

The North Star



Newsletter of the North Ontario United Methodist Church

January



2022

God gave us his Spirit. And the Spirit doesn't make us weak and fearful. Instead, the Spirit gives us power and love. He helps us control ourselves.
~2 Timothy 1:7

Another New Year is upon us. Happy 2022.

Our lives are still inundated with Covid, illnesses, strife, continued violence in our neighborhoods, and general upheaval. Also, within our lives we find hope, joy, love, and peace.

This has been happening since the beginning of time. A paradox of lives lived in a fallen world.

A New Year brings to us a new perspective. May we choose to focus on the side of the coin which brings us affirmation and goodness instead of filth. In our lifetime, we will never be rid of the bad, but we will always be able to refocus on the goodness of God.

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln, who lived with deep depression, used his personal struggle to galvanize the spirit of a nation—to turn the source of his anguish into an invitation to do things differently? To set new priorities. We too can use this year to set new priorities by using our own struggles to refocus, not only ourselves, but those around us.

Although we may not be able to change our circumstances, we can change our attitude. Stand tall, like Abraham Lincoln, and maybe we can all change the spirit of the nation together. Giving our nation a spirit of hope instead of fear would be a great start. Join me in changing us, through the work of the Holy Spirit, so we can change the world.

May this year bring about goodness within us, through us, and around us. A goodness so deep-seated that others stand up and take notice, not of us but of God's work within us and within the church.

Blessings,

Pastor Linda

Happy New Year ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*

CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



FINANCE REPORT



Financial Data – The weekly average tithing for November was \$4035, very high compared to the plan. This is due to one large donation. We have \$69838 in the bank. The year-to-date income compared to the plan is \$15939 greater than the plan. This is due to the one donation, the bazaar which netted \$3418 and the Bake Food Sale which netted \$591. The year-to-date expenses compared to the plan are \$4171 worse than the plan.

Stewardship Sunday – We celebrated on Dec.19th! You still have time to return your pledge card.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ~Prayers for Russ Waeghe, having serious bladder issues.
- ~Prayers for Suzanne, Jenifer Calus' cousin, battling cancer.
- ~Continued prayers for Richard Adams
- ~Continued prayers for Christopher Buck and prayers for strength for Mary Lou
- ~Continued prayers for Bob Eaton
- ~Continued prayers for Les Gillespie
- ~Continued prayers for Shirley Kuhn
- ~Continued prayers for Julie Sondervan
- ~Continued prayers for Dave & Doreen Upham
- ~Continued prayers for Gerry Whitmire, at home. And for her family as they assist with her care.
- ~Prayers for our churches, Pastors, Bishop Mark Webb, DS Vonda Fossett
- ~Prayers for our world, communities, schools and all leaders

MINISTRY TEAMS & PARISH COUNCIL

MINISTRY TEAMS

*Questions should be addressed to the Ministry Team Leader.

- Ministry Teams:** *
1. Monday, 1/3/21
6:00p Education
Online Nurture/Outreach
 2. Tuesday, 1/4/21
4:00p Worship
 3. Tuesday, 1/11/21
5:00p Missions
6:00p Finance
6:30p Trustees



Parish Council: 6:30p Monday, 1/17/21

Dates to Remember

JANUARY HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

- January 1st** Happy New Year 2022!
- January 2nd** Epiphany Sunday
- January 9th** Baptism of the Lord
- January 16th** Human Relations Day Offering
- January 17th** Martin Luther King Birthday

Confirmation Class

SCHEDULE FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes held from 11:15am – 1:30pm
(Beginning with lunch)

The Christian Life

January 9, 2022 why? Prayer & Spiritual Practices
January 23, 2022 The Lord's Prayer

Church Calendar

February 13, 2022

Baptism/Commitment

February 27, 2022

Confirmation Sunday

March 13, 2022 10am Worship Service



SAFE HAVEN RESPITE PROGRAM

January 5th & 19th ~ 10a - 2p

(1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month)

We're so thankful to be able to serve our community!!



- 3 Scott, Jay
- 5 Makins, Jim
- 6 Bergen, Stephanie
- 6 Pickering, Elizabeth (Libby)
- 9 Duffy, Tommy
- 11 Denison, Richard
- 17 Douglas, Jacqueline
- 19 Foulke, Eric

Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS

UPDATE ON MASK MANDATE FROM THE NYS GOVERNOR

Unless a church enforces a strict vaccination requirement, all persons entering church buildings must wear an appropriately fitting mask covering to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, effective Dec. 13, 2021 through Jan. 15, 2022

There are reminder signs on entryway doors.

