

The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



November 2025



William Cullen Bryant was once quoted as saying, "Autumn... the year's last, loveliest smile." There are many things about Autumn which brings a smile to my lips. I love the colors of the trees, the cooler temperatures, the scents associated with this time of year, and even the treats that materialize. So, you may see me smiling and wonder what might be going through my mind and hopefully it is something as simple as a beautiful leaf color.

Although, another quote I once heard was by author Jill Shalvis who said, "Smile, it makes people wonder what you are up to." This quote is the one I think of when I see someone with a devilish smile on his/her face. My granddaughter, Bexley is famous for this look. She is going to be a handful if her face lines up with her attitude.

What does our face convey to those around us? We are reminded in scripture, "The joy of the Lord is my strength (Nehemiah 8:10)." I hope we are living our lives filled with the joy of the Lord and helping others to see this joy bubbling from us.

November is the month for thanksgiving, the month to remember and rejoice for those who have moved in with Jesus, and a time to remember those who have risked their lives for us in service. We have so much to be grateful for therefore...smile.

Paste a smile upon your face today. Notice God's creation around you and smile. Twist your lips up and make others so curious they will ask you, "What's up." This will be your opening to share a heart of gratitude toward God, a thankful remembrance of a saint who resides in heaven, a heartfelt halleluiah for the protection afforded for a loved one who served, or a promise fulfilled by God.

May our faces line up with our attitude of gratitude toward God.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Linda



CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



MISSION TEAM UPDATE

BBQ – We have decided what charities we will donate. They will each receive \$200 and are: Mercy Flight, Pines of Peace, GMC Disaster Relief, and Food Pantry. Our church will receive \$1030. We made \$2863, expenses of \$1830, with a profit of \$1830.

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. We have 5 folks on our waiting list.



FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data – The weekly average tithing for Sept. was \$3,363. We have \$5,904 in the General fund. Our year-to-date income was \$10840 greater than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses were \$12068 greater than the plan.



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

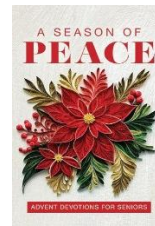
Advent 2025 All-Church Studies

Advent 2025 begins on November 30, 2025. The Education Team has chosen the following materials for our all-church at home study during this season. **They will be distributed after church on November 16th and 23rd.**

There are devotional books for adults, teens, and children, as well as Advent Calendars for those who would like them. The children's devotional goes along with their devotional. There is another for teens and adults.

If you would like a copy and can't be at church, please contact the church office or Wanda Klem (585-330-7907).

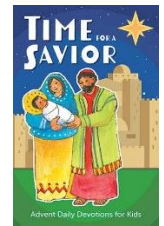
Adults:



Teens:



Children:



TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- The Trustees could use help with some of the Fall Clean-up projects to get ready for winter. The list of projects is posted on the bulletin board.
- The elevator has been inspected and repaired, which took care of a noise it was making
- A contract has been signed with Scott Dietrich (Rockview Landscaping) for snow plowing.
- A motion sensor light has been installed at the main entrance.
- Both office thermostats were checked and one needed replaced.
- The air conditioners have been removed from the offices.

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.



NURTURE OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

Our team will be packing OCC Boxes for mailing to add to those that individuals & families have donated. Updates on family participation, see Page 3.



WORSHIP TEAM UPDATE

The Worship Team will be decorating the Sanctuary for Advent **Monday, Nov 24th @ 9:30a.**

NOVEMBER MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. Tuesday, 11/4/24
3p Nurture Outreach – Music Room
4p Worship – Classroom
2. Monday, 11/10/24
6:30p Education – Classroom
3. Tuesday, 11/12/24
3p Finance – VandeVate Hall
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall
6p Trustees – VandeVate Hall



Church Council: Monday, 11/17/24 @ 6:30p - Classroom

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Our Fall Bible Study will conclude on Thursday, Nov 13th.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!

Pastor Linda extends her heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, and flowers for Pastor Appreciation Month.





REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

~ Richard Adams
 ~ Sue Backus, bad fall
 ~ Barb, Judy Porray's SIL
 ~ Missy Bergen
 ~ Beverly Brown
 ~ Michael Buck
 ~ Bud Burdick
 ~ Brenda Burley
 ~ Georgia Christ, health issues
 ~ Gwen Coleman, health issues
 ~ Glen Cone, health issues
 ~ Frank Cornelius, brain cancer
 ~ Rayna Crowder, Denison's granddaughter
 ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
 ~ Kenny DiRenzo, Sue Smith's nephew
 ~ Deb Dowd, recovery from surgery
 ~ Mary Earlandt
 ~ Bob Eaton
 ~ Janice Foulke
 ~ Carol & Les Gillespie
 ~ Kay Graham, Kirk as caregiver
 ~ Donna Greene, Gene Bergen's MIL
 ~ Suzanne Gresens, Missie Bergen's Niece
 ~ Cheryl Haak, leg issues
 ~ Sharon Hastings, medical tests
 ~ Diane Howell, recovery from surgery
 ~ Gale Howell, & family caregivers

