



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.

Remembering

In light of recent events (Boston Marathon bombing, West Texas plant explosion) this year's Memorial Day celebration will have added meaning as we remember and honor our fallen. The day was designed to honor the war dead of the United States. But since the trade towers were destroyed, it seems appropriate that we also honor the heroes of those professionals, (firefighters, paramedics, etc.) whose lives have been given up in the line of duty. They are a special kind of soldier, risking their lives in the face of evil to save others. These are brave people who run toward an incident rather than away from it with the purpose of saving lives and property. Our soldiers overseas are constantly alert to the dangers of those who wish to harm, yet they cannot be totally prepared for everything. As a result we still have soldiers who are killed and maimed as a result of the unexpected. Certainly our firefighters and paramedics and police run the same risks, putting their lives on the line in the face of dangerous situations. These "home soldiers" whose lives have been given in the line of duty are to be honored too.

This Memorial Day, I would like to take the time to pay tribute to all our soldiers, overseas and in the front lines at home, protecting, serving, doing what it takes to guarantee our safety and security of our freedoms. But I would also like to remind us all that we must remember God in all that we do. This is God's world and to follow His direction and guidance is at the core of our gift of life and our mandate to care for this world. That includes fighting against evil and those who pursue its goals. Our own roles as individuals, that which we can do as Christians especially is to remain vigilant, is to be aware of that which does not look and feel quite right in our communities, yet not give in to fear and despair. We are a people of hope, knowing that God is with us, giving us what we need in a time of crisis. The evil one thrives on our fear and despair. But God, our creator, strengthens us with hope, courage and empowerment to conquer fear and evil.

This year may we honor and remember our fallen soldiers overseas and at home. And may we be a people of hope in all that we do. Enjoy the holiday. And Happy Mother's Day to all who have nurtured our future when they have nurtured our children.



Pastor Kathy

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, May 7, 2013 at 2pm. Watch the bulletin for location.

UMW-Ladies Night Out – Tuesday, May 14, 2013 @ 6:30pm at NUMC *We will be served a wonderful salad bar dinner in honor of Mothers day. Invite your mothers and daughters and come enjoy your meal and great fellowship.*

Mary Martha Circle – Tuesday, May 21, 2013 @ 9:30am. We will be setting up for the rummage and plant sale at 9am on Wednesday, May 22nd. Please mark your calendars today. Rummage & plant sale will be open from 9am-4pm on Thursday and Friday, May 23rd & 24th. Start saving your items now and bring them to the church basement by May 22nd.

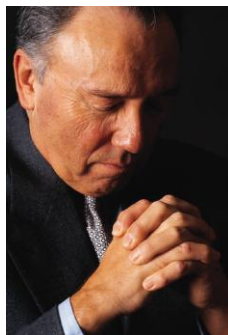
Prayer Shawls

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
Susanne Geerdink**



Renew My Mind, Body and Soul

*Lord, we come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible.
Hold our hearts within yours, and renew our minds, bodies, and souls.*

*We are lost, but we are singing. You gave us life, and you also give us the gift of infinite joy.
Give us the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for us. Guide us towards better health, and give us the wisdom to identify those you've placed around us to help us get better.*

In your name we pray, Amen.

Christian Education News

Upcoming events: Sunday, June 23rd (all church picnic)

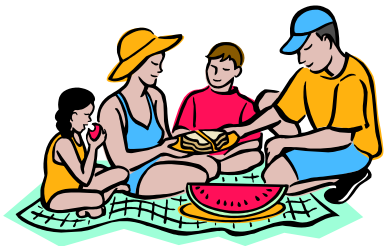
At the Henning's Home

438 Emerald Lake Drive

Following Worship



MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!



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 own container to hold 50 lbs of food. You will check in upon arrival unless otherwise stated.

- Tuesday, April 30, 5pm, River Valley Community Church, **Newaygo**
- Wednesday, May 1, 5pm, Grant Christian Reformed Church, **Grant**
- Friday, May 3, 3pm, So. Ensley United Methodist Church, **Ensley Center**
- Saturday, May 4, 9:30am, First Christian Reformed Church, **Fremont**
- Saturday, May 4, 10am, Pine Grove Community Church, **Croton/Howard City**
- Monday, May 6, 5pm, Fremont United Methodist Church, **Fremont**

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.



Church Float For Parades

Goal: Make our church more visible in the community

One way to do this is to take part in a parade. This provides publicity and visibility. It is a ministry that can raise the visibility of the church and the spirits of the people in the church.

If you would like to be involved in creating a float for Newaygo United Methodist Church to use in community parades, please contact Lynne Cutler at 231-834-5727 or lynne.cutler17@gmail.com

2013 Mission Giving

Habitat for Humanity	\$ 117.50
Human Relations	78.00
Kids Hope-local	98.22
LOVE - food pantry	206.45
One Great Hour of Sharing	74.25

\$ 574.42

“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

May 12th – Love Food Pantry
May 26th – Peace with Justice Offering

Peace With Justice Sunday

Modeling Jesus’ Love

Your **Peace with Justice Sunday** gifts change lives in places where the joy of knowing Christ is mixed with the tragedy of violence.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bishop Nkulu Ntanda Ntambo assumed his post as a brutal civil war began in 1996. After nearly eight years of war, he helped to broker a peace settlement at a conference where 250 fighters committed not to fight again.

