



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.

Jesus and Halloween

Has anyone ever seen a Jesus costume for Halloween? Or has anyone seen a kid dressed up as Mary, one of the favorite characters played at Christmas time? Our kids' costumes are based on what excites them, super heroes, princesses and fairies, monsters and scary figures. I wonder if Jesus were to play the costume game at Halloween, what would he dress up as? A scary thing for him would be a roman soldier or an exciting thing for him might be beggar or a person carrying a ladder that had been healed by him. But I think rather than dress up in costume Jesus might be more likely to point out that we wear costumes throughout our lives. We "dress up" as who we want to be, putting our "super hero/princess" outfits on, putting our best front out there for others to see, while we hide the "real" us. But God sees through our costumes into the real us, with all our quirks and foibles. God knows the real "us". We can find great comfort in that because when we feel we are off track or following the wrong direction, we can talk to God about that openly. God already knows what the problem or difficulty we are experiencing is so we can be open and honest in our conversations with God. We don't have to go through a process of "unmasking" what we are hiding. Sometimes we are not aware of the masks we are wearing, but God helps us through taking those masks off and exposing the real problem. And, because we know we can hide nothing from God, we are more likely to get to the root of the matter much sooner in our dealing with God. God can then help us get dressed back into the real us and work with others unencumbered by the costumes we wear.

Jesus did not wear a costume, but walked through life as the real thing, the Son of God and teaches us how to be children of God as well, which is what we were created to be. Life is much better lived walking as the real us. We do not have to put on costumes of "goodness" or "righteousness", but those will be our real clothes as we walk in honesty with God.

Have a safe and wonderful October and enjoy the beauty of the season. Go in God's blessing.



Pastor Kathy



Men's Club Report

Here we are again. We thought you would like to know that for the last meeting of the Men's Club we had 517 man-years experience to serve you. This must make you more comfortable.

During the meeting we spent a good share of time discussing the tragedy on the Navy Yard in DC.

We also discussed the closing of the Providence Christian School in Fremont.

Ken got to sit between Vern & Duane so he could serve as referee. I am happy to report that "no blood" was spilled. Now if I could only remember Vern is not Duane.

We wondered why society has caused most people to quit smoking while some states have legalized the use of Marijuana even for recreational purposes.

Canada wants us to remember that it, too, is part of North America. So "The Week" asked its readers to come up with an eye-catching slogan for our neighbors in the north:

- Canada: Where Your Cold Front Begins
- Canada: It's Not Just For Draft Dodgers Anymore
- Canada: Land Of Cheaper Drugs
- Canada: Where Winter Spends The Summer

Don Pederson



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, October 1 at noon at Moon Dance Café (7183 W 48th Street, Fremont).

UMW-Ladies Night Out – Saturday, October 19—Ladies Day Apart @ the Shack, 9am-2pm. Cost is \$10.00, please RSVP by Sunday, October 6th. We will have light breakfast, speaker TBA, lunch at the Shack and drumming with Brenda Hukins Bonter.

Mary Martha Circle – Tuesday, October 15, 2013 @ 9:30am. Please join us for a time of bible study and fellowship.



Pancake Breakfast

October 26, 2013

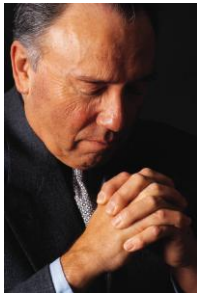
Serving 8am-11am

Free Will Offering

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, Canadian bacon, biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs fruit and drink.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors out for a great breakfast and even better fellowship. You will have only two more chances in 2013 (September 28, October 26) before we take a break for the holidays and return again in January 2014.

Please Remember these persons in your prayers.



Arlene Beeler
Nancy Ferguson
June Wade
Jean Bumstead
William & Freda Corrigan
Gordon Schuiteman
Susanne Geerdink
George Suchy
Clara Burris
Al Winchel
Psalm 41:3



The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness.

Psalm 30:2

LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Jeremiah 17:14

Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

Matthew 9:35

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

Mark 5:34

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Dear Lord, we know that healing comes in many different forms, help each of us in our illnesses and weaknesses to remember that you are our one constant and even when we are struggling to find the healing in our own personal situations, help us to remember we are loved by you and in your way and your time we will be healed. Amen.

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.

