

The North Star

Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



Drive through any town, glance at your neighbor's porch, peek at feet in a crowd, glance at the back of a computer and you may likely see some iconic trademarks. From McDonald's Golden Arches, Amazon's Smile, Nike's swoosh, or Apple's Bitten Apple, each makes you think of the products they are representing. Food, consumer products, shoes, and electronics quickly come to mind as each image appears.

Which begs the questions, "What iconic trademarks would we carry as Christians to make others think about Christ?" Think of the question this way... ***The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman behind him was furious and honked her horn, screaming endlessly in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.***

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door.

She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, giving the guy in front of you the finger and cursing at him."

"I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'NOTW' (not of this world) bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally I assumed you had stolen the car."

So again, I ask, "What iconic trademarks would we carry as Christians to make others think about Christ?" Don't think the jewelry you wear is enough to point to Christ. If you are not acting Christlike the jewelry does nothing. Immediately my mind goes to the license plate I received one Mother's Day. It was a custom plate that says "REVMOM 1." Now all I think about is acting worthy of that title.

May our actions and attitudes line up with a deep faith in Christ so others will be attracted to Christ alone.

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, a new face will join us to see what we are all about. We have 1 person on our waiting list. We are the largest program with Lifespan, though they seem to be ignoring us.

BBQ – No BBQ this Fall. Just not enough time, Bazaar timing and Denison's traveling for two weeks all make this event difficult to do in the time available. We will resume in Spring!

FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data –The General Funds \$12,901. The weekly tithing for August was \$2,527. The year-to-date income was \$38,847 greater than the plan. The year-to-date expenses were \$28,172 greater than the plan.



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

- The Education Team hosted 29 people for lunch and a movie after church on September 20th. We all enjoyed watching "The Sheep Detectives"-a comical mystery.
- Devotionals for the Advent season will be distributed the end of November.
- NO October Education Team meeting.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- Fall Clean-up will be coming up soon. We will be posting a list and could use some help again this year.
- Upgrades to the Sanctuary sound system were completed. There has been much positive feedback since the Sunday worship services are back in the Sanctuary. Some additional upgrades are in the works to improve the sound over the internet.
- We are moving ahead with the new furnace/AC in the nursery. Installation is planned for early October to be ready for the heating season.
- The doors on the West end of the sanctuary have been scrapped and painted.
- The flickering lights in VandeVate Hall have been repaired.
- Landscaping maintenance ongoing.
- Door locks at office entrance have been repaired.
- Air conditioners have been removed from offices.

Respite

RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- Meetings will be held on **Oct 7th & Oct 21st** this month, in VandeVate Hall, from 10a – 2p.
- We have 14 participants, with a few on the waiting list.
- **Volunteers, especially male, are always welcome.**
- Please contact Wanda Klem with questions.



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.



WORSHIP TEAM

- **REMINDER: We returned to the Sanctuary for services on September 13th at 10am**
The pianos were all tuned in September.
- **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!!

OCTOBER MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. Tuesday, 10/6/26
2p Nurture Outreach – Classroom
4p Worship – Classroom

2. Tuesday, 10/13/26
3p Finance – VandeVate Hall
4p Missions – VandeVate Hall
5p Trustees – VandeVate Hall

3. Monday, 10/12/26
6:30p Education Team - VVH



Church Council: Monday, 10/19/26 @ 6:30p - Classroom



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

~ Richard Adams
 ~ Sue Backus
 ~ Carol Beach, recovery
 ~ Delores Beckens
 ~ Missy Bergen
 ~ Beverly Brown
 ~ Mary Lou Buck, recovery
 ~ Michael Buck, cancer
 ~ Bud Burdick
 ~ Brenda Burley
 ~ Bob Canan, healing after fall
 ~ Joshua Chase, Haaks great grandson
 ~ Georgia Christ, health issues
 ~ Pat Coddling, brain cancer
 ~ Gwen Coleman, health concerns
 ~ Linda Cone
 ~ Frank Cornelius, brain cancer
 ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
 ~ Briana Dey, health issues
 ~ Kenny DiRenzo, Sue Smith's nephew
 ~ Sandi Drexler
 ~ Earlandt Family
 ~ Bob Eaton
 ~ Kathy Furmage, Bergen Family member
 ~ Carol & Les Gillespie, fall recovery
 ~ Carol & Neil Goodenough, health issues and Michele & Jerry as caretakers.
 ~ Kay Graham, & Kirk as caregiver
 ~ Donna Greene, Gene Bergen's MIL
 ~ Cheryl Haak, health concerns
 ~ Bob Haak, health concerns
 ~ Nancy Hinkley, surgery

