



# 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.*

## Springing Into Easter

I have been hearing the birds singing their spring songs since the middle of January. That one of the events I look forward to as the long, cold winter months come upon us. That first sign of spring in the middle of winter fills me with hope that the dormant earth will once again spring to life in its seemingly endless cycle of rebirth. It isn't long after that other signs of spring begin to happen, tree buds start to swell, crocuses start to peek out of the frozen ground, and temperatures start to do a gradual warming that encourages other things to start to grow. Birds begin to build nests and soon eggs become abundant. All of it is a sign of the newness of life that springs brings with it.

And tucked away in all the new rustle of life, we celebrate Easter. The celebration of Easter actually begins with Ash Wednesday, then the 40 days of Lent during which we go through a process of self-examination and exploring our need for God and all that God has done for us. We are in the process of preparing for a grand celebration during church that Easter morning. Sometimes it seems like the preparation for Christmas only not quite as exciting or looked forward to as Christmas Day. Decorations are limited. Maybe some decorate outside trees with colored eggs. Others may put banners up saying "He is Risen!" But the Easter season does not get the hoopla that the Christmas season brings. I wonder why that is. Perhaps it's a sadder pre-season, knowing what Jesus went through those days before his death. He found himself surrounded by opposition and doubters. His last week, except for his triumphal entry, harbors serious reflections with his disciples, talk of his impending death, a time of trial and beatings and mockery, and finally his excruciatingly painful death. We have three short days of mourning between Good Friday and Sunday morning. We certainly do not have occasion to celebrate in that time. Then Sunday morning comes and we burst out in song and joy and hallelujahs. And afterward we may join with family members or friends and have a great meal, take a nap, and then it's over. Easter gets much smaller press than Christmas.

And yet it symbolizes the greatest event in human history. Jesus' birth is indeed a great thing to celebrate, but Jesus' resurrection is even greater! That his death and resurrection took away sin's power over us is incredible, and even more incredible is that his resurrection took away death's power too. Because of what Jesus did, we have been given new life, not only in this life, but in the life to come. Death has no power to conquer! Death role has been not to end life but to introduce us to a new life of wholeness and relationship with God. It is not just any life we get, it's life everlasting, life with joy and peace and happiness, more than we can even imagine in these finite bodies of ours while we are here on earth. So why aren't we celebrating more. Why don't we have fireworks and great Easter parties, and shout, "Happy Easter!" from the rooftops? Why don't we have noisemakers and streamers and raise the roof with our shouts of joy on Easter morning. It's not a solemn event. It is the most joyous thing we can experience, ever. So this Easter I invite us to do just that. Let's worship in joy that morning and praise God with our hearts, our minds and our voices for what God has done! Happy Easter everyone!!!! (shouts with the sheer joy of it)

*Pastor Kathy*

# Newaygo United Methodist Church – United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a **community of women** whose purpose is:

- **To know God** and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.
- **To develop a creative supportive fellowship.**
- **To expand concepts of mission** through participation in the global ministries of the church.

## UMW Meeting Dates

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

**Longcore Circle** – We will meet on March 6, 2013 at 2pm at Dorothy Sibley’s home.

**UMW-Ladies Night Out** – March 12, 2013 @ 6:30pm at NUMC *We are studying “World Religions In 15 Minutes A Day” this book is very interesting because as questions come up about a certain religion we can skip to that part in the book and read about it and then go on to another section. We are talking about several different world religions at each meeting so join us when you can.*

**Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, March 19, 2013 @ 9:30am.

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## Prayer Shawls

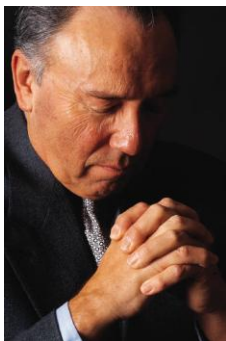
**Knitters and people who can crochet wanted** – knit at home or join us at Vera’s House on Wednesday’s at 8:30am. Some yarn has been donated for our shawls. See Dolores Cook, Jackie Pederson or Millie Stine.



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.

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## Please Remember these persons in your prayers.



**Arlene Beeler  
Nancy Ferguson  
June Wade  
Jean Bumstead  
William & Freda Corrigan  
Gordon & Enid Schuiteman**



ALL THROUGH THIS DAY

All through this day, O Lord, by the power of Thy quickening Spirit, let me touch the lives of others for good, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I speak, or the life I live. Amen

# Christian Education News

## Children's Choir

The children will be providing us with music on the third Sunday of each month through the Sunday School year. They do a variety of things that include singing, playing drums, playing bells, playing ukulele's and dance.

Parents, the children are usually asked to wear their red UMC shirts if they have them. If your child doesn't have one, we have many extra's in a box in the office or they can just wear a red shirt of their own.



