

The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



The end of April and the beginning of May always surprise me. Not just in how quickly time flies but also in the beauty breaking forth. In the fickle weather between snow, rain, and sunshine we still have the beauty of the trees budding, the greening of our world and the hardy flowers blooming. It all seems to shout, “A new beginning is forming...”

I also notice within this new beginning there is an ending. The hardy flowers of Spring are beginning to droop and shine less. The buds are turning into leaves. I am so waiting for the end of the cold and snow and wishing for the beginning of sunshine and warmer weather.

This month I will be celebrating, with my oldest son and his family, in the arrival of another of my grandchildren. A new beginning in their lives. With this beginning also comes an ending. If the conversations between my son and my daughter-in-law come to fruition, this will be their last baby.

Spring can give us whiplash with all the changes happening as does life. Through all these beginnings and endings, the one remaining constant is God. There is a beautiful hymn written by Natalie Sleeth which speaks of the ebb and flow of life and God’s promises sprinkled within called, “Hymn of Promise.”

Whether you are experiencing a new beginning, only seeing endings, or seeing both at the same time, I wish you faith in the journey. Trust God to reveal the beauty of your season even if it is heavy. The last stanza in the Hymn of Promise reminds us, “In our end is our beginning, in our time infinity, in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.” Trust in God’s timing and in God’s vision for your life and entrust your seasons to reveal God’s victory.

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, and occasionally, we will see a new face. We have 5 folks on our waiting list and now have room for a new person. Wanda is interviewing folks for this position.

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.

BBQ – Date has been reset for May 29. Rich will begin reserving the trailer and looking for volunteers. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data – The weekly average tithing for March. was \$3,376. We have \$14,613 in the General Fund. We have received \$3,000 from two estates. Our year-to-date income was \$13,161 greater than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses are \$375 less than the plan.



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

- **Graduation Sunday** is scheduled for **June 7th** during service with a reception to follow. We have 4 graduates this year: Tucker Eaton (Wayne HS), Bridger Dunstan (Wayne HS), Hayley Hansen (Marion HS), and Kayla Dunstan (FLCC)
- We are deciding on this year’s Summary Study. All materials will be distributed the last few weeks of June.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- We really appreciate everyone’s help with Spring Cleanup.
- The tree on the east property line has been removed.
- A fire alarm system is on hold until further discussion and consideration of additional options.
- Hunter Byron is scheduled to clean the outside windows and the single-story gutters on May 21st
- We have been plagued with water in the basement during heavy rain this Spring but a temporary downspout extension on the North West corner of the sanctuary and some masonry patch work in the basement seems to have solved the problem. We hope to be able to remove the temporary downspout extension soon.
- The parking lot lights are still an issue, some staying on during daylight hours even after replacing the sensors last summer. We will be contacting an Electrical Contractor for an estimate to get them repaired or replaced.

Respite

RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- Meetings will be on **May 6th & May 20th** this month
- We are interviewed for an open spot and have a new person starting in May. There are several people on a waiting list.
- **We could use more MALE volunteers!** If you are interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact Wanda Klem.



NURTURE OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

Nurture Outreach is hosting a Baby Shower for **Caring Choices**. We will be collecting items through the end of May. Direct questions to Dawn Thomas ~ **See Pg 4 for details**

MAY MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. Tuesday, 5/5/26
3p Nurture Outreach – Classroom
4p Worship – Classroom
3. Monday, 5/11/26
6:30p Education Team - VVH
3. Tuesday, 5/12/26
3p Finance – VandeVate Hall
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall
5p Trustees – VandeVate Hall



WORSHIP TEAM

- We will be celebrating Sunday, May 10th with a special Mother’s Day recognition.



