

The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



The word I'm ruminating with, at the moment, is "ANTICIPATION." Right now, I am anticipating Holy Week and Easter. I am anticipating Spring. I am anticipating another grandbaby being born in May. All good things. I also anticipate my birthday and Mother's Day and wonder if my kids will remember. My elder son thinks Mother's Day is about the mother of his children (all well and good) and my younger son sometimes forgets what day anything falls on. (Some iffy things.) I am also anticipating paying my taxes. (Not such a good thing.)

Each year as we approach Holy Week, we should be anticipating the events of this week and the teachings of Jesus during this time. During our Lenten journey we studied some of Jesus' parables which he taught during Holy Week. These lessons were taught through Bible Study and through preaching on Sunday mornings.

Jesus intensified his efforts to make the disciples and those listening to his teachings, ready to not only receive the Good News but to act upon it accordingly. Some of these teachings were hard to digest for the first century Jews, just as they are for us today. I wonder how many stopped listening before the end of the week was upon them. I wonder how many stopped listening when Jesus took the traditions enacted upon since the days of Moses during the Passover meal and twisted them into something new. I wonder how many stopped listening when Jesus hung on a cross or how many knew the end had come when the stone was rolled in front of the tomb. Who could have even anticipated a resurrection on Easter Sunday, even though Christ had told them this would happen?

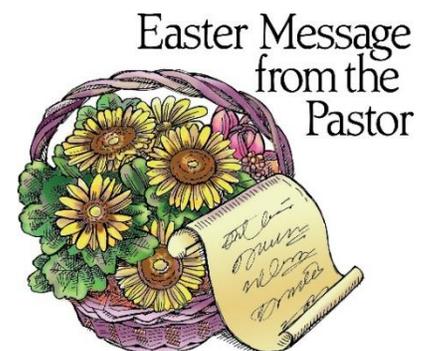
So, when Easter Sunday rolls around what will you be anticipating? An Easter egg hunt? A basket full of candy and toys? Easter Sunday Dinner? All good things. But, if you are looking for the great things, I pray you are anticipating an encounter with the risen Savior.

Hallelujah! Our Savior lives! Hallelujah!

Come Lord Jesus, Risen Savior, meet us in your glorified risen state that we may see and believe. Amen

Blessings,

Pastor Linda



CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



MISSION TEAM UPDATE

Respite – We continue to have a good number of folks at each meeting, and all seem to enjoy the fellowship. We have 5 folks on the waiting list, and occasionally we have a visitor.

Mission Planning – At Pastor’s request, Bonnie and Rich will coordinate a visit from Nancy Faassnacht, who works for One Mission Society. We did speak with her, and she is willing to come to our church to speak with us about mission work. She does not critique what we do, just offers ideas. We have selected several possible dates in April and/or May and will coordinate with her.

BBQ – The date for our Chicken BBQ has been reset to Friday, May 29th. Rich will begin reserving the trailer and looking for volunteers.



FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data – The weekly average tithing for March was \$2,645. We have \$8,007 in the General fund. Our year-to-date income was \$9,610 greater than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses were \$3,551 greater than the plan.

Disaffiliation - The loan payments for disaffiliation have now been paid off. Praise Be to God!



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

We will resume meetings on April 13, 2026 @ 6:30p

Enjoy the Lenten Devotionals that were distributed. There are still copies available if you didn’t take one yet.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- A list will be posted on the bulletin board for Spring Cleanup items, as soon as weather permits. Please sign up for those you can help with. We really appreciate everyone’s help!
- With help from Ted Faulks, we are looking into a fire alarm system for our church. We will be meeting with representatives from companies that offer these products to get information and related costs.
- Barry Cooke has officially retired, and our new custodian is Mollie Latin. Also, she will be doing the mowing at church, as Tom DiGravio will no longer be mowing this year.
- We have accepted a proposal to have a tree removed on the east property line that is leaning in the Cleveland Pear trees which were planted in Emory Faulks’ memory.
- Elected Trustees Officers for 2026:
Co-Chairs: Joe Stramonine & Doug Hastings
Secretary: Nancy Haak
Treasurer: Jeff Klem



NURTURE OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

- The Nurture Outreach Team would like to thank all that have contributed to our food collection for the Ontario Food Pantry! So many people rely on the service they provide and absolutely appreciate your generosity!
- We continue to bring monthly supplies to food pantry based on your generous donations.

