

The North Star



Newsletter of the North Ontario United Methodist Church



Maybe it was all the years spent in school or regulated to the school calendar, but I have always felt as though September was a start of something new. As we approach this new month, we can grumble about leaving summer behind us or like me, become overwhelmed with glee about the possibilities before us. I wonder if this feeling is even close to the way God must have felt as he first surveyed Creation and called it 'very good?' All of Creation was pristine and God saw the realm of possibilities was endless for Creation.

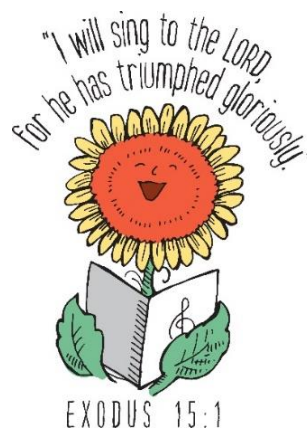
We may not be pristine as we enter into September but we worship a God who still looks upon Creation, individuals, and churches and sees endless possibilities. What is your greatest prayer for yourself and for your church? God uses us as agents of change and can bring those prayers to reality. Don't sigh and regret what is behind us. Instead, look toward our future knowing God is already there working out our possibilities.

There is a beautiful hymn entitled This Is a Day of New Beginnings, written by Brain Wren which begins with these words: "This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone" with stanza 4 reminding us "Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new."

Let us step into a new beginning with God. Become overwhelmed with glee over the possibilities. Start something new in your life to get closer to God such as daily Bible reading, daily prayer time, or daily meditation time. Start something and watch what God will do with it. The possibilities are endless with God for us as individuals and for us as a church. September is a start of something new. Let us see what God will do

Blessings,

Pastor Linda





CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



WELCOME INDOORS - WORSHIP SERVICE

Please note that Regular Service Schedule begins in the sanctuary on

Sunday, September 11th @ 10am

With Rev. David Underwood, Dist. Superintendent

AFTER WORSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH & CONVERSATION

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.

We will have a meeting with Rev. David Underwood, District Superintendent Associate, on September 11th immediately following service, in VandeVate Hall. Your attendance will be appreciated.

~ Before the meeting we will enjoy a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to pass. ~

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



MISSION TEAM REPORT

Mission Trips – August Trip to Mission Central. It was a joy to go on the trip to Mission Central. The performance of David at the Sight and Sound Theater was outstanding.

Besides that, the team verified 358 flood buckets, loaded furniture, flattened hundreds of boxes to be recycled, verified care kits and made cards to go in them. We also enjoyed meeting other volunteers. Everyone in our group worked well together, laughed together and led inspirational devotions. It was a wonderful way to serve others. Everyone is looking forward to next year's trip.

BBQ – We will be hosting our next Chicken BBQ on September 30th

FINANCE UPDATE

The weekly average tithing for July was \$2728.

We only have \$8654 in the General Operating Fund. Our year-to-date income compared to the plan is \$10263 less than the plan.

Our year-to-date expenses compared to the plan is \$10503 also less than the plan.

Please take a moment to review the charts posted on the bulletin board opposite the offices.



EDUCATION TEAM UPDATE

We hope that everyone learned a little more about the New Testament and God's words for us over the summer. We are grateful to Pastor for enhancing our New Testament experience each week in her sermons.

Contact the church office if you would like a copy but won't be in church to receive one. We'll get it to you!

* In mid-September, the team will distribute the devotional study we have chosen for the Fall. For adults, "Devotions for the Fall" includes 40 devotions, activities and recipes to help us draw close to God this Fall season. Young people and their families will receive the book - Indescribable - by Louie Giglio. Through this collection of devotions, they will be able to discover scientific truths found in God's word.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR & NEXT TO NEW SALE

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Bazaar & Sale **October 28th & 29th**

See more details on Page 4.

Please direct questions to Darlene Canan. See you there!



FALL BIBLE STUDY

The Fall Bible Study will be on:

Unshakable Hope: Building our lives on the promises of God

Beginning September 15th @ 10am in VandeVate Hall

Building our hope through the Promises of God.

