



Newaygo United Methodist Church News

We are a caring and supportive community where all are welcome. We are God's Dreamseekers who seek to make disciples in ways that show love, respect and service to our community.

Leaves and Such

This is one of the most beautiful times of the year. Now as the trees begin to turn and leaves begin to fall we are reminded that it will soon be time for the world around us to take a rest from the energy of living. Trees and some animals go into a kind of hibernation getting much needed rest and restoration. We often crawl into a hibernation of sorts, holing up in our houses, braving the cold winter only when we have to. Even when we appreciate good outdoor winter activities, it's most often followed by that period of rest and cozying up in the warmth of shelter. Our souls need a time of rest as well. We can do our "activities" in doing God's work, but unless we take time to refresh our souls by communing with God, that work can become rote or worse yet a "chore" that we don't look forward to because we are burnt out.

Fall is a great time to spend a few moments looking around us and drinking in the beauty of the wonder unfolding. It's a great time to listen to the rustle of leaves on the ground as we walk through the woods, or down the sidewalk. It's a great time for noting how blue the sky is against the white clouds on a sunny brisk day, or how brightly the stars shine on a cool crisp night. It's a great time for a bonfire, watching the dance of flames brightening the dark around us. We can ponder the majesty of God's good creation and find symbols of the way God gives us light in the darkness through Jesus. God is always ready for our communion with Him. And one of the ways He gets us to respond is through the beauty of the seasons. But we must take that time to see and hear and smell and touch what is happening in creation's rest taking. Always nature's rest is in preparation for renewal of life, for rebirth in buds and seeds and young ones. What better symbol can there be for the promise God has given through Jesus. Might we think of death as a rest that ushers us into new life, a time when our bodies shut down so that they can spring forth in the spring of new life? Enjoy the season, behold the miracle of rest and await the miracle of new life as the long winter winds to its end.

Pastor Kathy



NOTICE!!!

Benefit Concert

(HOMELESS YOUTH & CHILDREN IN OUR AREA)

Sunday, October 14

At Congregational United Church of Christ

At 3:00pm

Free Will Offering to benefit the homeless youth and children in our area

Our own Choir will perform 3 songs and the concert will feature music from several churches and musicians in the area. Please plan to attend. There are many homeless in our area that can use the help your donation will provide.



Newaygo United Methodist Church Annual Conference

Sunday, November 18, 2012

@ NUMC @ 4:00pm

All have voice, church members may vote. Everyone's input is important so please plan to attend. This is where you will meet our new District Superintendent Bill Haggard and where you will vote on your leadership for the coming year and give direction to your church council as to what direction your church should be moving in the coming year.

Save the date: Friday, April 26, 2013

Spring Christian Music Event

@ Fremont High School – Brand new building!



Previous Concerts: Bid Daddy Weave, Sonicflood, 33miles, Barlow Girl, Sidewalk Prophets

<http://www.facebook.com/cureusonline>

Sponsored by: NCureus and Love INC

UMW Update

UMW met on Tuesday, October 9th and discussed which mission opportunities to give money to. We decided to sponsor one toy chest for Team Keegan, give money to the Emma Graham Scholarship Fund and do shoeboxes with Christmas gifts through Samaritans Purse. Please come to the November 13th meeting as we will be stuffing the shoe boxes with the presents and finishing up our short study on Halloween.

If you would like to buy items for the shoe boxes, some suggestions are:

- school supplies (crayons, markers, stamps and inkpad sets, solar calculators, coloring and picture books)
- toys (small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's, small etch-a-sketch, toys that light up or make noise, slinky, etc.),
- hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap in a plastic bad, comb, wash cloth, small shampoo's),
- other items such as t-shirts, socks, ball caps, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)



SAVE YOUR ADULT SIZE SHOE BOXES

We have several projects in the works and will need a lot of shoe boxes.



Christmas by Candle Light

Tuesday, December 11th

6:30pm



Small program including Christmas carols, music by Barry & Kathy Badge, Christmas story & poems. Everyone is invited to this wonderful night of fun and fellowship to kick off the Christmas Celebrations.

If you would like to decorate a table or are willing to provide a snack, please let Jen Larsen know ASAP.

UMW Meeting Dates

All women are welcome at any of the following meeting. Join us when you are able.

Mary Martha Circle – Tuesday, October 16, 2012 @ 9:30am at NUMC

Longcore Circle – November 7th @ 2:00pm watch bulletin for meeting place

UMW-Ladies Night Out – November 13, 2012 @ 6:30pm at NUMC

Prayer Shawls

Knitters and people who can crochet wanted – knit at home or join us at Vera’s House on Wednesday’s at 8:30am. Some yarn has been donated for our shawls. See Dolores Cook, Jackie Pederson or Millie Stine.