Respite

RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- Meetings will be on **April 1st & 15th** this month
- We have several people on a waiting list.
- We’re thankful that our program receives positive feedback.
- **We could use more MALE volunteers!** If you are interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact Wanda Klem.

APRIL MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



- Tuesday, 4/7/26
3p Nurture Outreach – Classroom
4p Worship – Classroom
- Monday, 4/13/26
6:30p Education Team - VVH
- Tuesday, 4/14/26
3p Finance – VandeVate Hall
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall
5p Trustees – VandeVate Hall

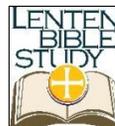


Church Council: Monday, 4/20/26 @ 6:30p - Classroom



WORSHIP TEAM

- Easter Flowers request for Easter Sunday. See page 4.
- Please see the schedule on page 4 and join us for our Holy Week services.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Final week of this study is:
Thursday, April 2nd @ 10am

~ A new bible study will be announced at end of month ~



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ~ Richard Adams
- ~ Sue Backus
- ~ Pastor Jane Baney
- ~ Delores Beckens
- ~ Missy Bergen
- ~ Beverly Brown
- ~ Michael Buck, cancer
- ~ Bud Burdick
- ~ Brenda Burley
- ~ Barb Canan, health issues
- ~ Bob Canan, recovery/rehab/issues
- ~ Darlene Canan, helping family
- ~ Judy Chamberlain, medical issues
- ~ Georgia Christ
- ~ Gwen Coleman, health issues
- ~ Frank Cornelius, brain cancer
- ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
- ~ Kenny DiRenzo, Sue Smith's nephew
- ~ Mary Earlandt
- ~ Bob Eaton
- ~ Bonne Ferry, recovery
- ~ Gene Fisher, Sanger's nephew
- ~ Janice Foulke
- ~ Kathy Furmage, Bergen Family member
- ~ Carol & Les Gillespie
- ~ Kay Graham, & Kirk as caregiver
- ~ Nancy Granger, and husband, Alan
- ~ Donna Greene, Gene Bergen's MIL
- ~ Suzanne Gresens, M. Bergen's Niece
- ~ Diane Howell
- ~ Gale Howell, & family caregivers
- ~ Ann Insalaco

- ~ Marie Jackson's, Husband's illness
- ~ Jack Kelly, stroke recovery
- ~ Shirley Kuhn
- ~ Lloyd Lawrence, cancer diagnosis, Darlene's cousin
- ~ Layla, Waeghe's great-granddaughter
- ~ Angela May, Barber's granddaughter
- ~ Rodney Perry, health issues
- ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
- ~ Elizabeth Porray, Judy's daughter
- ~ Lori Powers, recovery
- ~ Tracey Ridley, ALS diagnosis
- ~ Wayne Schultz, hospital
- ~ Sandy Shenk & husband
- ~ Jamie Smith, moving to rehab
- ~ Julie Sondervan
- ~ Ryan Sonnevill, thyroid cancer
- ~ Lillian Speakman
- ~ Stacey, Dawn Russell's daughter
- ~ John Stanton, ALS
- ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker
- ~ Mike Stengline
- ~ Leith Steele, track injury & recovery
- ~ Georgie Schweigart, Rebekkah Haight's brother in bad car accident
- ~ Gianna Vaccaro, in NICU & parents
- ~ Jean Van Ingen
- ~ Waeghe's granddaughter, home from Golisano Hospital!
- ~ Jane Wage
- ~ Destiny Grace Whitnable, Judy Porray's Granddaughter
- ~ Zebb, friend of J. Porray



APRIL CELEBRATIONS



- 1 Dowd, Deb
- 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

PASTOR LINDA OUT OF TOWN



Pastor Linda will be out of town **April 14th – 17th**
For a Global Methodist Church Pastoral Training Class
She will be available by phone for emergencies.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CUSTODIAN

Please join us in welcoming our new custodian, Mollie Latin.
We're excited that she was able to start so quickly –
and she's already doing a great job!
If you see Mollie, give her a great big welcome!



