

# The North Star



Newsletter of the North Ontario United Methodist Church



How did we get to July already? I am happily going along with everyday life and then I realize it is July with August right around the corner. Where does time go? I believe life happens as we navigate through our every day. It takes stopping to become aware of the extraordinary as we are in the midst of the ordinary.

This happened when, after 400 years of silence, God sent Jesus. The people were raised hearing the stories of Abraham, Moses, and the prophets but they still struggled and turned from God in their struggling. They were so caught up in their everyday lives they could not hear God speaking.

In this time, the Word of God broke through. With all the grumbling, most of the people missed the silence of Zachariah as he awaited the birth of his promised son, John. Most of the people missed the quiet visit from Gabriel as he told Mary about God finding favor with her. Most of the people missed Joseph and a very pregnant Mary as they made their way to the stable along the quiet of the streets of Bethlehem. Very few people saw the choir of angels proclaiming the arrival of God's Son to the shepherds. The people went about their daily lives as Jesus grew, as Jesus ministered, as Jesus died and most of them missed the trembling of the tomb at Jesus' resurrection. What are we missing as we navigate the ordinary of our lives or as we grumble about life in general? What are we missing?

For some of us summer is usually a slower paced life. Therefore, take some time to set aside the ordinary this summer and be present to the extraordinary that God is doing while we grumble and while we live our everyday life.

Blessings,

*Pastor Linda*



# CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS

## FINANCE UPDATE

**Financial Data** – The weekly average tithing for May was \$2280. We have \$11,915 in the General Operating Fund. May's expenditures for the General Fun were \$10,933

The finance team has decided to share the financial data in a clearer format. Presently these updates are for only our operating budget with our monthly expenditure totals listed. In the past all funds were revealed which did not reflect the true financial needs within our church. As you can see, we have a shortfall in our monthly giving from our monthly expenditures. Our financial health is in our own hands as we navigate the monthly financial needs of our church. Please be in prayerful discernment as to how you can help us meet our future needs.

We have removed information on funds that are for designated purposes, such as the building fund. The monies in the building fund are designated to cover some building upkeep which will be happening this summer.

Any questions may be directed to Richard Denison, Financial Chair; Lee Stramonine, Church Treasure; or Pastor Linda.

## MISSION TEAM REPORT

**Mission Trips** – Mission Central – We decided on Aug.8-12th. Confirmed our stay at the Presbyterian Treat Center. Still room to sign up. Talk with Bob or Mary Lou Buck.

**Respite** – We continue to have a good number of folks at each meeting and all seem to enjoy the fellowship.

**BBQ** – Our expenses were very high (almost 2X) and the profits were \$1027. We decided to place the money in the Mission Fund, so that \$410 will go to the Ukraine Fund and the some of the remainder will support the Mission Trip this Aug. We discussed possible changes for the Fall BBQ.

**Campfire** – We selected July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Hot dogs, watermelon, chips, water and lemonade are on the menu. The leftover hot dogs and rolls from last Sunday's picnic will be frozen and used at this picnic. The s'mores makings will be in ziplock bags.

**Safe Sanctuary Training** – All Respite volunteers should be taking this training. Pastor will make us aware of the next course.



## EDUCATION TEAM UPDATE & SUMMER STUDY



This summer, the Education Team has chosen a study similar to last summer's Old Testament Study but this year we are focusing on the books of the New Testament. You can pick your packet up at church on Sundays or contact the church office at (315)524-9509 or Wanda Klem (585)330-7907, and we will see that you get a copy. Let's all join together in learning more about God's Word.

Pastor's summer messages will be highlighting the New Testament and this study will compliment her focus.

## IMPORTANT TRUSTEES UPDATE



Here is an update from the Trustees regarding current project activities occurring at our church, The first being a large overdue project that involves masonry repointing of the structure itself. This has been on the plate for a long time and is finally coming to fruition in the month of June taking approximately 3 weeks to complete. We have also ordered new windows for the offices of the secretary and Pastor which have been needed for some time now, they will be installed in the July/August timeframe due to the long supply chain lead times we have all been faced with. We are in the process of getting assessments and quotes for the 4 pole lights which have been failing that start at the East side of the addition and continue around the parking lot and along the North side of the sanctuary.

There are a host of other things that have been done like new thermostats, new ADA compliant toilets, shed siding and roof, gazebo floor painting, etc.