- Friday, October 4, 10am, St. Joseph Catholic Church, **WHITE CLOUD**
- Sponsored by Local Area Churches and WOMAN'S LIFE CHAPTER 856
- Friday, October 4, 3pm, S. Ensley United Methodist Church, **ENSLEY CENTER**
- Saturday, October 5, 10am, Pine Grove Comm. Ch., **CROTON/HOWARD CITY**
- Monday, October 7, Fremont United Methodist Church, **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, October 9, 5pm, Weaver Park Pavilion, **HESPERIA**
- Sponsored by Local Area Churches
- Thursday, October 10, 3pm, Amazing Grace Acres Church, **BROHMAN**
- Saturday, October 12, 9:30am, First Christian Reformed Church, **FREMONT**
- Tuesday, October 15, 4:30p, Northland Church of Christ, **GRANT/NEWAYGO**
- Wednesday, October 16, 10am, First Baptist Church of **WOODLAND PARK**

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. You can also find a food list each week in the Hi-Lites Shoppers Guide

Christian Education News

Sunday School for All Ages Sunday, @ 11:00am



Family Fun Activities

- October 13th – Hayride & Harvest Games, following worship
- November 1st – Paint at “Clay Art Studio” – Planning for 6pm, watch bulletin for more details. **Adults are welcome to come too!** Cost of studio time is covered you will need to pay for piece you paint.
- December 22 – Children’s Christmas Program

Watch the bulletins and future newsletters for more information on family activities.

Treasurer’s 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 September 25, 2013 -	\$ 8,390.00
Expenses through September 25, 2013 -	\$ 6,657.00
Total Overage	\$ 1,733.00

NOTE: Please remember that there are still employee salaries to pay and some end of the month expenses that are not in yet and we also have one more Sunday Offering to 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.



Vera Hansen

(Karen Winchel’s Sister)

Women’s Ministries - Serving Christ in
Vienna, Austria

Vera will speak at Newaygo UMC on Sunday, October 6th during worship.

Vera has been in the mission field in Austria for ten years. She is a missionary through Greater Europe Mission and will be sharing her experiences in the mission field, what she does to help women who are hurting through: evangelism, discipleship, prayer and serving and why Austria. To make a donation to Vera’s Mission you can make checks payable to GEM and mail them to 18950 Base Camp Road, Monument, CO 80132. GEM account number 20610 or you can make a donation through NUMC offerings and mark your donation “Vera Hansen”.

2013 Mission Giving

Camp Sunday	\$ 62.15
Christian Education	103.50
Dresses for Haiti	740.00
Emma Graham Scholarship	100.00
Habitat for Humanity	117.50
Haiti School Kits	326.47
Heifer International	295.78
Hoovers	63.00
Human Relations	78.00
Kids Hope-local	98.22
LOVE - food pantry	462.05
Native American	70.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	74.25
Peace with Justice	61.00
UMCOR-UMW	200.00
UMCOR-Okalahoma	315.40
World Communion	71.25
Vera House	100.00
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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*

Upcoming Mission Concerns

- Oct. 6-CROP Walk
- Oct. 7-Coat Drive begins
- Oct. 13– Love Food Pantry
- Oct. 27- Mel Trotter Thanksgiving Meals

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 \$150.00 to sponsor a table for 77 people. Please give generously to help those who are less fortunate.



CROP WALK

Please support our CROP walk by either walking on Sunday, Oct. 6th or sponsoring someone who is walking. If we all work together, we can help change the world.

Coats, coats, coats!

Starting Oct. 7th, you may begin bringing in your gently used coats. A box will be placed in the narthex to collect coats for children and adults. All items will be taken to True North for distribution to families in need. Thank you for sharing some warmth this winter. The last day for coat donations through our church will be Oct. 20th.



Christmas Walk Quilt Display

We will be having a display of quilts here in our church during the Christmas walk, if you have quilts you would like to display, want to help plan, organize or know others who have quilts or a quilting group that would like to be included in the display, please call the church office as soon as possible. We have some ideas but are looking for others and for help with organizing the display.



October Birthdays

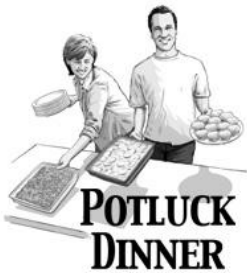
10/2 Fern Glasspoole
10/3 Casey Webb
10/3 Laura Graham
10/4 Jon Graham
10/4 Gena Dietz
10/7 Violet Jenerou
10/11 Tim Prins
10/13 Kathleen Groff
10/20 Morgan Pope
10/22 Anne Henning
10/27 Travis Webb

Happy Birthday to you!

October Anniversaries

10/5 Melven & Dawn Carr

Happy Anniversary



Church Pot Luck

Sunday, October 20th

@ Noon

(following Sunday school)

Bring a dish to pass and your own table service .
All are welcome to join us for some great food and fellowship!
See you there!

Money Counters Schedule

1st Sunday: Sue Osborn & Millie Stine

2nd Sunday: Sue Osborn & Kathy Pope

3rd Sunday: Jackie Pederson & Kathy Pope

4th Sunday: Jackie Pederson & Millie Stine

5th Sunday: Jackie Pederson & Sue Osborn

If you are unable to be here please ask either Stan Fisher or Joe Groff to fill in for you or switch with someone else.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Osborn at 231-652-7954.