The children will be playing music on the following dates:

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>



If you have any questions regarding these dates or the music the children will be playing please see Brenda Huckins-Bonter or Patti Venneman.

**Upcoming events:** Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday School overnigher); Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> (swimming in Fremont following worship); Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (all church picnic)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!

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**Christian Education meeting Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> following worship.**



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## Food Distribution to Families In Need

Newaygo County Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled at the following locations to distribute free food to individuals and families in need. Most food distributions take approximately one hour. Please do not arrive more than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled delivery time. Bring your won container to hold 50 lbs of food. You will check in upon arrival unless otherwise stated.

- Saturday, March 9, 9:30am, First Reformed Church, **Fremont**
- Wednesday, March 13, 5pm, Hesperia Community Ed, **Hesperia**, sponsored by local area churches
- Thursday, March 14, 3pm, Amazing Grace Acres Church, **Brohman**
- Saturday, March 16, 2pm, Baily Christian Church, **Baily**

**A complete list of food trucks is posted on the bulletin board at the church. Call the church office if you have any questions at 652-6581.**

## 2013 Mission Giving

Human Relations	\$ 78.00
LOVE - food pantry	132.45
One Great Hour	<u>74.25</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$284.70</b>

*“Give and it will be given to you. ... For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”*  
*Luke 6:38*

## Upcoming Mission Concerns

Mar.10 – Love Food Pantry  
Mar.24 - Habitat for Humanity

A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him, into the presence of the great



### Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity seeks to build decent homes for people in need. Qualified clients help to build the home and make monthly house payments to pay off the mortgage, which is interest free. Our local Habitat has just moved their office to the new ReSale Store located on M82 just south of

## March Anniversaries

3/2 Don & Jackie Pederson  
3/11 Gordon & Enid Schuitman

## Happy Anniversary



Fremont. The store accepts donations of building materials and some furniture which are then resold at very reasonable prices. The money goes to help finance new homes and maintain Habitat’s operations. Habitat is always looking for volunteers to help man the store and build houses. If you know someone who needs a hand up to achieve home ownership, or someone who wants to volunteer, have them call 924-0350.

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

## Kids Hope



Kids Hope is in need of funds to continue running the program. Next month instead of collecting for LOVE, we will collect for our local Kids Hope. Please save your change and give generously so this vital program can continue to help our children have a loving, caring relationship and learning environment.

## March Birthdays

3/3 Diane Boyd  
3/5 Elijah Brooks  
3/6 Olivia Jenerou  
3/7 Janet Fisher  
3/17 Jeanette Newfer  
3/18 Joyce Dreyer  
3/21 Bri Brooks  
3/22 Madison Berwald  
3/24 Erik Larsen  
3/26 Mitch Ryan  
3/27 Joan Faulkner  
3/27 Autumn Brooks



# Worship Helpers for March

## March 3

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet  
Acolyte: Taylor Prins  
Inside Ushers: Ruth Merritt & Dianna Weaver  
Outside Ushers: LeeAnn Hesse & Jane Bode Fowler  
Projector: Deb Prins  
Sound: Deb Prins

## March 10

Liturgist: Susanne Geerdink  
Acolyte: Gabriella Brooks  
Inside Ushers: Steve & Elizabeth Moore  
Outside Ushers: Vern & Carolyn Boose  
Projector: Elijah Brooks  
Sound: Need Volunteer

## March 17

Liturgist: Kay Pardonnet  
Acolyte: David Brooks  
Inside Ushers: Ann Henning & Jen Larsen  
Outside Ushers: Jean Reynhout & Millie Stine  
Projector: Taylor Prins  
Sound: Deb Prins

## March 24

Liturgist: Carline Knoll  
Acolyte: Colby Brooks  
Inside Ushers: Ron & Kay Pardonnet  
Outside Ushers: Joan Faulkner & Dolores Cook  
Projector: Elijah Brooks  
Sound: Deb Prins

## March 31

Liturgist: Joe Groff  
Acolyte: Elizabeth Brooks  
Inside Ushers: Ruth Merritt & Harriet Kiper  
Outside Ushers: Patti Venneman & Carline Knoll  
Projector: Taylor Prins  
Sound: Deb Prins

*If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please find someone to fill in for you or call the church office as soon as possible.*

## IT IS CAMPING TIME!

2013 Christian Camping information is here. There are camps available for persons of all ages from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to senior citizens and family camps too.

Scholarships are available from the conference and from the church if you are interested please call the office soon as scholarships go quickly.

For more information regarding what camps are available, please contact Deb Prins at 652-6581.

If you want to give towards a camp scholarship for youth in Newaygo UMC, please mark your check "camp scholarship" and put in offering plate.



