scouts - VVH 	<b>20</b> 6p CPR & AED Course Vandevate Hall 	<b>21</b> 10a Respite - VVH 	<b>22</b> 10a Bible Study #3 VVH 7p BS Leadership - VVH 	<b>23</b> Vandevate Reserved Klem Rehearsal 	<b>24</b> 
<b>10a Worship</b> <b>25</b> Memorial Day Remembrance Service 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> 10a Bible Study #4 VVH 	<b>30</b> <b>Chicken BBQ</b> 4:30p NOMC Chicken BBQ Fundraiser 	<b>31</b> 



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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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