

Minister of Children Melissa Wilson teach children at VBS.



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## From the Pastor...

Part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration has been to look at a different core value of our church each month. In August we are focusing on “Discipling All Ages.” This past week I spoke on the importance of gathering each Sunday so we can learn God’s word and be encouraged.

Over the next few Sundays, we will celebrate different age group ministries. I will preach on the significance of each group, and we will use members of those ages to lead our worship. I hope you will join us as we celebrate these special folks.

August 10, 2025 – A History of Maturity – The Blessings of Seniors

August 17, 2025 – A History of Hope – The Joy of Children

August 24, 2025 – A History of Opportunity – Equipping the Next Generation

It’s been great to look back at our history, it reminds us of our great heritage. We also, however, need to look forward to what God has in store for our future. This is why part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will include visioning our future.

Our first visioning session will be September 14, 2025, right after church. We will enjoy a snack lunch in the Family Life Center Fellowship Hall and spend about an hour focusing on the good attributes we want to keep as we move forward.

Please make every effort to be part of this vital process. We need everyone’s thoughts as we move forward. You are not only important to our church; you are the church! I look forward to seeing you as we continue celebrating our past and moving into our future.

## Schedule

### Sunday, August 10

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

### Monday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, August 13

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Thursday, August 14

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

### Sunday, August 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Promotion Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

### Monday, August 18

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

### Wednesday, August 20

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,

Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, August 21

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet



## Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister  
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship  
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth  
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director  
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions  
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## Spiritual Statistics

	7/13	7/20
In Person . . . . .	163	166
Live Stream . . . . .	16	18
Sunday School . . . . .	82	84

## Financial Statistics

	July	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	62,687.00	811,013.00
Budget Receipts	62,121.00	798,089.00
Goals Not Met	(566.00)	(12,924.00)



# True North Vacation Bible School

## July 28 - August 1





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## Announcements

### Deacon Ministry Team Nominations

We will take nominations for the Deacon Ministry Team August 17 - 31. You may make a nomination by placing it in the offering plate or calling the church office. Deacon Orientation will be September 28 and we will vote by ballot on October 19.

### Congregational Visioning Session Sunday, September 14, 2025

We've spent a lot of time during our Sesquicentennial Celebration focusing on our past and present ministries. It is now time to look forward as well! Please plan to be present Sunday, September 14, 2025, for the first of four congregational visioning sessions.

After worship, we will have a quick lunch followed by a time of exploring our core values. Michael Cheuk, a consultant with the Center for Congregational Health, will lead our time together. We need your input, so please make plans to attend.

### Promotion Sunday, August 17

On Sunday, August 17 the children will move to the new Sunday School classes. First graders will receive a Bible during the worship service.

### Back-to-School Supply Drive

We're collecting school supplies for local students in need. Your donations will go directly to our partner schools and help set kids up for success this school year.

### Sheet Set Collection

In partnership with Fifth Street's newly reopened wing, we're also collecting twin, twin XL, and queen sheet sets—new or gently used. A cozy bed brings a sense of stability to children facing housing insecurity, and your donation can make a real difference.

**Save the Date**

**150 Anniversary**  
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**November 16, 2025**

Please join us for a special worship service and celebration luncheon.

Our big 150th Anniversary celebration is getting close! Please share our celebration with anyone that would like to celebrate with us. Our guest speaker will be Tony McDade. We look forward to seeing you there!