

The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



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I was listening to the radio the other day and the commentator shared how annoyed she was that leaves were already dropping from the trees. She was annoyed enough to find the answer. The premature falling of leaves was due to the wet summer which had allowed fungus to grow, adversely affecting the leaves. The condition of the soil matters to the trees, to the leaves, and to the rhythm of fall.

The same things can happen in our lives as well. When we focus too much on hardship and not enough on the “Son” we too can allow a fungus to take control of our lives. The condition of our heart matters to our roots, to our fruit, and to the rhythms of our lives.

September is one of those months that seems to reset the rhythms of our lives. I pray you recommit to allowing more “Son” into your life. Come to church more, fellowship often, recommit to Bible reading, pray continually, and renew your heart condition. Allow God to direct your steps as we all move from one season to the next.

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. (Occasionally, we will see a new face to learn what we are all about.) We have 5 folks on our waiting list. We have two new guests and one new aide attending.

Fall meetings – September is coming on fast and we will be meeting again. We need to set a date for the BBQ and/or discuss if we wish to have another BBQ. I am willing to chair this event again and I think that we have enough volunteers to make it work, but let's talk. We need to talk about other events that will be coming in the Fall, so put your thinking caps on.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- Upgrades to the Sanctuary sound system were completed by Joe & Jerry. These upgrades will improve sound quality in the church as well as when listening over the internet.
- We will be working on installing a new furnace/AC in the closet adjacent to the nursery in September.
- The yearly building inspection from the Town of Ontario was completed August 12th and with the exception of having to replace back up batteries in 2 of our Exit signs we are all set.
- The elevator inspection took place on August 20th. All is in good working order, no repairs required.
- The filming for a faith-based TV series, 'Abilene', took place over two times the summer. The process was impressive! Many other local businesses and churches were used in their filming – so it'll be fun to watch and see all the places we know! Updates will be provided as to when you'll be able to watch on tv.

FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data – The weekly average tithing for July was \$2,613. We have \$7,075 in the General fund. Our year-to-date income is \$40,900, which is greater than the plan. Our year-to-date expenses were \$35,084 greater than the plan. These two numbers are distorted due to the \$30K being transferred to the Endowment Fund.

We welcome Deb Dowd to our Finance team.



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

- **Movie Sunday:** The Education Team is hosting a **Movie Sunday on September 20th, immediately following service.** Lunch will also be served. Please see signup sheet on bulletin board and/or let Wanda Klem know if you'll be in attendance for ordering lunch purposes.

Respite

RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- Meetings will be on **Sep 2nd & Sep 16th** this month
- We had 2 new people that started in during the summer, and there are several people on a waiting list.
- **We could use more volunteers, especially men!** If you are interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact



NURTURE OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

- Operation Christmas Child program has been collecting items throughout the summer months. A list of items is on the bulletin board, if there are any last-minute items that you'd like to donate.
- The **final collection date for all OCC boxes is November 15th.** N/O team will pack summer collections at the church during our September and October meetings. We expect (hope) each church family will prepare a box separate from our summer collection.

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. **Tuesday, 9/1/26**
3p Nurture Outreach – Classroom
4p Worship – Classroom

2. **Tuesday, 9/8/26**
3p Finance – VandeVate Hall
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall
5p Trustees – VandeVate Hall

3. **Monday, 9/14/26**
6:30p Education Team - VVH



Church Council: Monday, 9/21/26 @ 6:30p - Classroom

WORSHIP TEAM



- **REMINDER: We will be returning to the Sanctuary for services on September 13th at 10am**
- **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who helped this summer with the set up and break down of tables/chairs in VandeVate Hall for services & Respite. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated!!
- Updates on new banners will follow after our meetings resume.



