

The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



Each month of the year, I find myself pondering what I could possibly write about in a newsletter article. This month is no different. So, here I am pondering why some of these articles are easier to write than others. My conclusion is that the articles that are easiest to write are those articles when I have spent the most time with God the previous month.

As most of you know, the month of May for me was filled with my grandchildren. I still spent time reading scripture and in prayer, but I was unashamedly distracted by my grandchildren. My communication with God or the finishing of a chapter in scripture was often broken with the pitter-patter of running feet and the heartfelt giggles of little voices. I found myself an observer of the beautiful life my son and daughter-in-law have built and God spoke even in the distractions of life. Therefore, you are going to have to forgive me as I fill this article with my experiences in May.

While with my family, I witnessed moments in life that both made me smile and made my eyes tear with joy. Here are some of those moments: seeing my grandson in his first musical at school, seeing my eldest granddaughter in her chorus/band concert. Being there when my daughter-in-law went into labor and being able to snuggle my youngest granddaughter during her nap as mommy and daddy took off to the hospital. I had a front row seat to one of the most precious Father's Day moments, where my son, after working all day, both at his job and at home, left the house just before 10pm to run to the store to buy something that was needed for the house without complaint or question. I watched this family work together as a unit to navigate the lives of three busy children and add a fourth life into the mix. All this being done, while entertaining both sides of the family as guests in their home. I know these parents did not learn all this from their original families, after all I raised half of this team.

I was privileged to watch all this transpire, and God nudged me to share these moments with you and share my insight. God loves unity, God loves love, and God loves for us all to have a common goal in life. May our goals in life, no matter how old we get, be to raise ourselves and those around us to fall more in love with God to work together for the common goal of discipleship without complaint. Life is precious, in all stages, cherish all moments and love more deeply while we work together to be all that God calls us to be.

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 3 folks on our waiting list. We have two new guests and two new volunteers. Five new chairs have been ordered. The program is doing quite well.

BBQ – Date has been reset for May 29. The planning is going well and posters and signs will be out this week. The volunteer sheet is posted, the trailer is available and a few folks have signed up. Still looking for more help especially in the kitchen and bakers.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- The Boy Scouts and leaders helped us with some outside Spring clean-up work around the church. Their help was very much appreciated.
- The windows washing and single-story gutter washing has been rescheduled to June 15th
- The parking lot lights have been repaired. They are now working as intended, off during daylight hours and on at dusk.
- Joe S. is looking into sound system upgrades that will improve sound quality in the church but also when listening over the internet.
- We are looking into replacing the furnace in the closet adjacent to the nursery. It is the last of 3 very old furnaces to be replaced.
- Additional repairs that have been completed:
Lights in VandeVate Hall
Carriage light by sidewalk at the parsonage
Pot hole at East entrance
Door closer on fire-safe kitchen door.



FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data – The weekly average tithing for April was \$2,586. We have \$9,987 in the General fund. Our year-to-date income was \$10,557 greater than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses were \$1,032 greater than the plan.



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

- **Graduation Sunday** is scheduled for **June 7th** - They will be honored during service, with a reception to follow. **We have 5 graduates this year:** Tucker Eaton (Wayne HS), Bridger Dunstan (Wayne HS), Hayley Hansen (Marion HS), Kayla Dunstan (FLCC), and Abby Riggins (LeMoyne College)
- **Summary Study.** Discipleship themed materials will be distributed after service on June 21st and June 28th
Children: "Believe Coloring Book"
Adults/Young Adults: "Devotion: The Raw Truth Journal and Following Jesus"
Any questions should be directed to Wanda Klem.

Respite

RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- Meetings will be on **June 3rd & June 17th** this month
- We had new people that started 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 very thankful for the generosity of donations for the Caring Choices Baby Shower.

JUNE MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. Tuesday, 6/2/26
3p Nurture Outreach – Classroom
4p Worship – Classroom
3. Monday, 6/8/26
6:30p Education Team - VVH
3. Tuesday, 6/9/26
3p Finance – VandeVate Hall
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall
5p Trustees – VandeVate Hall



Church Council: Monday, 6/15/26 @ 6:30p - Classroom



WORSHIP TEAM

- We will be celebrating Sunday, June 21st with a special Father's Day recognition.
- We're looking to add some new banners. Due to possible costs, we're going to propose that some of our quilters would be willing to help make some banners. Updates will follow after summer.
- **REMINDER:** Next month — We will begin our Summer Services, outdoors, on **JULY 5th @ 9am.** You're welcome to stay in your car or bring lawn chairs. On Rain Days we will hold service in VandeVate Hall.
- Operation Christmas Child program will begin collections during summer months. A list of items that we will be collecting, which will be posted soon.



