

The North Star



Newsletter of the North Ontario Methodist Church



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I recently went on a short trip with my sister, brother, and mom. Even though it rained for the whole three days we were gone we still had tons of laughs. If you knew my family, you would understand why. We are all characters and spend more time teasing and laughing at each other, but my brother is at the top of the pack.

We stopped for lunch on our way home and as we are getting in the car, my sister sat in the passenger seat in front with me, my brother starts tapping on her window calmly saying, “Fingers.” Pam looks at me and asks, “What did he say?” I answer, “All I heard was, ‘fingers.’” All this time Scott was still tapping on the window calmly saying, “Fingers.”

We finally figured out that Pam had shut his fingers in her door. After opening the door and figuring out there was plenty of soft molding around the door so, although his fingers were indented, they were not broken. It took a good ten minutes to stop laughing. I still chuckle when I think about this moment.

Now, before you think we are all heartless, let me remind you that Scott is at the top of the pile as being a character. He is always joking and pulling pranks on us. When he was so calmly tapping on the window, we both thought he was joking, which made this incident even funnier. We reminded him how difficult it was to take him seriously when he always tries to pull one over on us.

What about us? Are we going through life as a character where others are having a hard time believing when something important does happen in our lives? Maybe it is time to live our faith out loud and real so that when we need to share an important message with the world, all will not only want to hear but want to act upon the news as well.

Live your faith out loud so God’s truth will be known in all places.

Blessings,

Pastor Linda



CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



MISSION TEAM UPDATE

No Meeting was held in October.

Updates will be provided in bulletins and December's Newsletter.

FINANCE UPDATE

No Meeting was held in October.

Updates will be provided in bulletins and December's Newsletter.

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES UPDATE

- Fall Clean-up list is on the bulletin board. Please sign up for items you can help with.
- Upgrades to the Sanctuary sound system are ongoing
- We moved ahead with the new furnace/AC in the nursery. Installation has begun and we'll advise once it is completed.
- Landscaping maintenance ongoing.
- Outdoor parking lot lighting and timers have been repaired.
- Cleaning of the carpet in VandeVate Hall will take place after the Holiday Bazaar.
- First Aid Kits have been replenished.



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATES

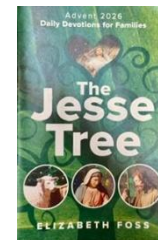
- November Education Team meeting will be on 11/9/26.
- Devotionals for the Advent season will be distributed on November 15th & 22nd.



Children



Teens



Families



WORSHIP TEAM

- The Worship Team will be providing refreshments following our District Awakening on November 7th.
- The date for decorating the sanctuary for Advent will be announced in the coming weeks.

Respite

RESPITE PROGRAM UPDATE

- Meetings will be held on **Nov 4th & Nov 18th** this month, in VandeVate Hall, from 10a – 2p.
- We have 14 participants, with a few on the waiting list.
- **Volunteers, especially MEN, are needed.**
- Please contact Wanda Klem with questions.



NURTURE OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

- The **final collection date for all OCC boxes is November 15th**. We're hopeful that each church family will prepare an additional box. **Please bring to church by Nov. 8th**
- We will be participating in the Angel Tree program again this year. Details to follow soon.

NOVEMBER MINISTRY TEAMS & CHURCH COUNCIL

*Questions should be addressed to the Team Leader.



1. Tuesday, 11/3/26
3p Nurture Outreach – Classroom
4p Worship – Classroom

2. Tuesday, 11/10/26
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 Becken
 ~ Missy Bergen, health concerns
 ~ Beverly Brown
 ~ Michael Buck, surgery & chemo
 ~ Bud Burdick
 ~ Brenda Burley, adjusting to move
 ~ Bob Canan, healing
 ~ Joshua Chase, Haak's great grandson
 ~ Lisa Chelini, health issues
 ~ Georgia Christ, health issues
 ~ Pat Coddling, brain cancer
 ~ Gwen Coleman, health concerns
 ~ Glen Cone, health concerns & recovery
 ~ Linda Cone
 ~ Frank Cornelius, brain cancer
 ~ Nancy DeMagistris, Joyce Lyke's SIL
 ~ Briana Dey, health issues
 ~ Kenny DiRenzo, Sue Smith's nephew
 ~ Sandi Drexler
 ~ Bob Eaton
 ~ Kathy Furmage, Bergen Family member
 ~ Carol & Les Gillespie, fall recovery
 ~ Carol & Neil Goodenough, health issues
 ~ Michele & Jerry as caretakers.
 ~ Kay Graham, and Kirk as caregiver
 ~ Donna Greene, Gene Bergen's MIL
 ~ Golisano Children's Hospital, surgery recovery
 ~ Bob Haak, health concerns