United Methodists in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — 2.3 million strong — received two **Peace with Justice** grants from the General Board of Church and Society to respond to the 2011 post-election violence and to teach people to share Jesus’ love.

A \$4,790 grant encouraged young people in the Central Congo Episcopal Area to foster reconciliation. Another grant — \$4,700 to the South Congo Episcopal Area — engaged youth and their leaders to model ways to overcome violence.

Today we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy

Spirit and witness to God’s demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world. The special offering benefits peace-related ministries in annual conferences and through the Board of Church and Society.

United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world.

May Birthdays

5/2 Saria Brooks
5/4 Chris Bainbridge
5/5 Matthew Brooks
5/9 Colleen Hood
5/11 Blake Larsen
5/15 Cathy Badge
5/15 Lynne Cutler
5/15 Kenneth Cain
5/18 Brenda Bonter
5/19 Robert Fowler
5/20 Paul Wright
5/25 Keith Johnson
5/28 Dawn Carr
5/29 Sue Osborn
5/30 Ellen Fisher
5/30 Liz Moore
5/31 Al Winchel
5/31 Jen Larsen

May Anniversaries

5/11 Tim & Deb Prins
5/19 Dave & Connie VanderHyde

Happy Anniversary



Worship Helpers for March

May 5

Liturgist: Carline Knoll
Acolyte: Elizabeth Brooks
Inside Ushers: Ruth Merritt & Barb Dietz
Outside Ushers: Ann Henning & Jean Reynhout
Projector: Elijah Brooks
Sound: Deb Prins

May 12

Liturgist: Joe Groff
Acolyte: Colby Brooks
Inside Ushers: Harriet Kiper & Carline Knoll
Outside Ushers: Ron & Kay Pardonnet
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Need Volunteer

May 19

Liturgist: Kay Pardonnet
Acolyte: Gabriella Brooks
Inside Ushers: Sue Osborn & Jackie Pederson
Outside Ushers: Jen Larsen & Dianna Weaver
Projector: Elijah Brooks
Sound: Deb Prins

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet

Acolyte: David Brooks

Inside Ushers: Steve & Liz Moore

Outside Ushers: Lee Anne Hesse & Jane Bode
Fowler

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 may be cold outside now, but summer is just around the corner!

Now is the time to [register](#) for one of the many United Methodist Church summer camps available in the West Michigan Conference. [First-time campers save \\$50](#) when they register! Returning campers can save even more by [earning \\$50 rebates](#) for each new camper they invite to attend a West Michigan Conference camp. Imagine the fun of swimming, canoeing, doing crafts, playing games and more, all while developing a closer relationship with God in the beauty of a natural setting. This year, share that experience with a friend who has never been to summer camp! Early registration ends May 15th (after that date, you can still register with full payment).

Why is camp so important?

Kids need camp! Today, like never before, many teens and pre-teens are under tremendous stress, self-doubt and peer pressure. Even kids who have a strong support structure face obstacles. Camp provides opportunities for students to pull away and get a breather - to catch a vision for the bigger picture of their lives. Camp is a positive life changing experience! That's why kids keep returning year after year to West Michigan Conference camps.

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.

Men's Group

Today is April 17th. The deadline for articles for the New Letter is the 20th so I better get “on the stick” and prepare a short article before I get caught with my “printer” down.

We had 9 in attendance, which ties for the largest ever for a breakfast meeting. We were pleasantly surprised when Pastor Kathy popped in and took a couple of pictures. She seemed to be happy to see the present attendance.

Duane Witter has returned and the rhubarb began. All in good friendship of course.

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz where last years careless drivers is. Til next time.

By Don Pederson

Community Events

2013 Senior and Caregiver Expo:

Thursday, June 20

9am-1pm

The Senior & Caregiver Expo brings community resources to one location where seniors and their caregivers can get information from agencies and businesses; attend classes of interest to them; see demonstrations of products or services. This is a free event with breakfast and lunch provided.



Security Issues for Places of Worship

Presented by Michigan State Police Training Academy

Can it happen to us!

Yes it can! Not to scare you ... but bad things can happen any time and any place. Every town has people who are struggling or are upset for one reason or another. The key to keeping yourself and others safe is to always be aware.

We were taught many ways of making our physical plant safer, making ourselves and others more aware of what is unusual and also ways to make our gatherings safer for everyone. Pastor Kathy, Joe Groff and I have a book we received from the MI State Police with a lot of good information if anyone is interested or has any questions, please ask one of us. We will present some of the information at the next Church Council meeting which will be June 18th at 7:00pm if you are interested.