SPRING CLEAN UP TIME!



Please be on the lookout for the Spring Clean-up Chore List,
which will be posted on the main bulletin board in the lobby.
Please consider helping with whatever you can.
Many hands make light work – it's appreciated!!

BABY ARRIVED EARLY – OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

The office will be closed **March 28th – April 11th**
The Mail and Voice Mail will be checked by Barb Sanger.
E-mail will be monitored by Wendy and she
will also be sending out the devotionals each week.
If you need anything immediate, please contact
Pastor Linda at 585-330-0618



IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

- Apr 2nd** Maundy Thursday & Service
- Apr 3rd** Good Friday & Service
- Apr 5th** EASTER SUNDAY!
- Apr 14-17th** Pastor Linda at Training Meeting
- Apr 22nd** Admin & Earth Day

NO SCHOOL: April 1st – April 3rd



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CHURCH SPRING CHICKEN BBQ

We have decided on **Friday, April 29th** for the
Spring Chicken BBQ
More Details to follow, along with sign-up sheets



SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER FLOWERS

We would like to have an Easter flower garden at the bottom of the cross.

If you remember, we did this last year, and it was a great success.

We're asking the congregation to consider purchasing a potted Spring flower to be included in the flower garden. Possible flowers would be Lillies, Tulips, Daffodils, Mums, Hyacinths, Hydrangeas, Azaleas, or brightly colored flowers.

**Please bring them to church either Good Friday after the service
or Saturday, April 4th between 10a-Noon.**

Direct questions to Darlene Canan or Cheryl Haak. Thank you!



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 4-2-26

7p Worship Service

GOOD FRIDAY – 4-3-26

3p Worship Service

EASTER SUNDAY – 4-5-26

8:30a Early Easter Worship Service

10a Easter Worship Service



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

25th ANNUAL PINES OF PEACE CHARITY AUCTION & LUNCHEON

Pines of Peace

25th Annual Charity Auction & Lunch

WHEN

May 2, 2026

WHERE

Heights Restaurant
7030 Bay View Drive | Sodus Point, NY

TICKETS

\$40.00 | Available April 1 - 22, 2026
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.

Tickets go on sale April 1st and are \$40.

They can be purchased at The Pines or
online at pinesofpiece.org.

Registration & silent auction is 10-11,
lunch is at 11, and bidding auction is 12 - 2.

Full flier can be reviewed on our bulletin board.

Direct questions to Rich & Bonnie Denison

2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VVH – VandeVate Hall CR – Classroom KR – Kid's Room		HOLY WEEK	10a Respite - VVH NO SCHOOL	Maundy Thursday 2 10a Lent Bible Study 6 of 6 7p Maundy Thurs Service NO SCHOOL	Good Friday 3 3p Good Friday Service NO SCHOOL	
8:30a & 10a Communion Celebration  Easter Sunday	6 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH	7 3p Nurture Outreach – CR 4p Worship Team – CR	8  10a Respite - VVH	9 9a Garden Club - VVH	10 	11 
10a Worship	13 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH 6:30p Education Team- CR	14 3p Finance Team – VVH 4p Mission Team – VVH 5p Trustees – CR	15 10a Respite - VVH	16 Pastor Linda Out of Office for GMC Training	17 Annual Spring Cleanup	18 Annual Spring Cleanup
10a Worship 	20 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH 6:30p Church Council	21 6:30p GS Leadership - VVH	 Earth Day & Admin Professionals Day	23 7p BS Leadership - VVH	24 	25 
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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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