Church Council: Monday, 5/18/26 @ 6:30p - Classroom

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

MAY CELEBRATIONS

- ~ Richard Adams
- ~ Sue Backus
- ~ Delores Beckens
- ~ Missy Bergen
- ~ Beverly Brown
- ~ Michael Buck, cancer
- ~ Bud Burdick
- ~ Brenda Burley
- ~ Barb Canan, health issues
- ~ Bob Canan, recovery
- ~ Judy Chamberlain, medical issues
- ~ Georgia Christ
- ~ Gwen Coleman, health issues
- ~ Linda Cone, healing at home
- ~ Frank Cornelius, brain cancer
- ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
- ~ Rich Denison, surgery & recovery
- ~ Kenny DiRenzo, Sue Smith's nephew
- ~ Mary Earlandt
- ~ Bob Eaton
- ~ 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
- ~ Ann Insalaco
- ~ Marie Jackson, 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, broken arm, and Marcia as his caretaker
- ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
- ~ Elizabeth Porray, Judy's daughter
- ~ Lori Powers
- ~ Tracey Ridley, ALS diagnosis
- ~ Wayne Schultz, hospital
- ~ Sandy Shenk, in hospital
- ~ Jamie Smith
- ~ Julie Sondervan
- ~ Ryan Sonnevill, thyroid cancer
- ~ Lillian Speakman
- ~ John Stanton, ALS
- ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker
- ~ Mike Stengline
- ~ Leith Steele, track injury & recovery
- ~ Georgie Schweigart, Rebekkah Haight's brother
- ~ Jim Thornbury's Great-Granddaughter Caroline, lung/bone cancer & chemo treatment
- ~ Jean Van Ingen
- ~ Jane Wage
- ~ Destiny Grace Whitnoble, Judy Porray's Granddaughter
- ~ Zebb, friend of J. Porray

- 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
 - 16 Cindy Dey
 - 17 Poormon, Nadine
 - 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



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

- May 7th National Day of Prayer
- May 10th Mother's Day
- May 17th Ascension Sunday
- May 24th Day of Pentecost
- May 25th Memorial Day
- May 31st Trinity Sunday

NO SCHOOL: May 22nd & May 25th



PASTOR LINDA OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Linda will be out of town **May 12th – 23rd**
For the birth of her new grandchild.
Rev. Rick LaDue will be covering for any emergencies.
He can be reached at: 585-265-9720



SPRING CLEAN UP - THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who have helped with the Spring Cleanup!
It is very much appreciated!!



SPRING BIBLE STUDY

We've begun a new 6-week bible study
Please join us on Thursdays @ 10am
In VandeVate Hall, unless otherwise noted.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Pastor Linda would like to express her sincere thanks for all of the cards, gifts, and expressions of love for her birthday!



PSALM 47:2, NRSV

SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



CARING CHOICES BABY SHOWER

Nurture Outreach is hosting a Baby Shower for Caring Choices. They are a pregnancy help center providing a supportive place to explore options for unplanned pregnancies.

We will be collecting the following items through the end of May:

Diapers, Baby Clothes, Toys, Pack & Plays, Highchairs, etc.

(Items can be used, other than diapers) 😊

Direct questions to Dawn Thomas



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARVIN HILL

There will be a Memorial Service held in honor of **Marvin Hill** on **Saturday, May 30th at 1pm** ~ Reception to follow



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

OUR CHURCH SPRING CHICKEN BBQ

Our **Spring Chicken BBQ** will be on **Friday, May 29th ~ 4pm – Sold Out!**

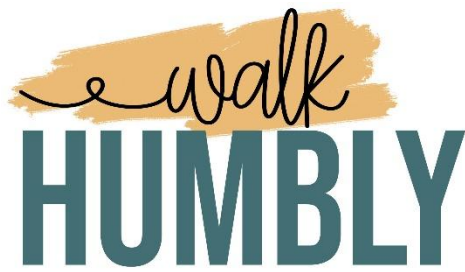
The volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board soon.

Please consider signing up and help to make this fundraiser a success!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VVH – VandeVate Hall CR – Classroom KR – Kid’s Room						
10a Communion Celebration	4 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH	5 3p Nurture Outreach – CR 4p Worship Team – CR 	6 10a Respite - VVH	7 9a Garden Club – VVH 10a Bible Study #3 of 6 	8	9
10a Worship 	11 6:30p Education Team - CR 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH	12 3p Finance Team – VVH 4p Mission Team – VVH 5p Trustees – CR	13 Pastor Linda Out of Office	14 Ascension Day	15	16
10a Worship Ascension Sunday Mary Lou Buck, pulpit 	18 6:30p Church Council - CR 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH	19 6:30p G.S. Leadership -VVH	20 10a Respite – VVH Pastor Linda Out of Office	21 Ascension Day	22 10a-2p Heritage Sq - VVH	23 10a-2p Heritage Sq - VVH
10a Worship Pentecost	25 Memorial Day Remember Their Sacrifice Love Their Lives	26	27 	28 10a Bible Study #4 of 6 7p B.S. Leadership - VVH	29 NO SCHOOL 4p Church BBQ	30 1pm Marvin Hill Memorial Service & Reception
10a Worship Trinity Sunday	31 NO SCHOOL					



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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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