As you can see, much has been done and still needs to be done. These projects have been paid for by the appropriate funds as designated by the financial rules of our church organization. The funds for day to day, week to week financial needs are a different story so anyone who would like to support our church's operating budget in a monetary way would be greatly appreciated. These are struggling times for all of us and the story is no different for our church, search your heart and do what you can.



## SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Please note that Summer Service Schedule begins

**Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9am**



## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ~ Richard Adams
- ~ Arlena Bergen
- ~ Christopher Buck and Mary Lou
- ~ Barb Canan
- ~ Carlyle Darron, Jackie Hansen's father
- ~ Tom DeCory, friend of Sangers
- ~ Mary Earlandt
- ~ Bob Eaton
- ~ Les Gillespie
- ~ Kirk Graham
- ~ Suzanne Gresens, Missie Bergen's niece, battling cancer
- ~ Rich Hoven

- ~ Diane Howell
- ~ Shirley Kuhn
- ~ Jim Makins
- ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
- ~ Ken Myers, friend of Denison's
- ~ Angela Otway, niece of Ken & Dawn Thomas, battling cancer
- ~ Helen Schultz, Jackie Hansen's aunt
- ~ Bev Rhodes, Katie Scott's mom
- ~ Sheila, sister of Mel Hussey
- ~ Gail Smith
- ~ Julie Sondervan
- ~ Jane Wage





## JULY

- 2 Gillespie, Carol
- 5 Miller, Robert
- 5 EATON, GARY & VIRGINIA
- 6 Killion, Caleb
- 6 Killion, Lucas
- 8 Hussey, Melvin
- 8 Jones, Paul
- 9 Haywood, Marge
- 12 FOULKE, ERIC & ANNE
- 13 HASTINGS, DOUGLAS & FRAN
- 18 Pickering, Gretchen
- 21 Graham, Kay
- 22 STRAMONINE, JOSEPH & LEORA
- 23 Mertz, Anne
- 24 Deichmiller, Michael (Thomas)
- 27 JONES, PAUL & DEANA
- 29 Buck, Mary Lou

Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case  
ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS

## AUGUST

- 4 Eaton, Tucker
- 5 Ryan, Carly
- 5 Thomas, Ken
- 6 Chelini, Matthew
- 6 Killion, Kristen (Hastings)
- 7 EATON, ANNETTE & JEREMY
- 9 DUFFY, BRYAN & SHARON
- 11 Rounds, Laretta
- 12 Sanger, Daniel
- 14 Hancock, Tammi
- 16 Foulke, Merryn
- 16 Ryan, Nathan
- 18 Miller, Shirley
- 18 LUDINGTON, HENRY & DONNA
- 19 Coomber, Jeff
- 19 Fisher, Norma
- 21 Canan, Barbara
- 21 Ryan, Nathan
- 23 Klem, Wanda
- 25 Deichmiller, Ryan (Thomas)
- 25 Waeghe, Russell
- 25 SMITH, LAWRENCE & SUE
- 26 Wulfert, Andy
- 27 STRAUB, DOUG & DAWN
- 27 Eaton, Laney
- 29 Foulke, Anne
- 31 Hancock, Steven

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### SUMMER HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

- July 3<sup>rd</sup>** First Outdoor Service of Summer
- July 4<sup>th</sup>** Independence Day
- July 28<sup>th</sup>** Church Campfire & Cookout
- August 14<sup>th</sup>** Combined Worship & Picnic w/UCC Ontario – at NOUMC

### SUMMER MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

**Mission Trip** to Mission Central in Pennsylvania for ages 14 to 99 will take place **August 8 – 12**.

We will stay at a Retreat Center. Jobs will be determined by your abilities. Some jobs can be done while seated. Most meals, lodging and transportation will be paid by the Mission Team. Carpools can be arranged.



Any questions may be directed to:  
 Bob Buck at 315-573-7314 or  
 Mary Lou Buck at 315-524-8953.



### A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM PASTOR LINDA!

I cannot thank all of you enough for the wonderful pre-ordination celebration.

I thank you for the gifts, prayers, support, and especially for the flash mob at the end of our service. I am so blessed to be here in ministry with all of you.

Thank you for your continued support,  
 Pastor Linda



### ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPFIRE

**Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**

The campfire will be lit at 6pm, and the hot dogs will be roasting and s'mores ready to be made. Join us for dinner - hot dogs, chips and watermelon - and relaxing fun around the fire.

If you prefer something besides hot dogs, bring it along and we will put it on the grill if possible.

Please Sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board or let Bob Buck or Wanda Klem know if you will be joining us.

Bring your lawn chair & bug spray!!

