



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.

April Is Nothing

I had to laugh at Deb when she walked into the office and asked me to do a newsletter article. I asked what's in April and she said "April is nothing." I think in light of the recent weather (which I hope changes by the time this newsletter is out) I have begun to wonder if God is playing a big joke on us and skipping spring this year. Usually March brings some sense of the warming of weather, but the sun wasn't around much to help with that. However, in sheer determination to keep to the life cycles, the early plants are beginning to poke their heads above ground. Some look like they want to retreat back into the ground, but others are bravely reaching skyward in search for sun. As I write this, for the first time in days the sun greets us as day breaks and I am once again hopeful. Around here April is the month of hope, the month we see signs of new life and are reassured that spring will come and with it the blankets of color that splash the earth and signal to us that the time of rest is over, and the natural cycles of life continue.

I have been pondering why we do not celebrate Easter better than Christmas, because that is the one event in human history that has changed the world forever. It seems that all of nature celebrates the resurrection better than we humans do. Every bud that opens shouts of new life. Every green tendril that unfurls raises itself to its creator as if in gratitude for its new beginning. The choruses of peepers and birds and the freedom flight of bees proclaim the majesty of God. And bold crosses on churches and the yellow of dandelions all speak of resurrection and new beginning. Can we even match the grandness and glory of spring as a celebration of promise and hope that comes with the Easter events?

We can have our grand and glorious Easter morning worship, but what about after? How long do we celebrate? Easter does last for seven Sundays until Pentecost. But what about in our hearts and minds? Is it only on Sunday that we remember? I wonder what would happen to our faith if, when we see a new flower open, we breathe a little halleluiah, or a thank you and a "praise God" for the gift of Jesus and resurrection. What would happen, if we heard a bird singing a clear and beautiful spring song, our hearts sing in praise of God right along with it? Easter is not a one Sunday event, it's a lifetime experience and belief. So, is April nothing? No it's a month of praise and wonder at the great thing God has done in Jesus.



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 Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 2pm at Dorothy Sibley’s home.

UMW-Ladies Night Out – Tuesday, April 9, 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, April 16, 2013 @ 9:30am.

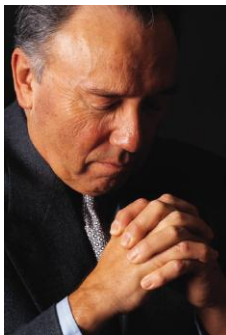
Prayer Shawls

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.

Please Remember these persons in your prayers.



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



Prayer of protection:

*The light of God surrounds me. The love of God enfolds me.
The Power of God protects me. The Presence of God watches over me.
The Mind of God guides me. The Life of God flows through me.
The Laws of God direct me. The Power of God abides within me.
The Joy of God uplifts me. The strength of God renews me.
The Beauty of God inspires me. Wherever I am, God is!*

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, April 21st

Sunday, May 19th



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 5th (Sunday School overnighter); Sunday, April 21st (swimming in Fremont following worship); Sunday, June 2nd (all church picnic)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!

We need items for the overnighter for Friday, April 5th. There will be a sign up sheet in worship on Sunday, March 31. Please let us know if you can bring any of the following items:

Hot dogs (8pkgs), hot dog buns (8pkgs), potato chips (2 bags), sausage links (8pkgs), pancake mix (3 boxes), juice (2 gal), Margarine (1), syrup (2), ketchup (1), mustard (1), pickle relish (1), cookies (5 doz), bananas (2 bunches), cuties, apples, eggs (5 doz) and **AIR MATTRESSES**.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

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.

- Monday, April 1, 5pm, Fremont United Methodist Church, **Fremont**
- Friday, April 5, 10am, St. Joseph Catholic Church, **White Cloud**, sponsored by local area churches
- Saturday, April 6, 10am, Pine Grove Community Church, **Croton/Howard City**
- Wednesday, April 10, 5pm, Hesperia Community Ed., **Hesperia**, sponsored by local area churches
- Thursday, April 11, 3pm, Amazing Grace Acres Church, **Brohman**

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

Habitat for Humanity	\$ 117.50
Human Relations	78.00
Kids Hope-local	98.22
LOVE - food pantry	132.45
One Great Hour of Sharing	74.25

\$ 500.42

*“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

April 14 – Love Food Pantry
April 28 – Native American Ministries

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

April Anniversaries

4/28 Ray & Missy Webb

Happy Anniversary



ReSale Store located on M82 just south of 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

Native American Ministries



How are we helping Native American

Ministries? Our noisy offering collections will allow 50% of the offering to be retained by the annual

conference for Michigan’s Native American Ministries. The balance

is used by the General Board of Global Ministries for similar programs throughout the US.