Making Others Feel Welcome

Most visitors decide in the first 60 seconds whether they will return again. The two most threatening times for visitors are 1)entering the building; 2)after the service.

- Smile
- Greet Everyone (not just your friends)
- Greet people by name if you know it
- Look for people you don't recognize and introduce yourself
- Don't lavish too much attention on first time visitors, make them feel comfortable
- Take the initiative to greet or talk to someone
- Don't ask "Is this your first time here?"
- Say "I don't think I have met you, I'm

Worship Helpers for September

October 6

Liturgist: Carline Knoll
Acolyte: Elizabeth Brooks
Inside Ushers: Patti Venneman & Joan Faulkner
Outside Ushers: Ruth Merritt & Harriet Kiper
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Deb Prins
Refreshments: Cathy Badge

October 13

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet
Acolyte: Gabriella Brooks
Inside Ushers: Steve & Elizabeth Moore
Outside Ushers: Dolores Cook & Barb Dietz
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Mark VanDyke
Refreshments: Need Volunteer

October 20

Liturgist: Nancy Clark
Acolyte: Taylor Prins
Inside Ushers: Jen Larsen & Dianna Weaver
Outside Ushers: Anne Henning & Janet Fisher
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Deb Prins
Refreshments: Pot Luck

October 27

Liturgist: Joe Groff
Acolyte: Elizabeth Brooks
Inside Ushers: LeeAnn Hesse & Jane Bode Fowler
Outside Ushers: Vern & Carolyn Boose
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Mark VanDyke
Refreshments: Need Volunteer

If you would like to help serve during worship as usher, acolyte, liturgist, sound or projector, please call Deb Prins at 652-6581 or leave a note on the desk in the office. We are always looking for new persons to help on Sunday mornings.

If you are scheduled and can't be there, please call someone else to replace you. Thanks.

Deb

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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Custodian: Karen Winchel

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

Community Events:

Grant Community Church GEMS program will be hosting a crafters weekend fundraiser on Thursday, October 24 through Saturday, October 26th. Hours will be Thurs: 6:30-11pm, Friday 10am-midnight and Saturday 8:00am-6:00pm. Some meals, snacks and beverages will be provided. The cost to attend is \$30.00. Please contact Kim Sidlauskas at kimrae13@yahoo.com or 231-834-1728 to sign up or with any questions.



Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00pm – Longcore Circle @ Moon Dance Café	2 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 7pm - Choir	3 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	4	5
6 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for All Ages	7 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study 5pm – Parenting class	8	9 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 7pm - Choir	10 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	11	12
13 9:30am – Worship LOVE INC OFFERING 11am – Sunday School for All Ages 12pm – Sunday School Harvest festival & hayride	14 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study 5pm – Parenting class	15 9:30am – Mary Martha Circle 7pm – Annual Church Conference for NUMC	16 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 7pm - Choir	17 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	18	19 9am-2pm – Ladies Day Apart @ the Shack
20 9:30am – Worship PLEDGE SUNDAY 11am – Sunday School for All Ages 12pm – All Church Pot Luck	21 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible 5pm – Parenting class Study	22	23 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 7pm - Choir	24 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	25	26 8am-11am – 4 th Saturday Pancake Breakfast
27 9:30am – Worship NOISY OFFERING 11am – Sunday School for All Ages	28 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 5pm – Parenting class	29	30 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 7pm - Choir	31 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off		

If you have any activities you would like added to the calendar or to announcements in the bulletin for your group, please contact Deb Prins at 652-6581 (church) or email to debprins@sbcglobal.net and we will print your activity in the announcements .

September 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

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		1 John 5: 1-47 Mark 2: 23-28 Matthew 12: 1-8 Luke 6: 1-5 Mark 3: 1-6 Matthew 12: 9-14 Luke 6: 6-11 Matthew 12: 15-21	2 Mark 3: 7-19 Luke 6: 12-16 Matthew 5: 1-12 Luke 6: 27-36 Matthew 5: 13-48 Luke 6: 27-36 Matthew 6: 1-4	3 Matthew 6: 5-7: 6 Luke 6: 37-42 Matthew 7: 7-20 Luke 6: 43-45 Matthew 7: 21-29 Luke 6: 46-49	4 Matthew 8: 5-13 Luke 7: 1-17 Matthew 11: 1-19 Luke 7: 18-35 Matthew 11: 20-30 Luke 7: 36-50	5 Luke 8: 1-3 Mark 3: 20-30 Matthew 12: 22-45 Mark 3: 31-35 Matthew 12: 46-50 Luke 8: 19-21 Mark 4: 1-9 Matthew 13: 1-9 Luke 8: 4-8 Mark 4: 10-20
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Be blessed by the Word of God this fall.



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October 2013 Newsletter

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

Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am each Sunday

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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.



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God's Will

STRIVING
To Make
Disciples

SERVING
Our Community
With Love