The prayer shawls are given to persons who are struggling with something in their life. They provide a bit of comfort to let them know someone cares and is praying for them.



Christian Education

October 14, 2012
Following Worship

At Rob & Kathy Pope’s Home
9149 S. Wisner Avenue
Newaygo, MI 49337

Bon fire, hot dogs, cider, doughnuts, apples and fun and fellowship! All Sunday School age children are invited. Please let us know if you are able to come so we plan enough food.

There will be no Sunday School for children on the 14th. We will be leaving right after worship to go out to Rob & Kathy Pope’s for the Hayride. Please see Patti Venneman or Deb Prins if you are in need of a ride. (Rain date will be October 28th)



2012 Mission Giving

Benevolence	\$ 855.00
Christian Education	\$ 84.75
Community House	\$ 100.00
Dresses for Africa	\$ 525.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 124.00
Haiti School Kits	\$ 264.00
Haiti School Kits- shipping	\$ 50.00
Hoovers	\$ 71.50
Human Relations	\$ 87.50
LOVE - food pantry	\$ 636.87
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 191.15
Peace with Justice	\$ 56.55
Native American Ministry	\$ 93.50
UMCOR- tornado relief	\$ 102.51
UMC Camps	\$ 89.78
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*“Give and it will be given to you. ... For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”
Luke 6:38*

Thanksgiving Meal

Mel Trotter

This month we will be collecting an offering for Mel Trotter Ministries so that they can provide Thanksgiving dinners for the homeless. Each meal costs \$1.92. Our goal is to raise \$175.00 to sponsor a table for 90 people. Please give generously to help those who are less fortunate.

*“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above.”
James 1:17a*



Mission Opportunities

Crop Walk

October 7th at 12:00pm walkers from local churches gathered at our church to lunch together on soup, bread and water. They walked to help stop hunger. Twenty five percent of the money raised will stay locally for the LOVE INC food pantry. That portion will be matched by Fremont Foundation. The rest of the monies will go to CROP to help fight hunger around the world. There were more than 25 people walking from our church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE WALKERS. EVERY PENNY HELPS



Future Mission Concerns

October 1 - Deadline for Coats for Kids
October 7 – CROP Walk
October 14 – LOVE INC Collection
October 28 – Noisy Offering for Mel Trotter Thanksgiving Meal

Love INC.

*Last month our congregation gave a total of \$95.90 to LOVE INC of that \$86.90 was cash which will be matched by the Fremont Foundation to allow Love INC to purchase double the amount of toiletries.
Thank you for your generosity and concern for others.*

October Anniversaries

10-5 Melven & Dawn Carr



Happy Anniversary

October Birthdays

10/2 Fern Glasspoole
10/3 Casey Webb
10/3 Laura Graham
10/4 Jon Graham
10/4 Gena Dietz
10/7 Violet Jenerou
10/11 Tim Prins
10/13 Kathleen Groff
10/20 Morgan Pope
10/22 Anne Henning
10/27 Travis Webb

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Worship Helpers for October

October 7

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet
Acolyte: Colby Brooks
Inside Ushers: Vern & Carolyn Boose
Outside Ushers: Barb Dietz & Ruth Merritt
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Deb Prins

October 14

Liturgist: Carline Knoll
Acolyte: Taylor Prins
Inside Ushers: Dolores Cook & Joan Faulkner
Outside Ushers: Steve & Liz Moore
Projector: Elijah Brooks
Sound: Ardis Tanis

October 21

Liturgist: Nancy Clark
Acolyte: Elijah Brooks
Inside Ushers: LeeAnne Hesse & Jane Fowler
Outside Ushers: Dianna Weaver & Patti Venneman
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Deb Prins

October 28

Liturgist: Susanne Geerdink
Acolyte: Elizabeth Brooks
Inside Ushers: Ruth Merritt & Carline Knoll
Outside Ushers: Al & Karen Winchel
Projector: Elijah Brooks
Sound: Deb Prins

SHHHHHH! Don't tell the Pastor

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Do something nice for your pastor!
Send a card! Tell her you appreciate
her or just give her a compliment on
Sunday morning.





Fourth Saturday Pancake Breakfast



October 27

Serving 8am-11am

All You Can Eat!

Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fruit & drink

Free Will Offering

Open to the public

Invite your friends & neighbors

If you can help cook or serve at the pancake breakfast please contact Jean Reynhout at 231-652-3110 or leave a message at the church office at 231-652-6581.