April Birthdays

4/3 Deb Prins
4/8 Andy Belew
4/9 David Cain
4/12 Gabriella Brooks
4/13 Cindy Ryan
4/13 Steven Dietz
4/15 Ron Pardonnet
4/19 Florence Lee
4/22 Dustin Prins
4/29 Trevor Cutler
4/30 Julie Cain



Worship Helpers for March

April 7

Liturgist: Nancy Clark
Acolyte: Elizabeth Brooks
Inside Ushers: Vern & Carolyn Boose
Outside Ushers: Dianna Weaver & Patti Venneman
Projector: Elijah Brooks
Sound: Deb Prins

April 14

Liturgist: Kay Pardonnet
Acolyte: Gabriella Brooks
Inside Ushers: Dolores Cook & Ruth Merritt
Outside Ushers: Steve & Liz Moore
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Need Volunteer

April 21

Liturgist: Susanne Geerdink
Acolyte: Colby Brooks
Inside Ushers: Sue Osborn & Jackie Pederson
Outside Ushers: Al & Karen Winchel
Projector: Elijah Brooks
Sound: Deb Prins

April 28

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet
Acolyte: David Brooks
Inside Ushers: Barb Dietz & Anne Henning
Outside Ushers: Millie Stine & Harriet Kiper
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 1st 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.

Security Issues for Places of Worship

Presented by Michigan State Police Training Academy

Monday, April 22, 2013

Pastor Kathy, Joe and Deb Prins will be attending this one day training seminar on security issues in places of worship. This course will include a number of segments presented by members of the Michigan State Police who specialize in those areas. The following topics will be covered:

- Physical campus security issues
- Proactive steps to children's ministry protection
- How to do a criminal history background check for non-profits
- Policies, procedures, and legal aspects
- Identifying and handling suspicious or dangerous people
- Critical incident readiness for places of worship

Community Events

Newaygo Home & Garden Show Saturday, April 13, 2013

It's never too early to think spring! The Newaygo Area Chamber of Commerce 4th Annual Home & Garden Show is just around the corner.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday April 13, 2013 and with the addition of the Grand Pavilion Tent this year's event is sure to be even bigger and better than last year.

Doors open at 9:00am -3:00pm

At Newaygo Middle School
(850 76th Street, Newaygo)

Free Admission



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. THANKS BE TO GOD!

Contributions through March 27, 2013 -	\$ 9200.43
Expenses through March 27, 2013 -	\$ 8727.00
Total Overage	\$ 473.43

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

On March 13th we had seven in attendance which is typical week by week.

We discussed the thought of losing Saturday mail delivery. During the month we also discussed the choosing of a new Pope. Wouldn't you know it, they used a system very similar to what we would have suggested. Now if we could only find a similar system in this country maybe we could come up with the best candidate for President regardless of political affiliation.

At our house we have an agreement that Jackie will handle all the small problems like when do we buy a new car, house etc. and I will decide all the big problems like what do we do with North Korea, Iran etc.

On our anniversary I wanted to take Jackie out for dinner and had a taste for Sea Food so I called a local restaurant and asked if they served shrimp and the answer was "yes we do." So I said "How much is that?" and was advised it would be \$18.00. So I said "Do you serve lobster?" and was advised that they did and when I inquired "how much?" I was told market price was \$41.00 so I said "how much is a weenie?" and she said \$1.25 so I asked "does that include mustard and onion?" she hung up on me.

Have a blessed month of April.

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"

Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities

April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	2 8am – Exercise Group 2:00pm – Longcore Circle	3 8:30am – Men's Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 6pm – Exercise Group 7pm – Choir Practice	4 Pastor Kathy's Day Off 7:00pm – Exercise Group	5 6:00pm – Sunday School Overnighter	6 8:30am – Exercise Group
7 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages	8 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	9 8am – Exercise Group 6:30pm – Ladies Night Out	10 8:30am – Men's Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 6pm – Exercise Group 7pm – Choir Practice	11 Pastor Kathy's Day Off 7:00pm – Exercise Group	12	13 8:30am – Exercise Group
14 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages LOVE INC OFFERING	15 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	16 8am – Exercise Group 9:30am – Mary Martha Circle 6:30pm – Finance 7:00pm – Church Council	17 8:30am – Men's Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 6pm – Exercise Group 7pm – Choir Practice	18 Pastor Kathy's Day Off 7:00pm – Exercise Group	19	20 8:30am – Exercise Group
21 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages CHILDREN SING	22 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	23 8am – Exercise Group	24 8:30am – Men's Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 6pm – Exercise Group 7pm – Choir Practice	25 Pastor Kathy's Day Off 7:00pm – Exercise Group	26	27 8am-11am – 4 th Saturday Pancake Breakfast 8:30am – Exercise Group
28 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages NOISY OFFERING	29 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	30 8am – Exercise Group				

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.

**The Best Mathematical Equation I have ever
seen:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given
Have a blessed Easter Season!**



Read Through the Bible Chronologically in One Year.

April 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 Judges 3:31-6:40	2 Judges 7:1-9:21	3 Judges 9:22-11:28	4 Judges 11:29 – 15:20	5 Judges 16:1-21:25	6 Judges 19:1-21:25
7 Ruth 1:1-4:12	8 Ruth 4:13-22 1 Chronicles 2:9-55 1 Chronicles 4:1-23 1 Samuel 1:1-8	9 1 Samuel 9:1-12:25	10 1 Samuel 4:12-8:22	11 1 Samuel 9:1-12:25	12 1 Chronicles 9:35-39 1 Samuel 13:1-5, 19-23, 6-18 1 Samuel 14:1-52	13 1 Samuel 15:1-17:31
14 1 Samuel 17:32-19:17 Psalm 59 1 Samuel 19:18-24	15 1 Samuel 20:1-21:15 Psalm 34	16 1 Samuel 22:1-2 Psalm 57 Psalm 142 1 Chronicles 12:8-18 1 Samuel 22:3-23 Psalm 52 1 Samuel 23:1-12	17 1 Samuel 23:13-29 Psalm 54 1 Samuel 24:1-25:44	18 1 Samuel 26:1-27:7 1 Chronicles 12:1-7 1 Samuel 27:8-29:11 1 Chronicles 12:19 Psalm 56	19 1 Samuel 3:1-31 1 Chronicles 12:20-22 1 Samuel 31:1-13 1 Chronicles 10:1-14 1 Chronicles 9:40-44 2 Samuel 4:4 2 Samuel 1:1-27	20 2 Samuel 2:1-3:5 1 Chronicles 3:1-4a 2 Samuel 23:8-17 1 Chronicles 11:10-19 2 Samuel 23:18-39 1 Chronicles 11:20-47
21 2 Samuel 3:6-4:12	22 2 Samuel 5:1-3 1 Chronicles 11:1-3 1 Chronicles 12:23-40 2 Samuel 5:17-25 1 Chronicles 14:8-17 2 Samuel 5:6-10 1 Chronicles 11:4-9 1 Chronicles 3:4b 2 Samuel 5:13, 4-5, 11-12 1 Chronicles 14:1-2 1 Chronicles 13:1-5 2 Samuel 6:1-11 1 Chronicles 13:6-14	23 2 Samuel 6:12a 1 Chronicles 15:1-28 2 Samuel 6:17-19a 1 Chronicles 16:1-43 2 Samuel 6:19b-23	24 2 Samuel 7:1-17 1 Chronicles 17:1-15 2 Samuel 7:18-29 1 Chronicles 17:16-27 2 Samuel 8:1-14 1 Chronicles 18:1-13 Psalm 60	25 2 Samuel 8:15-18 1 Chronicles 18:14-17 1 Chronicles 6:16-30, 50-53, 31-48 2 Samuel 9:1-10:19 1 Chronicles 19:1-19	26 1 Chronicles 20:1 2 Samuel 11:1-12:14 Psalm 51 2 Samuel 12:15-25 2 Samuel 5:14-16 1 Chronicles 14:3-7 1 Chronicles 3:5-9	27 2 Samuel 12:26-31 1 Chronicles 20:2-3 2 Samuel 13:1-14:33
28 2 Samuel 15:1-17:14	29 2 Samuel 17:15-29 Psalm 3 Psalm 63 2 Samuel 18:1-19:30	30 2 Samuel 19:31-20:26 Psalm 7 2 Samuel 21:1-22 1 Chronicles 20:4-8				

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 by the 20th 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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*Deadline for articles is 4:00PM on the 20th 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