

# The North Star



Newsletter of the North Ontario United Methodist Church



## September 2021

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." ~Ecclesiastes 3:1*

### Where has Summer Gone??

I pray your summer was filled with goodness and fun. Throughout my summer, I felt as though I was living on the negative side of the happenings in Ecclesiastes. I had a summer filled with setbacks.

I spent May-June with major hip pain (a time to break down) that took time to heal. I must thank my personal chiropractor, Michael Jr, for working with me to get back on track (a time for weeping). Then, I spent several weeks, not only catching up on the work I missed, but also, trying to get ahead of work that needed to be done so I could go on vacation and cover Wendy's, our church Administrative Assistant vacation as well (a time to throw away and prioritize).

I love how God knew what my upcoming weeks would look like and prepared me to not have to worry as I vacationed and then dealt with a major personal setback. Due to our vacations Wendy and I spent several weeks designing worship and bulletins through most of July and all of August.

I spent a marvelous week in Amish Country, PA with a dear friend where we did laugh a lot. The week I was back I took time to be with my grandchildren (a time for tearing out coloring pages to adorn my fridge). These two weeks were the bright side of my summer.

I guess my body became weary because I then spent the next several weeks really sick (my body was at war with itself). I spent another two weeks recovering from being sick and now September is upon me with more work to accomplish.

This September we will begin a confirmation class which will run several times a month culminating on March 13, 2022 with Confirmation Sunday. (We will need your help providing lunches and adult helpers during our meeting, therefore let me know if you can help in any way.)

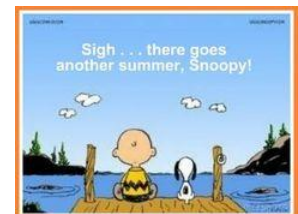
I will also be working on ordination requirement again with the hope of going before the Board of Ordained ministry in February 2022. Please pray for me.

With God's help and your patience and encouragement this year looks to be full all the way to the end. May each of us rely on God to meet us in the time we find ourselves and move us to where we are needed most.

As the seasons prepare to change again, may we stay steadfast in our love and in our commitment to a God who never changes.

Blessings,

*Pastor Linda*



## FINANCE REPORT



Tithing was good in June with an weekly average of \$3056, but not so good in July with the average of \$2288. Our bank balance is \$57599 which is very good.

## MISSION TEAM UPDATE

Save the Date, October 15<sup>th</sup> for NOUMC BBQ. More info to follow.



## MINISTRY TEAMS & PARISH COUNCIL

### MINISTRY TEAMS

\*Questions should be addressed to the Ministry Team Leader.

- Ministry Teams: \*
- Tuesday, 9/7/21  
4:00p Worship  
Online Education & Nurture/Outreach
  - Tuesday, 9/14/21  
5:00p Missions  
6:00p Finance  
6:30p Trustees



Parish Council: 6:30p Monday, 9/20/21

## JOIN OUR COMMITTEES

**We are adding to our committees!!**

Please consider joining us.

See Pastor Linda to join a team.

**The 8 available Committees to join are:**

- Christian Education**
- Finance Team**
- Missions Team**
- Nominations Team**
- Nurture Outreach**
- Staff Parish Relations**
- Trustees**
- Worship Team**

## CONDOLENCES

As many of you already know, Sue Burdick passed away on Aug. 4th. She was married to the Rev. William E. Burdick who served as interim pastor at NOUMC.

Condolences can be sent to Rev. Burdick at 1205 Mariposa Avenue, Apt. 430, Coral Gables, FL 33146.

Rev. Burdick ask that any reflections of Sue be emailed to their son, Joe, at [jd\\_burdick@att.net](mailto:jd_burdick@att.net).

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Sue's obituary is not yet available online, but will be



## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ~Prayers for Dave Upham in the hospital and being moved to St. Ann's this week. Prayers for Doreen as well.
- ~Continued prayers for Richard Adams
- ~Continued prayers for Chris Butler, being treated at the hospital
- ~Continued prayers for Les Gillespie
- ~Continued prayers for Bob & Linda Kelsch
- ~Continued prayers for Shirley Kuhn, medical concerns
- ~Continued prayers for Mary Lou Ledain
- ~Continued prayers for Steven Roomian, friend of Darlene Canan
- ~Prayers for the people affected by Hurricane Ida
- ~Prayers for students and teachers as they return to school
- ~Our churches, Pastors, Bishop Mark Webb, DS Vonda Fossett
- ~Prayers for our world, communities, schools and all leaders.

## Confirmation Class

### Tentative Schedule for Confirmation Class

Classes to begin at approximately 11:45am beginning with lunch - 1:30pm

#### Getting Together

September 12, 2021 Why Confirmation?

