

The North Star



Newsletter of the North Ontario United Methodist Church



Just as I start getting used to writing 2022 on everything and now another new year is upon us. There ~~is one certainty~~ are two certainties in life, change and God. I admit I am not so good with change. I struggle with remembering to write the new year date. I struggle with changing the furniture in my living room or redecorating after the holiday season. I struggle with changing friendships (that's why I keep friends so long). Change is not my favorite thing in the world.

Maybe that is what I love so much about God. God never changes. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." That's exactly what I need in my life something that does not change.

Life in all its uncertainty is unreliable but Christ can always be relied upon since he is always consistent. The constant that can keep me from curling up in a ball as a rebellion to all the daily changes I face in life. We do not know what tomorrow holds but when we know the one who holds tomorrow, we can walk ahead without fear. Change will come but Christ is right there with it, the ever-present consistency within our lives.

Although Christ never changes maybe this year, I should focus on getting over my fear of change and start changing to be more reflective of a follower of Jesus Christ. In this upcoming year may I decrease that Christ will increase.

Blessings,

Pastor Linda



CHURCH EVENTS, NOTES & REMINDERS

EDUCATION TEAM UPDATE

- Team Meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday (1/9) @ 6:30pm, in January ONLY.
- February's meeting will return to the regular schedule on the 1st Monday of the month @ 6:30pm.

FINANCE UPDATE

- There was not a meeting in December. Updates to follow.
- How do we display the financial data? We will be displaying three charts on the bulletin board. Hopefully, they will make it easier to read and comprehend.



MISSION TEAM UPDATE

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

Advent Giving Calendar – Please bring in whatever Advent Calendar donations you are able to on January 8th. The food will be given to the food pantry, which has moved to the Presbyterian church. Questions can be directed to Wanda Klem & Pastor Linda.

TRUSTEES UPDATE

-There are some upcoming projects which an update will follow in February.

JANUARY MINISTRY TEAMS & PARISH COUNCIL

MINISTRY TEAMS

*Questions should be addressed to the Ministry Team Leader.

- Ministry Teams:** *
1. Monday, 1/9/23 (change for January only)
6:30p Education – Choir Rm
 2. Tuesdays, (TBD for January)
Worship – Choir Rm
Nurture/Outreach-Class Rm
 3. Tuesday, 1/10/23
5:00p Missions - VandeVate
6:00p Finance - VandeVate
6:30p Trustees – VandeVate
- Parish Council:** 6:30p Monday, 1/16/23 Choir Rm

NURTURE OUTREACH



- Our Lasagna Dinner is postponed until spring.
- We are having a Warm Clothing/Blanket Drive in January. See announcement on Page 3.
- This year's Christmas Star program was very successful. Thanks to all who were able to help LOCAL families enjoy the Christmas Spirit.

WORSHIP TEAM UPDATE

- January meeting will be on 2nd Tues (1/10) at 4pm - Jan ONLY.
- February's meeting will return to the regular schedule on the 1st Tuesday of the month @ 4pm.



LAY READERS, COMMUNION SERVERS & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

If anyone would be interested in occasionally serving as Lay Reader, Communion Server or leading the Sunday Children's Message, please email or call the office so we can add you to the schedule. The dates are January thru June 2023



'THE CHOSEN' BIBLE STUDY

There will be a new Bible Study starting on January 19, 2023!

Class will be held at 10am on Thursday mornings in VandeVate Hall
We will be watching 'The Chosen' episodes and discussing the appropriate Bible Verses.



WEATHER & EMERGENCY CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS

We will post cancellations on our Facebook Page and will keep our NOUMC website updated. However, for up to the minute cancellation notifications please check on

Radio Stations:

WHAM 1180, 98 PXY, 92.5 WBEE, 98.9 The Buzz and 96.5 WCMF or www.13wham.com

Television notifications will be limited to major businesses and schools.