Although not needed, if you would like to order a study guide, please sign up in the office or let Pastor Linda know.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 2022

Nurture Outreach collected items for the OCC project throughout the Summer. Thank you for your generous donations!

The Nurture Outreach team will be assembling the boxes in the coming weeks, and we look forward to updating you with the total number of boxes we are donating this year.

MINISTRY TEAMS & PARISH COUNCIL

MINISTRY TEAMS

*Questions should be addressed to the Ministry Team Leader.

- Ministry Teams:**
1. Monday, 9/12/22
6:30p Education – Choir Rm
 2. Tuesday, 9/6/22
4:00p Worship – Choir Rm
6:45p Nurture/Outreach-Class Rm
 3. Tuesday, 9/13/22
5:00p Missions
6:00p Finance
6:30p Trustees

Parish Council: 6:30p Monday, 9/19/22



Nurture-Outreach will sell flowers at Sunday Worship until frost. The bouquets are \$5/each and proceeds go to funding our programs, including postage for Operation Christmas Child.



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

- ~ Richard Adams
- ~ Doris DeBoard, Pastor Linda's mom
- ~ Tom DeCory, friend of Sangers
- ~ Bob Eaton
- ~ Les Gillespie
- ~ Kirk Graham
- ~ Suzanne Gresens, Missie Bergen's niece, battling cancer
- ~ Rich Hoven, Tammi Hancock's step-dad

- ~ Diane Howell
- ~ Shirley Kuhn
- ~ Jim Makins
- ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
- ~ Ken Myers, friend of Denison's fighting cancer
- ~ Bev Rhodes, Katie Scott's mom
- ~ Gail Smith
- ~ Julie Sondervan
- ~ Jane Wage



SEPTEMBER

- 2 Powers, Lori
- 2 Tunley, Devon
- 5 PICKERING, FRED & STACY
- 6 Eaton, Jeremy
- 7 Stratton, Sara
- 9 KELSCH, BOB & LINDA
- 14 Denison, Bonnie
- 14 HUSSEY, MELVIN & SANDRA
- 15 Scott, Katie
- 15 CALUS, RANDALL & JENIFER
- 17 Hastings, Fran
- 19 Coomber, Marilyn
- 20 Backus, Sue
- 22 Pickering, Stacy
- 25 Chamberlain, Kara
- 28 Smith, Lawrence



Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

- Sep 5th Labor Day
- Sep 6th First Day of School
- Sep 11th First Indoor Service
Grandparent's Day
Patriot Day
- Sep 22nd First Day of Autumn
- Sep 30th NOUMC Chicken BBQ



NOUMC CHICKEN BBQ

Mark your calendars!
Our next Chicken BBQ will be held on
Friday, September 30th ~ 4pm – sold out
Take out only!

There will be sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board for helping with this event.



CANCELLED NOUMC LASAGNA DINNER

A decision has been made to postpone the Lasagna Dinner to April 2023 -
Details to Follow



UPCOMING HERITAGE SQUARE EVENT

Sept 17th **National Museum Day Celebration/Car Show**
1:30p-4p @ **Heritage Square Museum**

Free passes available for self-guided tours and demonstrations at the Smithsonian National Museum Day 2022 website
(<https://smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-2022>)

Sept 24th **Welcome Fall @ Heritage Square Museum**
10a-4p **Craft and Vendor Show**
Fall Activities, Music, Food and More...

Respite

SAFE HAVEN RESPITE PROGRAM

Safe Haven Respite continued to meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month over the summer. We continue with 10 registered participants and great group of volunteers.

* On July 6th, we had a picnic lunch with hot dogs, rolls and condiments provided by a caregiver, and dishes to pass from all. It was a great time! We're hoping to have another cook out in September.

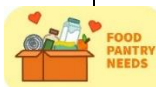
* Wanda Klem and Kathy King attended the July Walworth/Ontario Rotary meeting to share about our program. The Rotary made a generous donation to help with the cost of what we do – snacks, crafts, etc.

