

The North Star



Newsletter of the North Ontario United Methodist Church



NOVEMBER 2022

November is best known for Thanksgiving and Veterans Day, but it's packed with an abundance of special days of awareness and observances to celebrate. Two Christian holidays, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, fall within early November, and the Advent calendar begins at the end of the month to countdown until Christmas. Between these holidays, the Christian Calendar boasts Christ the King Sunday, which is the day to celebrate Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation.

Daylight savings time ends in November, though the date varies. There are also obscure holidays such as: National Authors Day, Cookie Monster Day, Deviled Egg Day, National Sandwich Day, National Cancer Awareness Day, Dunce Day, Sadie Hawkins Day, Buy Nothing Day (on Black Friday), and National Square Dance Day, just to name a few.

You would think with all this celebrating we can be doing our lives would be filled with great joy...and maybe it should be. My wish for you in November is your own day just to celebrate God's goodness in your life.

Set aside a day in November and call it whatever comes to mind. Then make this a day of grand celebration, invite friends and family and share the goodness God has poured into your life.

I encourage you to do this on a day other than Thanksgiving where people are expecting it. Take a day, invite a friend, and celebrate God together. Let us take our joy back!!!

Blessings,

Pastor Linda





CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS



Backpack – Pastor spoke with Nique at the school and she is thrilled that we are willing to sponsor and support Backpack Program. More details to follow.

Mission trips – Nov. 5th to the HUB. We will depart at 7:45 and leave the HUB at 3 and will bring lunches, COVID cards and masks.

Respite – We continue to have a good number of folks at each meeting and all seem to enjoy the fellowship. Last meeting, we had a guest speaker to talk about prisons of war in WWII.

BBQ – We cooked 200 chickens and sold 195. Profit was \$1961. Thanks to all who donated time and items. It was decided to donate a portion of the profits to charity.

Advent Calendar – This is something we have done in the past. It is a collection of food items that will be donated to the Food Pantry in January. We will be asking the congregation to join in this ministry. See calendar on Page 4.

FINANCE UPDATE

Financial Data –The weekly average tithing for Sept. was \$3314. This is high due to one check for a large amount. We have \$9348 in the Gen Operating Fund. We use \$10,000 for monthly expenses.

BBQ – We can call this BBQ a success as we sold 195 of the 200 chickens cooked. We profited \$1961. We will be donating a portion of this to charity.

Stewardship Sunday – We selected Nov. 20. Pastor will create the letter to be sent to all of the congregation and ask that the pledge cards be returned on Dec. 11.

TRUSTEES UPDATE

The Trustees have been quite busy getting work done to maintain the building and grounds. Here is a list of completed items:

- Lights in the Parking Lot repairs
- Brick work is completed
- Plaster work on front stairs is completed
- Sidewalk repaired
- Windows installed in the office.

We thank them for their continued efforts!

EDUCATION TEAM UPDATE

- The books, **Devotions for Fall**, were all distributed (60 of them). We have heard that they are being enjoyed. In Chapter 16, the Fall weather is compared to people who appear to be followers of Christ but when you get close are not -like a Fall day that looks beautiful until you step outside and are hit with cold air. They lesson tells us to always compare teachings to God's Word as the Bereans did in Acts 17:11 when they heard Paul teach because, they knew looks can be deceiving. Each day there is a gem to live by in this book.
- The Youth and Children are looking at some marvels of Science in God's creation in their devotional **Indescribable**. Did you know that the webs of the Nephilia orb-weaver spider are so strong that the people in the South Pacific use them as fishing nets? God can pack a lot of power and strength into tiny packages, and as 1 Corinthians 6:19 tells us, our bodies are a temple for the Holy Spirit. Oh, the power He has given us! (p.62)
- The Adult Advent study will be devotions based on the movie, "it's a Wonderful Life". We plan to kick off this study right after church the first Sunday in Advent – November 27th – with a lunch provided by the Education Team followed by a showing of "It's a Wonderful Life". Plan to join us!!

MINISTRY TEAMS & PARISH COUNCIL

MINISTRY TEAMS

*Questions should be addressed to the Ministry Team Leader.