Prayer Requests

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

- 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

Special Dates

JANUARY HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DATES

- Jan 1st Epiphany of our Lord
Happy New Year!
- Jan 8th Baptism of our Lord
Blessing of Advent Calendar Food
Donations for Ontario Food Bank
- Jan 16th Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday

**No School Jan 2nd & Jan 16th **



FOODBANK ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR DONATIONS

Please bring your donations next week, January 8th, for the Dedication of Food
 The food will then be delivered to the Ontario Food Pantry



IT'S TIME TO UPDATE 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 24, 2023**

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

- ~ Richard Adams
- ~ Jim Agnello, and donor family
- ~ Pat Bennigsohn, Nancy Haak's friend in hospice
- ~ Bill, Katie Scott's brother
- ~ Bob Eaton
- ~ Ron Foreman
- ~ Janice Foulke, Cancer Surgery
- ~ Frankie, Dawn Thomas' nephew
- ~ Les Gillespie
- ~ Kirk Graham
- ~ Suzanne Gresens, Missie Bergen's Niece, battling cancer
- ~ Mike Haight & Pastor Linda
- ~ Rich Hoven, Tammi Hancock's step-dad
- ~ Diane Howell
- ~ Mel Hussey
- ~ Linda Kelsch

- ~ Shirley Kuhn
- ~ Jim Makins and granddaughter, Felicia, as his caretaker
- ~ Michele Mascioletti
- ~ Ann, Martha McGlory's daughter
- ~ Arlene Michelsen
- ~ Mike, brother-in-law of Wanda Klem
- ~ Shirley Miller, health concerns
- ~ Ken Myers, friend of Denison's
- ~ Bev Rhodes, Katie Scott's mom
- ~ Gail Smith
- ~ Larry & Sue Smith
- ~ Julie Sondervan
- ~ Dawn Thomas
- ~ Ken Thomas
- ~ Jean Vanling
- ~ Jane Wage



WARM CLOTHING & BLANKET DRIVE

The Warm Clothing/Blanket Drive, sponsored by Nurture/Outreach Team will **begin on January 8, 2023.**

This will be for the month of January ONLY.
 (coats, mittens, hats, gloves, boots, sweaters & blankets)
 There will be receptacles in Narthex.
 ~ Thank you, kind church family,
 for generously helping us to help those in need! ~
 Questions, please contact Judy McMillan.



NEW ADDRESS FOR ARLENE MICHELSEN

Arlene Michelsen is having some health issue and has moved to where she can receive extra help. It would bring her great joy to hear from you!

Her new address is:
 Arlene Michelsen
 The Legacy Maiden Park
 749 Maiden Lane, Rm 140
 Rochester, NY 14615



SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM PASTOR LINDA

I am humbled by the generosity of everyone. Thank you for the gifts of all kinds, and I pray your Christmas was as wonderful as mine.

2023 Information Update for NOUMC Church Directory

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

If there are no changes, please return with that notation.
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 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Epiphany Sunday 10am Communion Celebration 	2	3 4-9p GS Svc Unit Cookie Mtg - VWH	4 10a-2p Safe Haven Respite - VWH	5 7p Boy Scouts-VWH	6	7
8 Baptism of Our Lord 10am Worship Dedication of Food for Advent Sharing 	9 6:30p Ed Team Mtg-CR 7p GS #337 - VWH	10 Ministry Teams 4p Worship Tm - CR 5:00p Missions - VWH 6:00p Trustees - VWH 6:30p Finance - VWH	11 	12 9a Garden Club 7p Boy Scouts-VWH	13 9a Heritage Square-VWH	14
15 10a Worship	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 6:30p Parish Council NO SCHOOL	17	18 10a-2p Safe Haven Respite - VWH 6:30p Pines of Peace Board Meeting - VWH	19 10a Bible Study - VWH The Chosen 7p Boy Scouts-VWH	20	21
22 10a Worship	23 7p GS #337 - VWH	24	25 	26 10a Bible Study - VWH The Chosen 7p Boy Scouts-VWH	27	28
29 10a Worship	30	31 				



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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