## EMMA L. GRAHAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Jon and Sherry Graham have started a scholarship in memory of their daughter, Emma Graham at Fremont Area Community Foundation. Emma passed away on May 15, 2012 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. The scholarship fund will provide scholarships to students of Newaygo High School.

Fremont Area Community Foundation will match donations made to the Emma L. Graham Scholarship Fund up to \$500 per household until May of 2013. Donations can be sent directly to the Fremont Area Community Foundation at P.O. Box B, Fremont, MI, 49412.



## 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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Please feel free to contact any of the church staff if you have any questions or concerns.



## Soup's On for Lent

Soup's on is sponsored by Newaygo Area Ministerial Association and the money raised is used to help persons in need in Newaygo County. Soup is served @ Noon each Wednesday and a free will offering is taken.

All are welcome, come join us for good food and fellowship.

March 6 @ Family of God Community Church

March 13 @ River Valley Community Church

March 20 @ Newaygo United Methodist Church

## Community Events

### Bullying Prevention & Awareness Event for Families

Presented by: Newaygo County RESA –  
Respect Effect program

March 12, 2013

6:30-8:00pm

@ Newaygo High School Cafeteria

Featuring: Performances by Pride of Newaygo  
County, Mat Emeric presenting Bully Stilts,  
Shawn Plivoi from Newaygo County  
Community Mental Health

### Door Prizes!!!!!!

The Design Co.

Mary Jane's Flowers

Cronk Hardware

Haveman Pharmacy

37 North

Lion Heart Productions

Ramshorn on the Lakes

Fremont Arby's



### 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





## Treasurers Report

May God bless you in this new year. Thank you for being such a giving and generous church. Each month we are able to meet the needs of the church and we are on track to pay 100% of our Ministry Shares for 2013. If you look at the expenses and the contributions in January, we spent more money than we brought in. This is because the church insurance is due in January and then again in June and also because we paid to have the ceiling in the kitchen fixed and all the drop ceilings in the church were inspected and some of the anchors were replaced making sure that all of the ceilings are safe. THANKS BE TO GOD!

Contributions through February 28, 2013 -	\$ 6,817.00
Expenses through February 28, 2013 -	\$ 8,255.00
<b>Total Overage</b> -	<b><u>\$(1,438.00)</u></b>

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.

*Please prayerfully consider how you will continue to support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church with your prayers, time, talents and treasures.*

### Men's Group

The Men's Group meets every Wednesday at 8:30am at the City Limits Restaurant (right next to McDonalds). On January 30<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a record-breaking attendance at our breakfast meeting. We had a total of nine Christian gentlemen in attendance at the table set for six. If Duane Witter had not abandoned us just to get out of the cold and snow, we would have had 10. They were Ron Pardonnet, Ken Cain, Stan Fisher, Vern Boose, Joe Groff, Steve Moore, Wayne Bumstead, Don Pederson and Dennis Hinchman.

Vern Boose held the show & tell portion of the meeting by displaying a portion of his fish flying hooks. This drew much interest. As a result Don Pederson agreed to display his historical fly rod at the next meeting. We are anxiously awaiting Ron Pardonnet's return from Australia so he can give us a report on the trip.

Till next time God bless y'all.

By Don Pederson

### West Michigan Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

May 29-June 1, 2013

At Calvin College



Focus will be "Inspire"



**Drive In Day will be Saturday, June 1, 2013**

Mark your calendars today so you can join hundreds of other United Methodist Leaders and become "INSPIRED"

**I would like to update your household information. Please fill out the information below and either send back to the church or bring it in on Sunday.**

**Thanks,  
Deb Prins**

**House Hold Mailing Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ok to use email:** Y N

**Alternate Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City/State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates to use alternate address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committies Interested in:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Members of House Hold:</b>	<b>Birth Date:</b>	<b>Anniversary:</b>
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*Thank you in advance for your help in updating our church records.*





## **Newaygo Chamber of Commerce**

Newaygo United Methodist Church is now a member of the Newaygo Chamber of Commerce. Following is a list of Chamber Events coming up, start thinking of ways our church may be able to get involved.