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

~ Richard Adams
 ~ Sue Backus
 ~ Delores Beckens
 ~ Missy Bergen
 ~ Beverly Brown
 ~ Mary Lou Buck, recovery
 ~ Michael Buck, cancer
 ~ Bud Burdick
 ~ Brenda Burley
 ~ Darlene Canan, healing
 ~ Judy Chamberlain, medical issues
 ~ Georgia Christ, health issues
 ~ Pat Coddling, brain cancer
 ~ Gwen Coleman, health issues
 ~ Linda Cone
 ~ Frank Cornelius, brain cancer
 ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
 ~ Kenny DiRenzo, Sue Smith's nephew
 ~ Sandi Drexler, heart issues
 ~ Bob Eaton
 ~ Kathy Furmage, Bergen Family member
 ~ Carol & Les Gillespie, fall recovery
 ~ Kay Graham, & Kirk as caregiver
 ~ Donna Greene, Gene Bergen's MIL
 ~ Kathy Greg, health issues
 ~ Cheryl Haak, health concerns
 ~ Diane Howell

~ Craig Ingalls, home recovering
 ~ Ann Insalaco
 ~ Jack Kelly, stroke recovery
 ~ Shirley Kuhn
 ~ Lloyd Lawrence, Darlene's cousin
 ~ Layla, Waeghe's great-granddaughter
 ~ Angela May, Barber's granddaughter
 ~ Rodney Perry
 ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
 ~ Nadine Poorman, recovering from fall
 ~ Elizabeth Porray, Judy's daughter
 ~ Lori Powers
 ~ Tracey Ridley, ALS diagnosis
 ~ Ray Sanger
 ~ Sandy Shenk
 ~ Jamie Smith
 ~ Julie Sondervan
 ~ Ryan Sonnevill, thyroid cancer
 ~ Lillian Speakman
 ~ John Stanton, ALS
 ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker
 ~ Mike Stengline
 ~ Jim Thornbury's Great-Granddaughter
 ~ Jean Van Ingen
 ~ Jane Wage
 ~ Destiny Grace Whitnoble



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

2 Powers, Lori
 2 Tunley, Devon
 5 PICKERING, FRED & STACY
 6 Eaton, Jeremy
 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

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

Sep 2nd First Day of School
 Sep 7th Labor Day
 Sep 11th Patriot's Day
 Sep 13th Worship Returns to Sanctuary
 & Grandparent's Day
 Sep 20th Movie & Lunch after service
 VandeVate Hall
 Sep 22nd First Day of Autumn

NO SCHOOL: Sep 4th – 7th



FALL BIBLE STUDY

A Fall Bible Study is planned.
 Details to follow in the weekly bulletins

SAVE THE DATE!! – 2026 HOLIDAY BAZAAR

NEXT-TO-NEW SALE & BAKE SALE

Save the dates for this year's bazaar on
Friday, Oct. 30th and Saturday, Oct. 31st.
 Hope you're working on your crafts to sell
 and setting aside your treasures

for the "Next to New - New to You" sale & **Holiday Bazaar!**
 Watch future bulletins and newsletters for ways you can help!



KATHI EARLANDT FUNERAL INFO

Kathi Earlandt's funeral will be held here
 at North Ontario Methodist Church on
Saturday, September 26th at 11am
Reception immediately following in VandeVate Hall



JOIN THE FUN AT HERITAGE SQUARE MUSEUM THIS FALL

9/12 12-4p Fall Fiddlers Jam Festival
 9/26 10a Fox Sisters & Spiritualism &
 11a Group Psychic Readings
 10/10 10a "The Muster" Life as a soldier of
 the Revolutionary War
 11a-4p Revolutionary War Encampment
 10/24 2p Halloween Happening

For my information go to:
heritagesquaremuseum.com

SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER CAMPFIRE

Enjoy these pictures from this Summer's Campfire & Cookout
~provided by Bob Buck~



PRAYING OVER
a new
school year



SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 3p Nurture Outreach – CR 4p Worship Team – CR	2 10a Respite - VVH 	3 SET UP VVH FOR 9/6	4	5 
9a Worship VandeVate Hall Last Summer Service	6 	7 3p Finance Team – VVH 4p Mission Team – VVH 5p Trustees – CR	8 10a Respite - VVH	9 9a Garden Club - VVH	10 	11 
10a Communion Celebration 	13 6:30p Education Team - CR	14 6:30p Education Team - CR	15 10a Respite - VVH	16 10a Respite - VVH	17 	18 11a Kathi Earlandt Funeral Reception to follow-VVH
10a Worship 11a Education Team: Movie & Lunch after service VandeVate Hall	20 6:30p Church Council - CR	21  Autumn Begins	22 	23 30	24 25	26
10a Worship	27	28	29	30		



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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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