#### The Faith

September 26, 2021 The Apostle's Creed  
October 10, 2021 The Nicene Creed

#### The Liturgy

October 24, 2021 Baptism/ Commitment  
November 14, 2021 The Lord's Supper

#### The Christian Life

November 28, 2021 Morality  
December 12, 2021 Spiritual Practices  
January 9, 2022 why? Prayer  
January 23, 2022 The Lord's Prayer

#### Church Calendar

February 13, 2022

#### Church History

February 27, 2022

March 13, 2022 10am Confirmation Sunday worship service



SEPTEMBER 2021	
2	Powers, Lori
2	Tunley, Devon
5	<u>PICKERING, FRED &amp; STACY</u>
6	Eaton, Jeremy
7	Stratton, Sara
9	<u>KELSCH, BOB &amp; LINDA</u>
10	Thornbury, Roberta
12	Backus, Wesley
14	Denison, Bonnie
14	<u>HUSSEY, MELVIN &amp; SANDRA</u>
15	Scott, Katie
15	<u>CALUS, RANDALL &amp; JENIFER</u>
17	Hastings, Fran
19	Coomber, Marilyn
20	Backus, Sue
22	Pickering, Stacy
25	Chamberlain, Kara

Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case  
ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS

## REMINDERS



Please remember to bring your non-perishable contributions, as we are continuing to support the **Ontario Food Pantry**. Please place items in bin in Narthex. Your donations are appreciated!

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES	
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	First Day of School
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Patriot's Day
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparent's Day
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First Day of Autumn



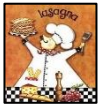
Please consider bringing in donations for the **Family Promise of Wayne County**. The list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions, call the office. Thank you!



**SAFE HAVEN RESPITE PROGRAM**  
 September 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 10a -2p  
 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month)  
 We're so thankful to be able to serve our community!!



# CHURCH EVENTS



## LASAGNA DINNER POSTPONED

Our Lasagna Dinner has been postponed. We will provide an updated date as soon as details are finalized. Thanks for your understanding!



## CONTINUED OUTDOOR WORSHIP

**Beginning Sunday, September 12th**  
Services will start at **10am**  
Outdoor Worship will continue through **Sunday, September 26th**  
**See Updates in Bulletin**



## VIEWING WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE

Throughout the Summer, we will be providing, at the very least, a taped sermon summary. We are currently working to tape the outdoor service in its entirety. You may view through our Facebook page.



## Town of Ontario Garden Tour TO BENEFIT THE PINES OF PEACE

This year's Garden Tour will be held on **September 9th, 2-6pm**

**Purchase your tickets to see 4 Beautiful Homes & Heritage Square Museum**  
[www.pinesofpeace.org](http://www.pinesofpeace.org) OR call 315-524-2388

Thank you for supporting The Pine of Peace!



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 2021

### **Nurture Outreach is collecting for our project throughout the Summer**

Below are suggestions, but you may bring any item at any time. Please remember that the items are for shoeboxes and need to fit that size. Thank you!

**Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy trucks, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light and make noise (extra batteries)

**School Supplies:** Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamp and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books.

**Hygiene Items:** MOST IN NEED - toothbrush, (NO TOOTHPASTE), mild bar soap (in plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

### **DO NOT INCLUDE**

Used or damaged items, war-related toys, chocolate, food, out-of-date candy, toothpaste, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, no breakables, glass or aerosol cans.

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR **2021 HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR** **FRIDAY, NOV. 12TH & SATURDAY, NOV. 13TH**



We are planning to have our "Home for the Holidays Bazaar" this year!!!

The "Next to New/New to You" sale, bake sale, crafts and the luncheon will all be a part of the bazaar. In our efforts to do this safely we've had to make a few changes:












- ~ Lunch will be take-out only, with the same great menu!
- ~ The number of people in VandeVate Hall at one time will be monitored closely as well as a separate entrance and exit.
- ~ Start working on your crafts and setting aside your treasures.
- ~ However, because we may be forced to cancel last minute the "Next to New/New to You" **items will not be accepted until the week before the bazaar.**

Watch future bulletins and newsletters for more details. For questions, contact Darlene Canan.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1 1st Day of School</b>  10a Safe Haven Respite 6:30p Pines Board Mtg - Choir Room	2  	3  NO SCHOOL	4
<b>5 9a Outdoor Worship</b>	6   LABOR DAY  NO SCHOOL	7  4p Worship Team Mtg VandeVate	8  	9  9a Ontario Garden Club VandeVate	10	11   PATRIOT DAY
<b>12 10a Outdoor Worship</b>   HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY	13  6p SPRC Mtg	14  5p Missions Mtg - VVH 6p Finance Mtg - VVH 6:30p Trustees - VVH  7p GS - Svc Unit-Choir Rm	15  10a Safe Haven Respite  	16	17	18
<b>19 10a Outdoor Worship</b>	20  6:30p Parish Council Choir Room 7p GS - 40337 - VVH	21	22   First Day of Autumn	23  7p Boy Scouts VandeVate	24	25
<b>26 10a Outdoor Worship</b>	27  	28	29  	30  7p Boy Scouts VandeVate		



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**North Ontario United Methodist Church exists to:  
Spread the Gospel in our community and elsewhere  
as we share Christ's hope and love with the world.**

**2021 COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE – ON PAUSE INDEFINITELY**

**AS OF NOW, WE WILL RELY ON PSALM 34:8**

**“TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD;  
BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO TAKES REFUGE IN HIM”**