### BISHOPS ADDRESS TO THE LAITY

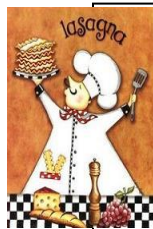
Bishop Mark Webb recently addressed the laity of the church concerning some potential changes coming to the United Methodist Church which will affect all churches. This address can be viewed on the Conference website at [unyumc.org](http://unyumc.org).

Watch for announcements in future bulletins, as we will have a meeting in September.

Your attendance will be appreciated.

Bring any questions you may have during this time or speak with Pastor Linda





**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, September 17, 2022, 4:30-6:30pm**  
 our church will host our **Lasagna Dinner**  
 The menu is: Lasagna, Salad, Bread and Dessert.  
 Tickets are a \$10 donation/each, at the door  
 or can be reserved.

**This will be a take-out only event.**

**We need your help in many ways to make this dinner a success.**

We will have sign-up sheets for kitchen help, lasagna makers and cookie bakers. We will also need help with prep work and clean up.

See the bulletin board to sign up and enjoy a fun night of work, community and fellowship!

If you have any questions, please contact Judy McMillian or Dawn Thomas

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**COMBINED SUMMER WORSHIP & PICNIC SUNDAY WITH UCC ONTARIO**

Mark Your Calendars & Please Join Us!!

**Combined worship & picnic on, Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10am At NOUMC Parking Lot**

**NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR THIS WEEK ONLY!!**

Drinks & Utensils will be provided. Bring a Dish to Pass & your lawn chair



**SUMMER FLOWERS FOR SALE**  
**Nurture-Outreach will be selling flowers at Sunday Worship throughout the Summer**

The bouquets are \$5/each and proceeds go to funding our programs.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 2022**

**Nurture Outreach is collecting for our project throughout the Summer – A receptacle will be available for your donations**

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,



**2022 HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR**

We are planning to have our "Home for the Holidays Bazaar" this year. The dates are **Friday, October 28th and Saturday, October 29th.**

The "Next to New/New to You" sale, bake sale, crafts and the luncheon will all be a part of the bazaar. Because we may be forced to cancel last minute, if COVID numbers spike, 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.



**MINISTRY TEAMS & PARISH COUNCIL**

No meeting during summer months. Meetings will resume in September.

**Bible Quiz**

In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

A. The Parable of the Lost Sheep  
 B. The Parable of the Lost Son  
 C. The Parable of the Lost Pearl  
 D. The Parable of the Lost Coin

**THE Parables of Jesus**

Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)



July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
10a – 5p

### UPCOMING HERITAGE SQUARE EVENTS

**The Red Coats are Coming** - \$5/pp, children under 12 free  
Revolutionary War Encampment with demonstrations  
Explore the risks taken by our Founding Fathers  
See website & Facebook for more information

August 13<sup>th</sup>  
1:30p-4p

**The Quilt Lady** (Cathleen Wiggs) **"Women of the Civil War"**  
\$10/pp, for reservations call: 585-738-9476

Buildings will be open for self-guided tours and home arts demonstrations

August 20<sup>th</sup>  
1pm

**Victoria Tea** – Fundraiser for Pines of Peace [www.pinesofpeace.org](http://www.pinesofpeace.org)  
Call 315-524-2388 for tickets or visit website



### TAI CHI CLASSES

Wendy Fambro from Life Span will be conducting Tai Chi classes focusing on moves that improve balance.

Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays  
July 13<sup>th</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 10:15a to 11:00a  
in VandeVate Hall at NOUMC.

This program is free of charge and open to the public.

Watch for detailed flyers coming soon.

### FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Please remember to bring your non-perishable contributions, as we are continuing to support the Ontario Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry bin to be available at the outdoor services.

Summertime can be very difficult for families – your donations are very much appreciated!



### SAFE HAVEN RESPITE PROGRAM

**Safe Haven Respite will continue on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month through the summer.**

At our next gathering on July 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be having summer cookout for participants and their caregivers.

There are currently 10 registered participants in the program. We all leave smiling after each of our gatherings.

Contact Wanda Klem or another of the volunteers if you are aware of someone who may benefit from our program or if you might be interested in volunteering.