~ Diane Howell
 ~ Janet Huston's granddaughter, Golisano Children's Hospital.
 ~ Craig Ingalls, home recovering
 ~ Ann Insalaco
 ~ Jack Kelly, stroke recovery
 ~ Shirley Kuhn
 ~ Lloyd Lawrence, Darlene's cousin whose cancer has spread.
 ~ Layla, Waeghe's great-granddaughter
 ~ Ginny Loveless, health issues
 ~ Angela May, Barber's granddaughter
 ~ Rodney Perry
 ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
 ~ Nadine Poorman, recovering from a fall
 ~ Elizabeth Porray, Judy's daughter
 ~ Lori Powers
 ~ Tracey Ridley, ALS diagnosis
 ~ Tommy, Dawn Russell's son
 ~ 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
 ~ Susie, Mary Gwen's sister
 ~ Jean Van Ingen
 ~ Jane Wage
 ~ Destiny Grace Whitnoble



OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

2 Judy McMillan
 3 PETTY, GERALD & CONSTANCE
 4 Petty, Gerald
 4 HANCOCK, STEVEN & TAMMI
 5 Landrigan, James
 7 Gillespie, Les
 7 Knapp, Eric
 7 KLEM, JEFFREY & WANDA
 8 Powers, Johnathan
 10 Sanger, Ian
 10 Poormon, Doug
 10 CONE, LINDA & GLEN
 23 Hancock, Kaidan L.
 24 CHELINI, CHRIS & LISA
 24 Dunstan, Jessica
 25 Wage, Jane
 26 Scott, Daniel
 27 Buck, Bob
 28 GOODENOUGH, JERRY & MICHELE
 30 Faulks, Ted

Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
 ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS



FALL BIBLE STUDY

Our Fall Bible Study began on **September 24th**
 The study will be based on the discipleship path of John Wesley
 Book: 22 Questions, by Russ Broomell
Oct Study Dates are: 10/1, 10/15, 10/22 10/29
Thursdays @ 10am in the end classroom



2027 GOD'S CREATION WALL CALENDAR

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to purchase the 2027 God's Creation wall calendar.
The price remains at \$10



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

Oct 11th Pastor Appreciation Sunday
 Oct 12th Columbus Day
 Oct 30th & 31st Holiday Bazaar, Luncheon & Next to New Sale

NO SCHOOL: Oct 9th & 12th



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-2026

The Nurture/Outreach Team will pack the OCC boxes with the summer collections at their October meeting.

We're hoping each church family will prepare/fill your own OCC box to donate. These would be in addition to the ones the team is packing.

Final collection date for all OCC boxes is November 15th.

Thank you for supporting this outreach program!



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS LUNCH & BAZAAR

Our Holiday Bazaar is this month!
Friday, Oct. 30th and Saturday, Oct. 31st.
 Finish up your craft items for the sale and clean out those no longer wanted/needed treasures for the "Next to New" sale. Sign-up sheets are on the announcement board with various ways you can help. Drop off dates/times to be announced.
 . Questions: see Darlene Canan or Dawn Thomas.
 Please see page 5 for Bazaar Flyer

SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Be sure to share your appreciation
with Pastor Linda on October 11th

Please join us in welcoming our next Bishop,
Rev. Jonathan Lee



Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory



Bishop-Elect Jonathan Lee

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Northeast Conference Thanks
Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory and Welcomes
Rev. Jonathan Lee as Next Bishop**

Rev. Jonathan Lee elected and assigned to serve the Northeast Conference and
Episcopal Area 2 beginning November 1, 2026

Home for the Holidays

**"The Brick Church" Bazaar
North Ontario Methodist Church
7200 Ontario Center Road
Ontario, NY 14519
(315) 524 - 9509**



**Friday, October 30th - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 31st - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Dine In & Take Out Lunch
available on Friday & Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**



Crafts, Baked Goods, & "Next to New" Items

**Signup sheets to help with Luncheons are on the announcements board.
We're looking forward to seeing you there!!**

OCTOBER

2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VVH – Vandevate Hall CR – Classroom KR – Kid's Room				1 10a Bible Study, CR	2	3 10a-1p GS Recruiting Event - VVH
10a Communion Celebration	5  7p Scouts - VVH	6 2p Nurture Outreach – CR 4p Worship Team - CR	7 10a Respite - VVH	8 9a Garden Club, CR	9  NO SCHOOL	10
10a Worship  Pastor Appreciation Sunday	12 6:30p Education Team - CR 7p Scouts – VVH NO SCHOOL Columbus Day	13 3p Finance Team – VVH 4p Mission Team – VVH 5p Trustees – CR 5:30p Girl Scouts - CR	14 AUTUMN HARVEST COUNT YOUR blessings FAMILY FRIENDS	15 10a Bible Study, CR	16 FALL FOR JESUS He never leaves	17
10a Worship	19 6:30p Church Council, CR 7p Scouts - VVH	20 	21 10a Respite – VVH 6:30p Pines of Peace Board Mtg, Choir Rm	22 10a Bible Study, CR 6:30p Scout Leadership VVH	23 	24
10a Worship	26 	27 5:30p Girl Scouts - CR	28 7p GS Leadership—Choir Rm	29 10a Bible Study, CR	30 HOLIDAY BAZAAR & LUNCHEON 9a-3p_VVH	31 

Vandevate Hall Blocked



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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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