- Ministry Teams:** *
1. Monday, 11/7/22
6:30p Education – Choir Rm
 2. Tuesday, 11/1/22
4:00p Worship – Choir Rm
4:00p Nurture/Outreach-Class Rm
 3. Tuesday, 11/8/22
5:00p Missions - VandeVate
6:00p Finance - VandeVate
6:30p Trustees – VandeVate

Parish Council: 6:30p Monday, 11/21/22 Choir Rm

Respite

SAFE HAVEN RESPITE PROGRAM

- The program continues to move along well. We had a speaker, Pat Smith, who shared her husband's experiences during WWII as a prisoner of war, made fall decorations and decorated pumpkin cookies along with our normal activities in October. We are planning some Thanksgiving and Christmas fun in the months to come.
- We have also welcomed two new volunteers. We are blessed!



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference will be held November 5th @ 1pm at Farmington UMC
If you have any questions, please direct them to Pastor Linda.



ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

We need your help baking for our **Election Day Bake Sale on November 8th.**
Baked goods will need to be at the church Monday evening November 7th

If you are able to help, please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the main entrance. Questions: see Barb Canan. Thank you



OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Please be aware that Wendy will out for surgery and the office will be closed 11/2 & 11/3
In the event of an emergency, please contact Darlene Canan, Nancy Haak, or Pastor Linda directly. Pastor Linda can be reached at 585-330-0618

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS



~ Richard Adams
 ~ Jim Agnello, and donor
 ~ 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
 ~ Mel Hussey
 ~ Jeff & Wanda Klem-Jeff's Surgery
 ~ Shirley Kuhn
 ~ Jim Makins and granddaughter,
 Felicia, as his caretaker

~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
 ~ Mary, friend of Dawn Thomas, in
 Hospice.
 ~ Tracy, McMillan's friend
 ~ Ken Myers, friend of Denison's
 ~ Bev Rhodes, Katie Scott's mom
 ~ Danny Schreiber, in hospice
 ~ Gail Smith
 ~ Larry & Sue
 ~ Julie Sondervan
 ~ Anita & Dave Sprague
 ~ Jane Wage
 ~ Russ Waeghe, surgery
 ~ Pat Bennigsohn, Nancy Haak's
 friend in hospice



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

5 Barber, Eileen
 5 Todd, Mary Gwen
 6 Goodenough, Michele
 8 Goodenough, Jerry
 8 Kelsch, Bob
 8 Thomas, Dawn
 8 HANSEN, ROGER & JACQUELINE
 11 Jones, Jesse
 14 Hussey, Sandra
 16 Straub, Dawn
 20 Eaton, Lorelai
 21 Chelini, Chris
 28 Burley, Brenda
 29 COOMBER, JEFF & MARILYN

Birthdays: Upper/Lower Case
ANNIVERSARIES: ALL CAPS



FAMILY PROMISE

- Family Promise currently in need of **paper towels, toilet paper and Kleenex**. Now it's easy to buy them and have them delivered to us free through Amazon. Simply go to <https://a.co/6eDSsyz> to view and order these and other items
- GARDEN OF GRATITUDE** - Below is a list of the native plants FP will be seeking for their Day Retreat Center Garden. But please don't bring any to them yet - they'll let us know once they've started digging!

Native Plants for DRC Garden

Native Sun Perennials:	Shrubs:
Agastache (Hyssop)	Arctostaphylos
Aquilegia (Columbine)	Aronia
Asclepias (Milkweed- swamp or butterfly)	Gaultheria
Monarda (Beebalm)	Viburnum (small varieties)
Echinacea (Coneflower)	Rhododendron
Penstemon (Beardtongue)	Azalea
Iris versicolor - not as susceptible to insects	Ilex verticillata
Helenium (Sneezeweed)	Vines:
Phlox - upright & ground cover	Lonicera sempervirens
Symphoricaricium (Aster)	
Eutrochium (Joe Pye Weed)	
Geranium maculatum	
Hibiscus moscheutos (not the invasive one)	

- Family Promise will be holding their Annual Holiday Auction again this year, offering Holiday centerpieces and other decor. They are in need of baskets, centerpieces and other creative holiday items. If you are able to donate to the auction, please contact Chelsea Manahan at: fpwc.publicrelations@gmail.com



NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

Nov 6th All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 11th Veterans Day – No School
Nov 12th Doris Faulks Celebration of Life
Nov 13th Veterans Day Recognition
Nov 20th NOUMC Stewardship Sunday
Nov 24th Thanksgiving
****No School Nov 23rd – Nov 25th****



STANDARD TIME BEGINS 11/6/22

Be sure to change your clocks **BACK** an hour
 When you go to bed on Saturday night...
 Or you'll be really early for service on Sunday!