### EVENTS & FUNDRAISING FOR PINES OF PEACE

Pines of Peace has a booth at **L.W. Emporium Co-Op**  
6355 Knickerbocker Rd, Ontario, NY 14519 Booth #109

- There are a variety of items donated by local people
- Reasonable Prices
- ALL proceeds go to the Pines of Peace

**Please consider coming in for a visit and support The Pine of Peace!**

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**Victorian Tea  
At Heritage Square Museum**

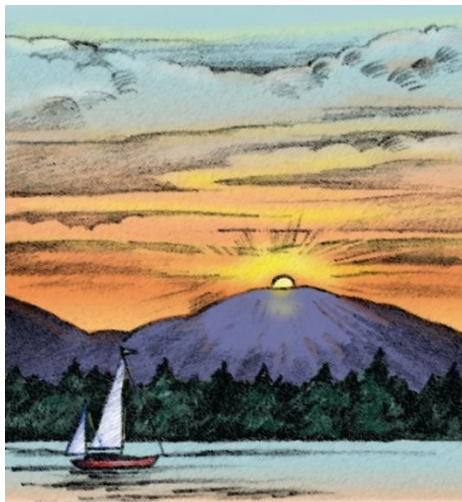
Saturday, August 20, 2022

1p-4p

Tea, Light refreshments, silent auction & entertainment  
Adults \$20, Children 12 & under \$10

For more information and to purchase tickets, go online to [pinesofpeace.org](http://pinesofpeace.org) or call 315-524-2388

**\*\*All proceeds will go to Pines of Peace\*\***



*"The LORD make his face shine upon you ... and give you peace."*

*Numbers 6:25-26, NIV*




### FAMILY PROMISE

~ Family Promise will be holding a chicken BBQ in the parking lot of Breen's in Williamson on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$12 and can be ordered by contacting Family Promise at 3 Holley Street in Lyons - (315)665-0037.

~ If you wish to contribute, you can do so on the FP website [familypromiseofwaynecounty@gmail.com](mailto:familypromiseofwaynecounty@gmail.com) or mail your donation to Family Promise of Wayne County, 3 Holley Street, Lyons, NY 14489



# JULY 2022

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                    | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                                                               | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                    | THURSDAY                                                                            | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                                                                      |
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| <p><b>3</b> 9a Outdoor Worship</p>     |        |                                                                                       |                                            |                                                                                     | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>                                                                                      |
| <p><b>4</b> 9a Outdoor Worship</p>     |        |                                                                                       | <p><b>6</b> 10a Safe Haven Respite<br/>VandeVate Hall</p>                                                                    |                                                                                     | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b> 10a-5p Heritage Square<br>Revolutionary War<br>Encampment                            |
| <p><b>11</b> 10a Outdoor Worship</p> <p>10a-5p Heritage Square<br/>Revolutionary War<br/>Encampment</p>                   |        |                                                                                       | <p><b>13</b> Pastor Linda Out of Town</p>  |                                                                                     | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> 9a-3p VandeVate Hall<br>Blocked for Shower                                          |
| <p><b>18</b> 9a Outdoor Worship</p>  |        |                                                                                       | <p><b>20</b> 10a Safe Haven Respite<br/>VandeVate Hall</p>                                                                   |                                                                                     | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>  |
| <p><b>25</b> 9a Outdoor Worship</p> <p>31 9a Outdoor Worship<br/>Mary Lou Buck, Pulpit</p>                                |        |  |                                                                                                                              | <p><b>28</b> 6pm Annual Church<br/>Campfire &amp; Cookout<br/>Back Lot at NOUMC</p> | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>                                                                                     |

# AUGUST 2022

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                   | MONDAY                                                                                   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                             | THURSDAY                  | FRIDAY                                                                                 | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                              |
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|                                                                                                                                          | 1<br> | 2       | 3<br>10a Safe Haven Respite<br>VandeVate Hall                                                                                         | 4                         | 5<br> | 6                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7 9a Outdoor Worship                                                                                                                     | 8                                                                                        | 9       | 10<br>                                              | 11                        | 12                                                                                     | 13                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14 10a Outdoor Worship<br>& Picnic w/UCC Ontario<br> | 15                                                                                       | 16      | 17<br>10a Safe Haven Respite<br>VandeVate Hall<br> | 18                        | 19                                                                                     | 20<br>1p-4p Victorian Tea for<br>Peace at<br>Heritage Sq Museum<br> |
| 21 9a Outdoor Worship                                                                                                                    | 22                                                                                       | 23      | 24                                                                                                                                    | 25<br>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 26                                                                                     | 27                                                                                                                                                    |
| 28 9a Outdoor Worship<br>                           | 29                                                                                       | 30      | 31<br>                                            |                           |                                                                                        |                                                                    |



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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”**