

The North Star



Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



The unofficial end of Summer is upon us. Labor Day comes and we start to shift our focus from summer activities to Autumn events. I acknowledge we might not be done with warmer weather yet, after all, this summer was a whopper, but gratefully cooler days can be expected. The heat of this summer has reminded me heaven is definitely where I want to be spending eternity. I definitely could not survive the burning fires of hell unless air-conditioning were an option, which I do not believe it would be.

Before we start turning our focus entirely to our heavenly home, I want to remind you what Paul admonishes us to remember in Romans 6: 3-5, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus, were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."

Jesus did not just experience a resurrection in heaven but one on earth as well. So, as we pine for heaven, we need to remember we have a lifetime on earth to live.

We read Jesus' words in John 10: 10, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Jesus wants us to live our lives here on earth. Jesus has given us a gift of abundant life to be lived, not squandered waiting for God to swoop down and take us to heaven. Jesus gave us life to live abundantly every day now and forever more.

My mother-in-law was famous for stopping us in our tracks and saying, "Woe, slow down and smell the roses." I would like to stop you in your tracks today and say, "Woe, slow down and find the blessings." Don't just pine for heaven but look for heaven here on earth, during the scorching hot days, the mild days of Autumn, and the sure to come cold days of winter. We should never be satisfied with waiting for heaven, instead we should be elated to live our lives here in the abundance Jesus has promised.

God's blessings are new every day (Lamentations 3:22-23), start looking for them today. Live the life Jesus wants for you...one filled with hope, faith, joy, and abundance.

Blessings,

Pastor Linda

CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



MISSION TEAM UPDATE

BBQ – Next BBQ will be **October 10, 2025**. A big thanks to all who volunteer and make this event possible. Sign up sheets will be up on the bulletin board in the next week or so.

Respite – We continue to have a sizeable group at each meeting and all enjoy the fellowship. We have 6 people on waiting list.

Summer Picnic – Was fun, as always. See pictures on page 6.



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

- **Children's Time**– For those that volunteer for Children's Time program, we will be having a meeting/review on September 7th, following service.
- **Advent Study** – The Adult & Children's Advent studies will be announced the end of October.
- **Next Meeting** – Meetings will resume on 9/2/25 @ 3p.

Respite

RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- We continue to welcome new participant.
- We have a waiting list for 3 participants and would benefit from more volunteers. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Wanda Klem.
- Please keep participants, and their families in your prayers for the challenges they face.

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

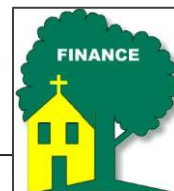
*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. **Tuesday, 9/2/25**
3p Nurture Outreach Mtg – VVH
4p Worship Team Mtg – Classroom
2. **Monday, 9/8/25**
6:30p Education – Classroom
3. **Tuesday, 9/9/25**
3p Finance – VandeVate Hall
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall
6p Trustees - Classroom



Church Council: **Monday, 9/15/25 @ 6:30p - Classroom**



FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data - The average weekly tithing for June was \$2,636. The General Operating fund was \$4,857. Our year-to-date income was \$4,433 greater than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses were \$8,232 greater than the plan. Please take a moment to review the charts posted on the bulletin board opposite the offices.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- The Parking Lot lights & timers were repaired and/or replaced.
- The church gutters were all cleaned out.
- Church Council met and it was agreed upon to replace the air conditioner unit for VandeVate hall. Work began in August, and is now completed.
- One of the Boy Scouts cleared overgrowth and weeds around the entire church as part of earning a badge. Looks nice!
- Thanks to all those who have helped to maintain the flowers around the gazebo and church.
- Landscaping at the Parsonage was refreshed.



WORSHIP TEAM UPDATE

- **Indoor Worship Resumes:** Sunday, 9/7/25 @ 10am, with Communion Celebration
- **Next Meeting** – Meetings will resume on 9/2/25 @ 4p.



NURTURE OUTREACH UPDATE

- **Food Drive Success:** From your donations, we provided the Ontario Food Pantry with many items to restock their shelves. Your donations were very much appreciated.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** We are still collecting some items for OCC, and will begin packing boxes this month. Please see page 4 for details.
- **Flower for Sale:** We will continue to have flowers for sale through September. All proceeds go to our projects.





REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

~ Richard Adams
 ~ Sue Backus
 ~ Barb, Judy Porray's SIL
 ~ Missy Bergen
 ~ Beverly Brown
 ~ Michael Buck, Mary Lou's son
 ~ Brenda Burley
 ~ Sherry Carr's father, health issues
 ~ Georgia Christ, health issues
 ~ Christie, Ginny Eaton's niece
 ~ Gwen Coleman, health issues
 ~ Audrey Collins, friend of S. Calus
 ~ Frank Cornelius, brain cancer
 ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
 ~ Kenny DiRenzo, Sue Smith's nephew
 ~ Mary Earlandt
 ~ Bob Eaton
 ~ Janice Foulke
 ~ Carol Gillespie
 ~ Les Gillespie
 ~ Kay Graham
 ~ Kirk Graham, Kay as caregiver
 ~ Donna Greene, Gene Bergen's MIL
 ~ Suzanne Gresens, Missie Bergen's Niece
 ~ Cheryl Haak, leg issues

~ Gale Howell, & family caregivers
 ~ Ann Insalaco
 ~ Judy (with Respite), injury from fall
 ~ Shirley Kuhn, in medical rehab
 ~ Larry, Denison's brother-in-law
 ~ Jim Makins
 ~ Barb Martin, car accident recovery
 ~ Angela May, Barber's granddaughter, health concerns
 ~ Andrew, Martha McGlory's grandson
 ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
 ~ Pam Peck
 ~ Lori Powers
 ~ Sandy Shenk, health issues
 ~ Julie Sondervan
 ~ Lillian Speakman
 ~ Stacey, Dawn Russell's daughter
 ~ John Stanton, ALS
 ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker
 ~ Mike Stengline
 ~ Dawn Straub, heart issues
 ~ Amy Thormahlen, Haak's daughter
 ~ Jean Van Ingen
 ~ Jane Wage
 ~ Destiny Grace Whitnoble, Judy Porray's Granddaughter



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for our new Fall Bible Study based on:

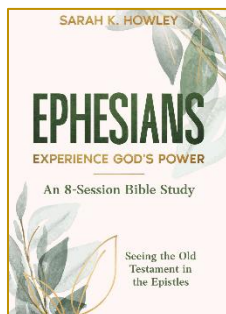
Ephesians – Experience God's Power

By, Sarah K. Howley

Begins on: **Thursday, 9/25/25 at 10 am**

The book does not need to be purchased

We will be meeting in VandeVate Hall unless otherwise advised.



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

2 Powers, Lori
 2 Tunley, Devon
 5 PICKERING, FRED & STACY
 6 Eaton, Jeremy
 7 Scott, Sara
 9 Cooke, Barry
 14 Denison, Bonnie
 15 Scott, Katie
 15 CALUS, RANDALL & JENIFER
 17 Hastings, Fran
 19 Coomber, Marilyn
 20 Backus, Sue
 22 Dyer, Robert
 22 Pickering, Stacy

Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
 ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS



IMPORTANT DATES

HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

Sep 1st Labor Day
 Sep 2nd First Day of School
 Sep 7th Grandparents Day
 Sep 11th Patriot Day
 Sep 22nd First Day of Fall
 Sep 25th Fall Bible Study Begins



FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will be returning to indoor worship

Sunday, 9/7/25 @ 10 am.

with Communion Celebration



BACK TO SCHOOL

Wayne County Schools begin on
Tuesday, 9/2/25

**Prayers for our Teachers and Students
 for a Fun & Safe School Year!**

Please be aware of children walking
 or getting on/off school buses.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Nurture/Outreach Team has provided the list of items they would like to have purchased and donated for each month. **Just a reminder that all items need to fit into shoeboxes.** We thank you in advance for your donations.

June

Summer Items & Toys: Flip Flops (Dollar Tree stores have a great selection) dolls, Jacks, toy trucks/cars, playing cards, card games, kazoos, yo-yos, jump robes, balls, small stuffed animals, toys that make noise & light up (include batteries).

July

School Supplies: Pens, regular and colored pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamp, and ink pad sets, writing pads, flash cards, solar calculators, coloring, activity and picture books.

August

Hygiene Items: **MOST IN NEED** – toothbrush, (**NO TOOTHPASTE**), mild bar soap (in plastic bag), washcloth, combs, brushes, headbands, hair accessories.