### **Upcoming Chamber Events**

#### **April 13 – Home & Garden Show**

Location: Newaygo Middle School

For sponsorship & booth information contact Jeff Coil

*(We could have a flyer in the bags they hand out for our Mary Martha Plant sale and volunteers from the church could hand out the bags at the show)*

#### **May 24-26 – Memorial Day Arts & Craft Show**

Location – Brooks Park Downtown Newaygo

For booth information contact the Chamber office

*(The only food in the park at this point is the carnival food – is this something our church might think about to raise money? How about a float in the parade?)*

#### **June 22 – Newaygo County Kids Day**

Location – Brooks Park Downtown Newaygo

For booth information contact the Chamber office

*(In the past we have provided helpers and prizes for one game – is there more we could do?)*

#### **August 9-10 – Riverstock**

Location – Downtown Newaygo

*(This is during the Canoe Nationals for 2013)*

*For sponsorship, events & booth information contact the chamber office*

#### **August 30, 31 – Sept 1 – Logging Festival**

Location – Downtown Newaygo

*For sponsorship, events & booth information contact the chamber office*

#### **To Be Announced – Golf Outing**

#### **October 31 – Halloween Parade**

Brooks Park, to Quarterline & Fair

*For sponsorship and trunk or treat information contact the Chamber Office*

#### **The Week After Thanksgiving (December 3-7) – Christmas Festival**

Location – Downtown Newaygo

*For sponsorship, events and booth information contact the Chamber Office*

There is a form in the church office you can fill out if you want to help the Chamber with any of the following activities: *Home and Garden Show, Memorial Day Activities, season of Hope Charity Auction, Golf Outing, Farm Market, RiverStock, Annual Meeting, Logging Festival, WinterFest, ChoiceOne Bank Saint Nick Kick, Halloween Parade, Newaygo County Kids Day, Business Networking*

# Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities

## March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pastor Kathy on Vacation	2 Pastor Kathy on Vacation
<b>3</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Pastor Kathy on Vacation 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages	4 Pastor Kathy on Vacation 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	5 Pastor Kathy on Vacation 8am – Exercise Group	6 Pastor Kathy on Vacation 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 12pm – Soupls On at Family of God Community Church 7pm – Choir Practice	7 Pastor Kathy on Vacation 7:00pm – Exercise Group	8 Pastor Kathy on Vacation	9
<b>10</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages KIDS HOPE USA OFFERING	11 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	12 8am – Exercise Group 6:30pm – Ladies Night Out	13 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 12pm – Soup’s On at River Valley Community Church 6pm – Exercise Group 7pm – Choir Practice	14 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off 7:00pm – Exercise Group	15	16
<b>17</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in 9:30am – Worship – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages	18 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	19 8am – Exercise Group 9:30am – Mary Martha Circle	20 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 12pm – Soup’s On at Newaygo UMC 6pm – Exercise Group 7pm – Choir Practice	21 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off 7:00pm – Exercise Group	22	23 8am-11am – 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast
<b>24</b> Palm/Passion Sunday 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages NOISY OFFERING	25 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	26 8am – Exercise Group	27 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 6pm – Exercise Group 7pm – Choir Practice	28 Pastor Kathy & Joe on Vacation 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service	29 7:00pm – Good Friday Service	30
<b>30</b> Easter <b>Sunday</b> 9:30am – Worship – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages						

If you have questions, concerns or an activity to add to the calendar, please call the church office at 231-652-6581 or email Deb Prins at [debprins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debprins@sbcglobal.net).

# Read Through the Bible Chronologically in One Year.

## March 2013

Each month in 2013 there will be a calendar available with bible readings to guide you chronologically through the bible in one year. If you have any questions please feel free to call the church office at 652-6581

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Numbers 6:1-27 Numbers 10:1-36	2 Numbers 11:1-13:33
3 Numbers 14:1	4 Numbers 16:1-18:32	5 Numbers 19:1-21:35	6 Numbers 22:1-24:25	7 Numbers 25:1-26:65	8 Numbers 27:1-29:40	9 Numbers 30:1031:54
10 Numbers 32:1-33:56	11 Numbers 34:1-36:13	12 Deuteronomy 1:1-3:20	13 Deuteronomy 3:21:5:33	14 Deuteronomy 6:1-9:29	15 Deuteronomy 10:1-12:32	16 Deuteronomy 13:1-16:17
17 Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9	18 Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19	19 Deuteronomy 26:1-29:1	20 Deuteronomy 29:2-31:29	21 Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52 Psalm 90	22 Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12 Joshua 1:1-2:24	23 Joshua 3:1-6:27
24 Joshua 7:1 1 Chronicles 2:7 Joshua 7:2-9:27	25 Joshua 10:1-12:6	26 Joshua 12:7-15:19	27 Joshua 15:20-17:18	28 Joshua 18:1-19:48	29 Joshua 19:49-21:45	30 Joshua 22:1-24:33
31 Judges 1:1-3:30						

If you have anything you would like added to the bulletin or newsletter, please call Deb Prins at 231-652-6581 or email your information to [debprins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debprins@sbcglobal.net) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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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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Newsletter*

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

The Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space.



SEEKING  
God's Will

STRIVING  
To Make  
Disciples

SERVING  
Our Community  
With Love