Deb Prins



Treasurers Report

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 April 26 -	\$ 7,908.00
Expenses through April 26, 2013 -	\$ 6,979.00
Total Overage	\$ 929.00

Keep in mind that you are receiving this information with one Sunday of Giving left to receive and there could be a few more expenses that come in. 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.

West Michigan Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

May 29-June 1, 2013
At Calvin College



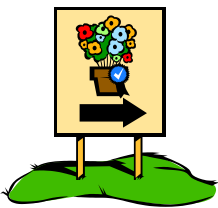
Focus will be "Inspire"



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"

Mary Martha Circle Rummage & Plant Sale



May 23rd & 24th
9am-4pm



Mark your calendars today!!!!

Start cleaning out your closets and bring your donations for the rummage sale in by Wednesday, May 22nd. Please bring your plants and garden items in by Thursday, May 23. You may leave your donations on the table in the basement marked "Rummage Sale Donations". Thank you in advance for your support.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Carline Knoll at 231-652-1147.

Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities

May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 7pm - Choir	2 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	3	4
5 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages	6 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	7 2:00pm – Longcore Circle	8 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 7pm - Choir	9 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	10	11
12 Mothers Day 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages LOVE INC OFFERING	13 Pastor Kathy Vacation 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	14 Pastor Kathy Vacation 6:30pm – Mother/Daughter Dinner	15 Pastor Kathy Vacation 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 7pm - Choir	16 Pastor Kathy Vacation	17 Pastor Kathy Vacation	18 Pastor Kathy Vacation
19 Pastor Kathy Vacation 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages CHILDREN SING	20 Pastor Kathy Vacation 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	21 Pastor Kathy Vacation 9:30am – Mary Martha Circle	22 Pastor Kathy Vacation 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am – Set Up Rummage Sale 7pm - Choir	23 Pastor Kathy Vacation 9am-4pm – Rummage & Plant Sale	24 Pastor Kathy Vacation 9am-4pm – Rummage & Plant Sale	25 Pastor Kathy Vacation 8am-11am – 4 th Saturday Pancake Breakfast
26 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages NOISY OFFERING	27 Office Closed Memorial Day	28	29 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours	30	31	

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.

Glass Art



If you have any glassware to donate to make the art, please bring it in to the church basement before May 16th.

Ladies we will be putting the glassware together on May 16th if you would like to help. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Sue Osborn at 231-652-7954.

May 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 2 Samuel 22:1-51 Psalm 18	2 2 Samuel 24:1-9 1 Chronicles 21:1-6 2 Samuel 24:10-17 1 Chronicles 21:7-17 2 Samuel 24:18-25 1 Chronicles 21:18-22:19	3 1 Chronicles 23:1-25:31	4 1 Chronicles 26:1-28:21
5 1 Chronicles 29:1-22 1 Kings 1:1-53	6 1 Kings 2:1-9 2 Samuel 23:1-7 1 Kings 2:10-12 1 Chronicles 29:26-30 Psalms 4-6 Psalms 8-9, 11	7 Psalms 12-17 Psalms 19-21	8 Psalms 22-26	9 Psalms 27-32	10 Psalms 35-38	11 Psalms 39-41 Psalms 53, 55, 58
12 Psalms 61-62 Psalms 64-67	13 Psalms 68-70 Psalms 86 Psalms 101	14 Psalms 103 Psalms 108-110 Psalms 122, 124	15 Psalms 131, 133 Psalms 138-141, 143	16 Psalms 144-145 Psalms 88-89	17 Psalms 50 Psalms 73-74	18 Psalms 75-78
19 Psalms 79-82	20 Psalms 83 1 Chronicles 29:23-25 2 Chronicles 1:1 1 Kings 2:13-3:4 2 Chronicles 1:2-6 1 Kings 3:5-15 2 Chronicles 1:7-13	21 1 Kings 3:16-28 1 Kings 5:1-18 1 Chronicles 2:1-18 2 Chronicles 3:1-14 1 Kings 6:14-38	22 1 Kings 7:1-51 2 Chronicles 3:15-4:22	23 1 Kings 8:1-11 2 Chronicles 5:1-14 1 Kings 8:12-21 2 Chronicles 6:1-11 1 Kings 8:22-53 2 Chronicles 6:12-42	24 1 Kings 8:54-66 2 Chronicles 7:1-10 1 Kings 9:1-9 2 Chronicles 7:11-22 1 Kings 9:10-14	25 2 Chronicles 8:1-18 1 Kings 9:15-10:13 2 Chronicles 9:1-12 1 Kings 10:14-29 2 Chronicles 9:13-28 2 Chronicles 1:14-17
26 1 Kings 4:1-34 Psalm 7 Psalm 127	27 Proverbs 1:1-4:27	28 Proverbs 5:1-7:27	29 Proverbs 8:1-10:32	30 Proverbs 11:1-13:25	31 Proverbs 14:1-16:33	

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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of each month in the church office.*

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To Make
Disciples

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Our Community
With Love