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ~ Richard Adams
- ~ Sue Backus
- ~ Delores Beckens
- ~ Missy Bergen
- ~ Brett Boring, cancer diagnosis
- ~ Beverly Brown
- ~ Michael Buck, cancer
- ~ Bud Burdick
- ~ Brenda Burley
- ~ 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, healing
- ~ Kenny DiRenzo, Sue Smith's nephew
- ~ Mary Earlandt
- ~ Bob Eaton
- ~ Kathy Furmage, Bergen Family member
- ~ Carol & Les Gillespie
- ~ Kay Graham, & Kirk as caregiver
- ~ Donna Greene, Gene Bergen's MIL
- ~ Suzanne Gresens, M. Bergen's Niece
- ~ Diane Howell
- ~ Craig Ingalls, home recovering
- ~ Ann Insalaco
- ~ Nicholas Kaforey, deployed to Iran
- ~ Jack Kelly, stroke recovery
- ~ Shirley Kuhn
- ~ Lloyd Lawrence, Darlene's cousin
- ~ Layla, Waeghe's great-granddaughter
- ~ Angela May, Barber's granddaughter
- ~ Rodney Perry, and Marcia (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,
- ~ Jean Van Ingen
- ~ Jane Wage
- ~ Destiny Grace Whitnoble, Judy Porray's Granddaughter
- ~ Zebb, friend of J. Porray



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

- 3 Jasak, Susan (Lyke)
 - 4 Huston, Van
 - 8 WAEGHE, RUSSELL & NANCY
 - 8 Calus, Randall
 - 13 Chelini, Lisa
 - 19 Knapp, Lynette
 - 19 Stramonine, Joseph
 - 20 HAAK, ROBERT & CHERYL
 - 23 Beach, Carol
 - 23 Dunstan, Ben
 - 23 Hansen, Roger
 - 24 KUSHALL, ED & SHIRLEY
 - 25 GARLAND, JEFFREY & CAROL
 - 26 Calus, Samantha
 - 26 Speakman, Deanna
 - 30 Violanti, Joel
 - 30 BARBER, PETER & EILEEN
 - 30 KNAPP, DAVE & LYNETTE
 - 30 POWERS, JOHN & LORI
- Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

- June 7th Graduation Sunday
- June 14th Flag Day
- June 19th Juneteenth
- June 21st Father's Day
- First Day of Summer
- June 25th Last Day of School

NO SCHOOL: June 19th



OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Wendy will be out of town **June 25th – July 2nd**
Therefore, the office will be closed.
Pastor Linda will be available by cellphone:
585-330-0618



SPRING BIBLE STUDY

There are 2 classes remaining in our 6-week study
June 4th & June 11th @ 10am
In VandeVate Hall, unless otherwise noted.
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A Summer Bible Study to be determined



GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday will be held on **Sunday June 7th**
We will be honoring Bridger Dunstan, Kayla Dunstan,
Tucker Eaton, Haley Hansen, and Abby Riggins
Join us for a cake celebration reception following service
in VandeVate Hall.



SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR LINDA

Congratulations to Pastor Linda as she welcomed her grandson, Bryer Lee Elton Haight, on May 17th. So very blessed!!



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Caleb Killion and Lucas Killion and their families on their Baptisms. We welcome them to our church family.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

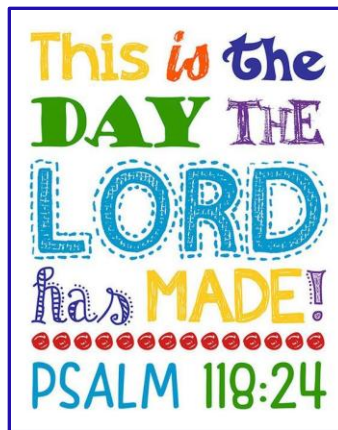
Congratulations to Bob Buck for his performance at this year's Special Olympics!!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VVH – VandeVate Hall CR – Classroom KR – Kid’s Room	1 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH	2 3p Nurture Outreach – CR 4p Worship Team – CR	3 10a Respite - VVH 	4 10a Bible Study #5 of 6	5	6
10a Communion Celebration Graduation Sunday 11a Reception, VVH 	8 6:30p Education Team, CR 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH	9 3p Finance Team – VVH 4p Mission Team – VVH 5p Trustees – CR	10	11 9a Garden Club, VVH 10a Bible Study #6 of 6	12	13 
10a Worship  Flag Day	15 4p Window Washing 6:30p Church Council, CR 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH	16 6:30p GS Leadership - VVH	17 10a Respite - VVH  6:30p Pines BOD Mtg. CR	18	19 Juneteenth NO SCHOOL	20 
10a Worship 	22 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH	23	24	25 Office Closed 7p BS Leadership, VVH LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	26	27 
10a Worship	29 Office Closed	30				



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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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