~ Cheryl Haak, health concerns
 ~ Nancy Hinkley, recovery
 ~ Janet Huston's granddaughter,
 ~ Ann Insalaco
 ~ Jill & Jeff, health concerns
 ~ Jack Kelly, stroke recovery
 ~ Shirley Kuhn
 ~ Layla, Waeghe's great-granddaughter
 ~ Ginny Loveless, health issues
 ~ Angela May, Barber's granddaughter
 ~ Bob Michielsen, Mary Lou's brother, hospital
 ~ Rodney Perry
 ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
 ~ Nadine Poormon, recovering from a fall
 ~ Elizabeth Porray, Judy's daughter
 ~ John Powers, family issues
 ~ Lori Powers
 ~ Tracey Ridley, ALS diagnosis
 ~ Sandy Shenk
 ~ Jamie Smith
 ~ Julie Sondervan
 ~ Ryan Sonnevill, thyroid cancer
 ~ Lillian Speakman
 ~ John Stanton, ALS
 ~ Dave Stark, Joan as his caretaker
 ~ Jim Thornbury's great-granddaughter
 ~ Susie, Mary Gwen's sister, health concerns
 ~ Jean Van Ingen
 ~ Jane Wage
 ~ Destiny Grace Whitnoble
 ~ ZeBB, past student of Judy Porray



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

5 Todd, Mary Gwen
 6 Goodenough, Michele
 8 Goodenough, Jerry
 8 Thomas, Dawn
 8 HANSEN, ROGER & JACQUELINE
 10 Jones, Michael
 11 Jones, Jesse
 15 Barber, Eileen
 16 Straub, Dawn
 17 Becken, Delores
 18 Dunstan, Kayla
 20 Eaton, Lorelai
 21 Chelini, Chris
 25 Perry, Rodney
 28 Burley, Brenda
 29 COOMBER, JEFF & MARILYN
 29 Dunstan, Alaska



Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case

ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

Nov 1st -All Saints Sunday
 -Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Nov 3rd -Election Day Bake Sale
 Nov 7th -District Awakening
 Nov 8th -Rev. Steve Taylor, Conf.
 Superintendent preaching at
 worship service
 -All-American Luncheon/Fellowship
 Nov 11th -Veterans Day
 Nov 21st -Charge Conference, NOMC
 Nov 26th -Thanksgiving Day
 Nov 29th -ADVENT BEGINS!

NO SCHOOL:

UPK-6 Nov 5th, UPK - 12 ½-Day Nov 6th,
 All Grades - Nov 11th, 25th-27th

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-2026



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

Labels for boxes are in Motley Hall.

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

Thank you for supporting this outreach program!



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR

Thanks to all who made our event a success!!

FALL BIBLE STUDY



Our Fall Bible Study will continue thru November 12th
Nov. Study Dates are: 11/5, 11/12
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



FALL CLEAN-UP

It's that time again and we could use help with the Fall Clean-up.
 There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
 Please help with whatever you can.
 Direct questions to Doug Hastings.



SPECIAL EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

Our Annual Election Day Bake Sale will be
on **Tuesday, November 3rd**

We Need Bakers & Sellers!!

Sign- up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Items to be dropped off on
Monday, November 2nd, between 5p-7p**

Also, remember to vote!



DISTRICT AWAKENING 2026 with CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Steve Taylor will be joining us for
District Awakening 2026,
a gathering of churches across the
Rochester District of the NE Conf of GMC

Event being held at
North Ontario Methodist Church
Saturday, Nov 7, 1:30p – 4:00p

We're encouraging all interested to join us.

Please see flyer on bulletin board

ALL-AMERICAN LUNCHEON/FELLOWSHIP

All are welcome to join us for an
All-American Fellowship
Sunday, Nov 8th directly following service,
in VandeVate Hall.
Lunch will be served.

We're looking for donations of
an assortment of apple desserts.
There is a sign-up sheet on bulletin board
Direct questions to Lee Stramonine



**Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto
him, and bless his name.**

Psalm 100:4, KJV

2026

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10a Communion Celebration  All Saints Day Daylight-Saving Time Ends	7p Scouts - VVH	Election Day Boke Sale 3p Nurture Outreach - CR 4p Worship Team - CR	10a Respite - VVH	10a Bible Study, CR 		District Awakening 2026! NOMC 1:30-4p 
10a Worship w/Rev. Steve Taylor Veteran Recognition All American Luncheon after Worship in VVH	6:30p Education Team - CR 7p Scouts - VVH	3p Finance Team - VVH 4p Mission Team - VVH 5p Trustees - CR	 Veterans Day	10a Bible Study, CR		
10a Worship	 7p Scouts - VVH	5:30p Girl Scouts - CR	10a Respite - VVH 	7p GS Leadership-VVH		10a Charge Conference VandeVate Hall
10a Worship				 Thanksgiving		
10a Worship  First Sunday of Advent	7p Scouts - VVH		GRATEFUL <i>Thankful</i> & BLESSED			VVH - VandeVate Hall CR - Classroom KR - Kid's Room



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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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