* The volunteers who staff Safe Haven Respite will be meeting at Klem's cottage on August 31st to celebrate completion of 3 years of Safe Haven Respite at NOUMC.

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 is available in Motley Hall.
Your donations are very much appreciated!



FAMILY PROMISE

- * A chicken BBQ held by Family Promise in July was a success!
- * Family Promise was recently awarded a Bullis Foundation Grant. This grant will match every dollar donated this fiscal year. This means any donation you make to Family Promise is doubled.
- * If you wish to contribute, you can do so on the FP website familypromiseofwaynecounty@gmail.com or mail your donation to Family Promise of Wayne County, 3 Holley Street, Lyons, NY 14489



Home for the Holidays Bazaar “Next to New” Sale

Mark your calendars and save the dates October 28th and October 29th for NOUMC’s “Next to New...New to You” Sale!! This sale will be the perfect time and place for you to find that special treasure! In order for this sale to be a success, we will need many kinds of items to sell, such as: small appliances, kitchen utensils, pots and pans, dishes and silverware, children’s toys and puzzles, holiday decorations, and anything else you have been wanting to get rid of, but didn’t know how or where to do so. Over the next couple of weeks please go through your basement, attic, garage, etc. and bring your items so they might become someone else’s treasure at the “Next to New...New to You” Sale.

Note: We will not be accepting books or clothing donations.

For those of you who wish to donate, please make note that we are asking that all items be **clean and priced** prior to being donated. Having items ready to be placed on the tables will cut down on the amount of set up time needed and is greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at church (signs will be posted for specific locations) between **October 16th – October 23rd**, during regular church office hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and after church service on Sundays. **Please note that we will not be accepting any donations after Sunday, October 23rd.**

As always, we are looking forward to our “Next to New...New to You” Sale, and hope you will participate through your donations, purchases and attendance.

Come one, come all to the Home for the Holidays Bazaar on Friday, October 28th and Saturday, October 29th.

Home for the Holidays

“The Brick Church” Bazaar
North Ontario United Methodist Church
7200 Ontario Center Road
Ontario, NY 14519
(315) 524 - 9509

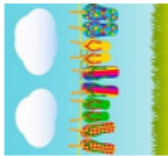








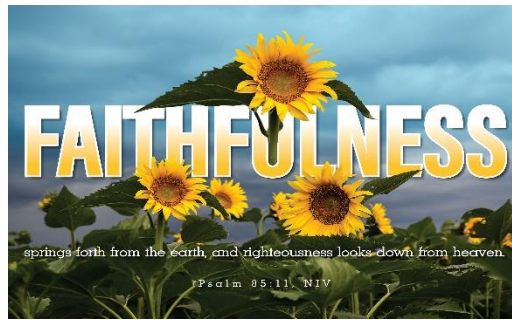
Friday, October 28th - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 29th - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Take Out Lunch only - available on
Friday & Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Crafts, Baked Goods, & “Next to New” Items



SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 9a Outdoor Worship LAST Day Outdoors</p> 			<p>End of Outrigger</p> 	1	2	3
<p>5</p>  <p>LABOR DAY</p>	<p>6 1st Day of School</p>  <p>4p Worship Team-VW 6-45p Nurture/Outreach VW</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10a Safe Haven Respite</p> <p>Pastor Out of Office</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9a Garden Club - WH</p> <p>for District Meetings</p>	8	9	10
<p>11 10a INDOOR Worship Potluck Lunch & Meeting w/Rev. David Underwood-VW</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>6:30p Ed Team Mtg</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5p Missions Mtg - VW 6p Finance Mtg - VW 6:30p Trustees - VW 6p GS SU Mtg-Choir Rm</p>		15	16	17
<p>18 10a Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30p Parish Council Choir Room</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10a Safe Haven Respite</p> <p>6p Pines of Peace Board Mtg. - Choir Rm</p>	22	23	24
<p>25 10a Worship</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Wendy Out of Office</p>	29	30	
				<p>10a Bible Study - WH</p> <p>7p BS #127 - VW</p>	<p>4p - Sold Out NOUMC Take Out Chicken BBQ</p> 	



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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”**