2023 CALENDARS FOR SALE

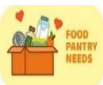
Get your 2023 God's Creations calendar now!

There are plenty of calendars left for purchase
 They are \$10 - the same price as last year!
 These calendars make great Christmas gifts and
 are easy and reasonable to ship anywhere in U.S.
 See Darlene Canan for purchases or questions



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Please remember to bring your non-perishable contributions in,
 to support the Ontario Food Pantry.
 Donations are delivered after the 1st Sunday each month.
The bin located in Motley Hall. Your donations are appreciated!



FALL CLEAN-UP

The Trustees need help with Fall Clean-up.
 A list is posted on the bulletin board of things that
 need to be taken care of before winter.
 We are asking people to sign up for their "favorite
 job" to complete on their own schedule.
 Contact Doug Hastings or Joe Stramone
 for details or questions

We will once again be supporting the Ontario Food Cupboard by asking everyone to fill a box with the items listed below on the Advent Giving Calendar. Please direct questions to Nancy Haak.

ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR

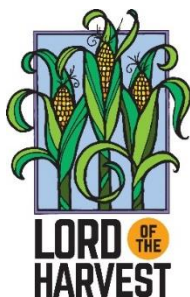
EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.

When completed, bring the box to church to donate to the Food Pantry

- November 27 – canned beans
- November 28 – ketchup
- November 29 – canned corn
- November 30 – chicken noodle soup
- December 1 – box of cereal
- December 2 – peanut butter
- December 3 – stuffing mix
- December 4 – instant potatoes
- December 5 – macaroni and cheese
- December 6 – canned fruit
- December 7 – canned tomatoes
- December 8 – canned tuna
- December 9 – prepared pudding
- December 10 – jar of applesauce
- December 11 – roll of toilet paper
- December 12 – Jello
- December 13 – Mayonnaise
- December 14 – package of rice
- December 15 – box of crackers
- December 16 – 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 – Powdered milk
- December 24 – box of tissues

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 10a Worship All Saints Sunday 	 7 6-8p GS #337-ClassRm 6:30p Ed. Team Mtg	1 All Saints Day 4p Worship - Choir Rm 4p Nurture Outreach  8 6a-9p Election Day Bake Sale 5:00p Finance 6:00p Trustees 6:30p Missions	2 10a Safe Haven Respite 3 10a Bible Study - VWH 7p Boy Scouts -VWH	4  10 9a Garden Club - VWH 10a Bible Study-Choir Rm 7p Boy Scouts -VWH	5 7:45a Mission Central Trip 1p UMC Charge Conf. Farmington UMC 12p-5p Troop #127 Eagle Scout Event-VWH 11 Veterans Day  No School	12 10:30a Doris Faulks Celebration of Life Reception to follow in Vandevate Hall 19 9a-2p Heritage Square Mtg -VWH
13 10a Worship Veterans Recognition Blessing of OCC Boxes Daylight Savings Ends	14 6-8p GS #337-VWH 6:30p Parish Council Choir Rm Newsletter Deadline	15 6-8p GS Svc Unit Mtg Class Rm 16 10a Safe Haven Respite 6:30p Pines of Peace BOD Mtg - Choir Rm	17 10a Bible Study-Choir Rm 7p Boy Scouts -VWH 23 Thanks Be to God! No School	18 10a Bible Study-Choir Rm 7p Boy Scouts -VWH 24 THANKSGIVING  No School	25 No School	26 
20 10a Worship Christ the King Sunday Stewardship Sunday New Member Recognition	21 6-8p GS #337-VWH 6:30p Parish Council Choir Rm Newsletter Deadline	22 	29 	27 10a Worship UMC Student Day Offering 	28	



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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”**