Church Staff

Pastor: Kathy Groff

Pastor Kathy is in the church office on Monday and Wednesday Mornings and other times by appointment.

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Community Events

Grant Wesleyan Church

Area Wide Senior Potluck and Concert

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

At noon

Bring your friends and a dish to share. Paula Davis-Stitt is a songwriter, keyboardist, vocalist and arranger. Her love for the Lord is clearly evident in the songs that she writes and as she sings. All seniors are welcome to join us.

Zellie's Opry House

230 E. Edgerton, Howard City MI 49329

Presents: Southern Gospel Music – starring

Ohio's New Outlook

Saturday, October 27, 2012

Doors open at 6:00pm

New Outlook in concert at 7:00pm

Tickets \$8.00



Kids Hope USA



DO YOU HAVE ONE HOUR A DAY, ONCE A WEEK?

Kids need people to look up to! Is God calling you to be a friend to a child today? Is God calling you to become a prayer partner for a child and their mentor? Please contact LeeAnn Hess if you are interested in becoming a Kids Hope Mentor or Prayer Partner.

Treasurers Report



Once again praise God you are a wonderful and faithful church. We are currently on track to pay 100% of our Ministry Shares. For a small congregation to have paid 100% for the last 8-10 years that is an accomplishment to be proud of.

Contributions through September 30, 2012 -	\$10,718.00
Expenses through September 30, 2012 –	\$ 9,267.00
Total Overage -	\$ 1,451.00

If you have any questions or would like to see a more detailed treasurer's report please call Deb Prins at 231-652-6581 or see the copy of the reports posted on bulletin board in the church office.

Newaygo Area Christmas Walk

Friday, November 30, 2012 6pm-9pm



Mark your calendars today! There will be lots of community activities. NUMC may have a chance to do our own thing this year as it doesn't look like there will be a photo contest held by the city this year. If you have any ideas of ways we can help the community celebrate the start of the Christmas season, please call the church office and let us know your ideas. We are still doing the Soup Supper. All ideas are welcome!

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

We are considering re-investing our building fund and other long term funds in the United Methodist “Michigan Area Loan Fund.” We are losing money due to inflation. As inflation rises, every dollar buys a smaller percentage of a good or service. The value of a dollar does not stay constant when there is inflation. When inflation goes up, there is a decline in the purchasing power. For example, if the inflation rate is 2% annually, then theoretically a \$1 purchase this year will cost \$1.02 in a year. After inflation, your dollar can't buy the same goods it could beforehand. In the past six years, inflation has ranged from a -.4% to 3.8%. Now if you compound yearly, the cost of inflation could hurt our investment. If we invested \$50,000 in 2007, in September, 2012, we should have earned \$6,943.49 just to cover inflation. However, we only earned about \$4,951 or a loss to inflation of \$1,992.50. If we had invested our money in the Methodist fund, we would have earned about \$10,870.71 a gain of about \$3,927.22 over inflation and \$5,919.72 over what we did earn. Please see the chart below.

	Rate of Inflation		Actual Return		Methodist Return	
		\$ 50,000		\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00
2007	2.8%	\$51,400.00	2.00%	\$51,000.00	3.50%	\$51,750.00
2008	3.8%	\$53,353.20	2.10%	\$52,071.00	3.50%	\$53,561.25
2009	-0.4%	\$53,139.79	3.50%	\$53,893.49	3.50%	\$55,435.89
2010	1.6%	\$53,990.02	0.80%	\$54,324.63	3.25%	\$57,237.56
2011	3.2%	\$55,717.70	0.75%	\$54,732.07	3.25%	\$59,097.78
2012	2.2%	\$56,943.49	0.40%	\$54,951.00	3.00%	\$60,870.71
Current loss due to inflation				\$(1,992.50)		
Potential gain over inflation					\$3,927.22	
Potential gain over current investment					\$5,919.72	

The committee is asking you to prayerfully look at and give us your opinion on how we should invest our funds to be good shepherds of the gifts that God has provided for this church. What are the plans for the church? What are the risks? Are the funds accessible? Any questions at all, please let us know. We will be voting at annual conference on a proposal to reinvest our gifts. Your thoughts are needed.

Thank you and God bless!

Joe Groff, Dorothy Bessemer and Kathy Pope



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Join us for worship on Sunday morning at 9:30 am with fellowship following.

Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am

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*Deadline for articles is 4:00PM on the 20th day
of each month in the church office.*

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God's Will**

**STRIVING
To Make
Disciples**

**SERVING
Our Community
With Love**