Thank you!



THANK YOU FROM LINDA KELSCH

As most of you know, my cancer is now in remission! I'm so thankful for pastoral support, prayer warriors, many who sent encouragement via greeting cards or text messages, "home deliveries", etc. My loving husband, Bob, played a large role in my recovery as well.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Ps 23

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR LINDA

Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Thank you for the wonderful gifts you have showered upon me and my family this Christmas Season!

THANK YOU FROM NURTURE-OUTREACH

Thank you to all that participated in Star Program bringing Christmas Joy to many local families! Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated



ADVENT 2021 – WRAP UP

The Education Team encourages you all to join them after church on **January 9th**, in VandeVate Hall, to view some of the finished coloring pages from our congregation.

Please submit your finished work for all to enjoy



WE'RE UPDATING OUR DIRECTORY!!

On the next page you'll see a form to be filled out.

We're asking that EVERYONE fill out this form and return it to Wendy, at the Church Office, **by January 20, 2022**

There will be some extra sheets in the Narthex or you're welcome to call the office or email the information to noumc1@yahoo.com

**ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR –
BENEFITING ONTARIO FOOD PANTRY**

The mission team has agreed to coordinate a restocking of the food pantry after the holidays. They are asking for your help.

We have included a list of food pantry items to purchase throughout Advent this year and **bring your goodies to church on January 9th for dedication.**

These will be taken to the Ontario Food Pantry after the dedication.

**ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR
EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.**

When completed, bring the box to church

- November 28 – canned corn
- November 29 - chicken noodle soup
- November 30 – box of cereal
- December 1 – box of tissues
- December 2 – peanut butter
- December 3 – stuffing mix
- December 4 – boxed potatoes
- December 5 – macaroni and cheese
- December 6 – canned fruit
- December 7 – canned tomatoes
- December 8 – canned tuna
- December 9 – dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 – roll of toilet paper
- December 12 – cranberry sauce
- December 13 – canned beans
- December 14 – package of rice
- December 15 – box of crackers
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 – package of pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19- roll of paper towels
- December 20 – tomato soup
- December 21- apple juice
- December 22 – canned mixed vegetables
- December 23 – canned carrots
- December 24 – canned fruit



WARM CLOTHING & BLANKET DRIVE

The Nurture-Outreach Team is conducting a **Warm Clothing and Blanket Drive from now through February 13, 2022 (Coats, Mittens, Gloves, Hats, Boots, Sweaters and Blankets)**

There will be receptacles in the Narthex to place your donations. Questions should be directed to Judy McMillan.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!!

2022 Information Update for NOUMC Church Directory

We're asking that EVERYONE fill out this form
and return it to Wendy at the Church Office.

We'd like to make sure that all of the information we have
is up to date and correct. Thanks!

NAME(S): _____

MEMBER(S): YES ____ NO ____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL 1: _____

EMAIL 2: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL # 1: _____

CELL # 2: _____

ANNIVERSARY: _____

FAMILY

BIRTHDAY(S): Name: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 2 Epiphany Sunday 10:00a Worship w/Communion 			 FREEZE SEASON			 1
9 Baptism of Our Lord 10:00a Worship Dedication of Food Advent Book Sharing 11:15a Confirmation Class	3 7p BS Committee Mtg - Classroom 7p Education Mtg - Choir Rm	4 4p Worship Team - VVH 7p GS Unit Mtg - VVH	5 10a-2p Safe Haven Respite - VVH 7p GS-#40038 - Class	6 7p Boy Scouts - VVH	7	8
16 10:00a Worship	10 4-9p GS - #40337 Cookie Mtg - VVH	11 Ministry Teams - VVH 5:00p Missions 6:00p Trustees 6:30p Finance	 12 6:30p Pines of Peace BOD Mtg - Choir Rm	13 9a Garden Club 7p Boy Scouts - VVH	14	 15
23 10:00a Worship 11:15a Confirmation Class	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 6:30p Parish Council NO SCHOOL	 18 10a-2p Safe Haven Respite - VVH 7p GS-#40038 Classroom	19 10a-2p Safe Haven Respite - VVH 7p GS-#40038 Classroom	 20 7p Boy Scouts - VVH	21	22
30 10:00a Worship	24 7p GS #40137 - VVH	25 7p GS #40137 - VVH	 26 6-9p Heritage Square Mtg - VVH	27 6:30p Boy Scouts - VVH	28	29
	31 10:00a Worship					



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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.**



[VIEWING WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE](#)

You may view through our Facebook page.

The option will remain that you can remain in cars and listen in parking lot, or view online

2022 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”**