September

Taking in final donations and Packing Boxes

Do Not Include:

Used or damaged items, war-related toys, chocolate, food, out of date candy, toothpaste, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, no breakables, glass, or aerosol cans.



DISTRICT AWAKENING 2025! with the CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

Steve Taylor

Saturday, September 13, 2025
10AM – 1PM

Farmington Community Church
5925 Co Rd 41
Farmington, NY 14425

*A gathering of churches across the NY Buffalo
and Rochester Districts of the Northeast
Conference of the Global Methodist Church.*

Together we will:

- Cast fresh vision for our movement
- Celebrate what God is doing
- Hear global updates from around the world
- Share stories of revival and renewal
- Encourage one another as holy disciples on mission

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading
scriptural holiness across the globe.*



NOMC DRIVE-THRU FALL BBQ DINNER

We will be hosting our **Fall BBQ on
October 10, 2025 ~ 4:30p - Gone**

We will need assistance to make it a success.
There will be signup sheets on the bulletin board in
September. Please consider helping!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT HERITAGE SQUARE

GET TO KNOW THE PEACEFUL ALPACAS

& CHILI FEST CONTEST:

Registration required

ALPACAS ACTIVITIES:

Sept 13th 12 pm - 4 pm
\$5 per car

CHILI CONTEST:

Sept 13th – Judging at 3:30 pm

Chili and drinks available for purchase provided
By Historical Society

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BARN QUILT CLASS:

Sep 20th ~ 9 am - 5 pm

\$105 – All Materials Included

Registration required

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

Home for the Holidays

**"The Brick Church" Bazaar
North Ontario Methodist Church
7200 Ontario Center Road
Ontario, NY 14519
(315) 524 - 9509**



**Friday, October 24th - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 25th - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Dine In & Take Out Lunch
available on Friday & Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**



Crafts, Baked Goods, & "Next to New" Items

Home for the Holidays Bazaar "Next to New" Sale

Mark your calendars and save the dates October 24th and October 25th for NOMC's "Next to New...New to You" Sale!! This sale will be the perfect time and place for you to find that special treasure! In order for this sale to be a success, we will need many kinds of items to sell, such as: small appliances, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, dishes and silverware, children's toys and puzzles, holiday decorations, and anything else you have been wanting to get rid of, but didn't know how or where to do so. Over the next couple of weeks please go through your basement, attic, garage, etc. and bring your items so they might become someone else's treasure at the "Next to New...New to You" Sale.

Note: We will not be accepting books or clothing donations.

For those of you who wish to donate, please make note that we are asking that all items be **clean and priced** prior to being donated. Having items ready to be placed on the tables will cut down on the amount of set up time needed and is greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at church (signs will be posted for specific locations) between **October 12th – October 19th**, during regular church office hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and after church service on Sundays.

Please note that we will not be accepting any donations after Sunday, October 19th.

As always, we are looking forward to our "Next to New...New to You" Sale, and hope you will participate through your donations, purchases, and attendance.

**Come one, come all to the Home for the Holidays Bazaar
on Friday, October 24th and Saturday, October 25th**

Pictures from our 2025 Annual Picnic & Campfire





SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VVH – VandeVate Hall CR - Classroom KR – Kid's Room	1  LABOR DAY	2 3p N/O Meeting, VVH 4p Worship Mtg, CR SCHOOL BEGINS	3 10a Respite, VVH	4	5 	6
INDOOR WORSHIP 10a Communion Celebration 7  Happy Grandparents Day 11a Children's Time Mtg - VVH Food Pantry Collection	8 6:30p Boy Scouts-VVH 6:30p Education Team, CR	9 3p Finance Mtg – VVH 4p Mission Team – VVH 6P Trustees – CR 	10 6:30p Pine of Peace, CR	11 9a Garden Club, VVH  PATRIOT DAY	12 10a-1p GMC District Awakening 2025! Farmington CC	13
10a Worship 	14 6:30p Boy Scouts-VVH 6:30p Church Council, CR	16 6:30p GS Unit Mtg-VVH	17 10a Respite, VVH 	18	19	20 
10a Worship	21 Autumn Begins  6:30p Boy Scouts-VVH	23 Wendy Out Of Office ↓ ½ DAY SCHOOL ↑	24 10a Bible Study 1 of 8  7p BS Leadership VVH	25	26	27 
10a Worship	28 6:30p Boy Scouts-VVH	30 Office will open late 				



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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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