~ Ann Insalaco
 ~ Jill Jones, knee replacement
 ~ Judy (with Respite), injury from fall
 ~ Shirley Kuhn
 ~ Barb Martin, car accident recovery
 ~ Angela May, Barber's granddaughter
 ~ Arlene Michielsen, in rehab
 ~ Andrew, M. McGlory's grandson-hospice
 ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
 ~ Doug Poorman, car accident
 ~ Judy Porray, car accident
 ~ Lori Powers
 ~ Sandy Shenk & husband
 ~ Julie Sondervan
 ~ Lillian Speakman
 ~ Stacey, Dawn Russell's daughter
 ~ John Stanton, ALS
 ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker
 ~ Mike Stengline
 ~ Dawn Straub, heart issues
 ~ Jean Van Ingen
 ~ Jane Wage
 ~ Brett Weeker, Wendy's brother, lungs
 ~ Destiny Grace Whitnable, Judy Porray's Granddaughter
 ~ Marvin Williams, hospital
 ~ Zebb, friend of Judy Porray, cancer



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

5 Todd, Mary Gwen
 6 Goodenough, Michele
 8 Goodenough, Jerry
 8 Thomas, Dawn
 8 HANSEN, ROGER & JACQUELINE
 10 Dunstan, Kayla
 15 Barber, Eileen
 16 Straub, Dawn
 20 Eaton, Lorelai
 21 Chelini, Chris
 25 Perry, Rodney
 28 Burley, Brenda
 29 COOMBER, JEFF & MARILYN
 30 Dunstan, Alaska



Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
 ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS

IMPORTANT DATES

HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

Nov 2nd Daylight Savings Time ENDS
 Nov 2nd All Saints Sunday
 Nov 4th Election Day & Bake Sale
 Nov 9th Veterans Recognition Sunday
 Nov 11th Veterans Day
 Nov 22nd NOMC Charge Conference
 Nov 23rd Christ the King Sunday & Thanksgiving Worship
 Nov 24th Decorating Sanctuary for Advent
 Nov 27th THANKSGIVING!!
NO SCHOOL: Nov 11, 26-28



2026 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS

On sale now for just \$10.00.
 See Darlene Canan to purchase on Sunday mornings



FALL CLEAN-UP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The Trustees need help with the Fall Clean-up.
 A list of Fall Projects is posted on the bulletin board. If you can help with anything on the list, please sign your name next to it and cross off the list once it is completed. Thanks in advance!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – 2025

As a church-wide effort, we are asking each family to pack a box full of joy for a child. We have boxes and instructions available.

Please bring completed box, including postage, to church by Sunday, Nov 16th as we will be mailing from here that week.

Please direct questions to Dawn Thomas or Judy McMillan



NOVEMBER 2nd @ 2am

Remember to turn your clocks back!



ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

We will be hosting our Annual Election Day Bake Sale on **Tuesday, November 4th**.
 Sign- up sheets are up on bulletin board. Baked Goods to be dropped off on Monday, November 3rd, between 4p-7p
 Please direct questions to Darlene Canan

CHRISTMAS STAR PROGRAM

We will be participating in the Christmas Sharing Program again this year.

The stars for the program will be provided in the next few weeks, and will be displayed on the wooden bulletin board.

Your participation with this program is most appreciated!!

We love bringing joy to others! Direct questions to: Nancy Haak

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A former constituent, **Dwight Gerber**, has been unable to get out much due to health issues. He is still sharp mentally and his daughter, Gretchen, thought he would enjoy hearing from his old friends at North Ontario. Please feel free to reach out to him at:



Dwight Gerber
3243 Mose Rd
Addison, NY 14801

SEND A SMILE



NOMC CHURCH CONFERENCE MEETING

Our Church Conference will be held on
Saturday, November 22nd @ 10am in VandeVate Hall
Everyone is welcome to attend.



SPECIAL THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Worship Service on
Sunday, November 23rd @ 3p in the Sanctuary.
Everyone is welcome to attend.



DECORATING SANCTUARY FOR ADVENT

We'd love for you to join us to help decorate the Church & Sanctuary for Advent
Monday, November 24th @ 9:30a
If you have any questions, please reach out to Darlene Canan.



~ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & SINGALONG

We are looking forward to hosting a Christmas Caroling Singalong for all in the community. Join us in the church Sanctuary on **Sunday, December 7th at 3pm**
We will conclude with a Cookie Reception in VandeVate Hall

NOVEMBER **2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VVH – Vandevate Hall CR - Classroom KR – Kid's Room						 1 All Saints' Day
10a Communion Celebration 2  All Saint's Sunday Food Pantry Collection Daylight-Saving Time Ends	3 Vandevate Hall Reserved For Election Day Set-up	Election Day 4 Vandevate Hall Reserved Election Day Bake Sale 3p Nurture Outreach-MR 4p Worship Team- CR	5 10a Respite – VVH 10a Bible Study 7 of 8	6 10a Bible Study 7 of 8	7 	8
10 Worship 9  VETERAN'S DAY Veteran's Day Remembrance	10 3p Finance Mtg – VVH 4p Mission Team – VVH 5p Trustees – CR VETERAN'S DAY NO SCHOOL	11 3p Finance Mtg – VVH 4p Mission Team – VVH 5p Trustees – CR VETERAN'S DAY NO SCHOOL	12 10a Respite – VVH	13 9a Garden Club - VVH 10a Bible Study FINAL-CR	14	15 12p Heritage Square Lunch Meeting-VVH
10 Worship 16	17 1:30p Women's Monday Club – VVH 6:30p Church Council– CR 6:30p Boy Scouts – VVH	18  Thanks Be to God! 6:30p GS Leadership– VVH	19 10a Respite – VVH	20 7p BS Leadership VVH	21	22 10a Church Conf-VVH
10 Worship 23 3p Thanksgiving Service  DAY OF THANKS	24 9:30a Decorating Sanctuary For Advent 6:30p Boy Scouts – VVH	25	26  Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	27 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29  Season of GIVING THANKS
10 Worship 30  ADVENT FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT						



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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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