

# GOD'S DREAM SEEKERS NEWS

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## Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

### The Holy Word

#### Our United Methodist Connection

On October 19, following worship, we will be holding our Annual Conference. This is a time for our church to vote on matters of importance to the functioning of our individual church including accepting lay speakers, pastor's salary, etc. Held once a year, the presiding District Superintendent (D.S.) leads us through the meeting. This meeting is an important part of our connectional system. Through the D.S. we hear about important events happening in our West Michigan Conference. I hope that all of us will be able to attend. If you are an official member you will be eligible to vote on matters that come for us.

But what does it mean to be a United Methodist? We are not a church that adheres to a detailed system of beliefs. But we are committed to basic Christian doctrines. "We affirm core Christian doctrines such as: the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—both in personal experience and in the community of believers; salvation by grace through faith in Christ as Savior; the Universal Church; the reign of God as both a present and future reality; the authority of scripture in matters of faith; and the essential oneness of the Church of Jesus Christ. We recognize the right of Christians to differ in doctrine, requiring only the essential belief that God is our Creator, that Jesus the Christ is our Lord and Savior, and that the Holy Spirit is ever present with us." ... (*Questions and Answers About the United Methodist Church*, Thomas S. McAnally.

We believe in: the availability of God's grace for all; the essential unity of faith and works; salvation as

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personal and social; the church as a community of Christ's disciples who seek to share in God's mission; the inseparability of knowledge and vital piety as components of faith; seeking holiness of heart and life both as individuals and in our society; a cooperative ministry and mission in the world, often referred to as "connectionalism"; and the link between Christian doctrine and Christian living. (*Questions and Answers About the United Methodist Church*, Thomas S. McAnally.

I hope this helps us to understand who we are as United Methodists. We are just one little corner of the world, working out our faith and how best to live it. And we do make a difference in life around us (our own faith activities) and in the world (our mission giving to world missions).

### PRAYERS FOR



One of the greatest mission minded things we can do right from where we are is to pray for peace around the world. Remember to pray daily for peace for all who are in the areas where fighting and persecution are happening. YOU have the power to help change the world around you and it begins with prayer.

## Tree's of Hope and Caring

“CHRISTMAS TREES”. Newwaygo UMC will be having a display of Christmas trees during the Christmas Walk which will be Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of a few people who would like to be on a committee to make some decision about how this would work and also to help with coordinating the display. If you are willing to help please see Janet Fisher or Deb Prins as soon as possible.



Meeting - October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.

If you would like to help in anyway, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting. We will be making decisions about who to invite and how we will get information out to those we are asking to participate.

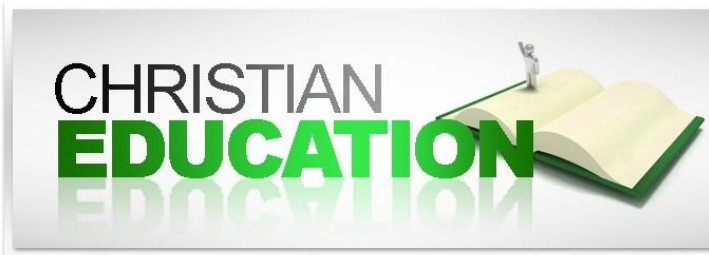
## Visits Needed

Please keep the following people in your prayers daily and if you are able to visit them please do so. They enjoy the company and it lifts their spirits.

Fern Glasspoole: At Home @ 782 West Brooks, Apt. 119 (Woodview Appartments)

Nancy Ferguson: Transitional Health - Fremont

Both of these ladies would love to see your smiling face even if it is only for a few minutes. Also check out the list of persons on the prayer list and give them a call or a visit when you can.



## Sunday School

For all ages every Sunday at 11am

We are working on details for the children's Christmas Program. Watch for more information in future newsletters and bulletins.

## Newwaygo County Mobile Food Pantry

Please bring a basket or box to hold approximately 50 pounds of food. Open to all who are in need of food assistance.

- Friday, October 3-10am-St. Joseph Catholic Church-**WHITE CLOUD**, Sponsored by Local Churches
- Friday, October 3- 3pm- So. Ensley United Methodist Church-**ENSLEY CENTER**
- Saturday, Oct. 4- 10am-Pine Grove Comm. Church-**CROTON/HOWARD CITY**
- Monday, October 6-5pm - Fremont United Methodist Church-**FREMONT**
- Wednesday, Oct. 8-5pm - Weaver Park Pavilion-**HESPERIA**, Sponsored by Local Churches
- Thursday, October 9-3pm - Amazing Grace Acres Church, **BROHMAN**
- Saturday, October 11-9:30am-First Christian Reformed Church, **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, Oct. 15-10am-First Baptist Church of **WOODLAND PARK**
- Wednesday, Oct. 15-4:45pm- Second Christian Reformed Church, **FREMONT**
- Saturday, October 18-1pm-Grant Assembly of God, **GRANT**
- Tuesday, October 21-4:30pm-Northland Church of Christ, **GRANT/NEWAYGO**
- Wednesday, Oct. 22-5pm-Weaver Park Pavilion, **HESPERIA**-Sponsored by Lighthouse Community Church
- Tuesday, October 28-5pm-River Valley Community Church **NEWAYGO**
- Wednesday, Oct. 29-10am-True North Community Services, **FREMONT**

\*Changes may occasionally occur. Please check the Hi-Lites notice published weekly to confirm accuracy.

## Choir Practice

Choir practice is every Wednesday at 7:00pm at the church. All are welcome to join us. We make a joyful noise unto the Lord and have lots of fun and laughs while we do it.



# United Methodist Women

- **Longcore Circle** – Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm please watch the bulletin for meeting place. We will take a look at the life of Queen of Sheba. All are welcome.
- **UMW-Ladies Night Out –No Ladies Night Out in October** – Please come to the Shack on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 2pm for a day out. All women are welcome. We will talk about God's Not Dead!
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, October 21 at 9:30am. We have a business meeting then a time of devotion and bible study. We will be looking at the life and ministry of Dorcas.



*Queen of Sheba: A pagan queen like Jezebel, she prized wisdom above power. She appears to have been intellectually gifted, with a good head for business and diplomacy.*  
**Join us at Longcore Circle to learn more.**



*Rachel – Her name means “ewe” – Manipulated by her father she had little to say about her own life circumstances and relationships. This caused her to behave like a perpetual victim responding to sin with more sin.*  
**Come to Mary Martha Circle in October to learn more.**

## *Fall Bible Study*

*Monday's  
1:00pm or 6:30pm*

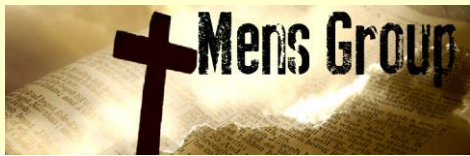
**Are you interested in a new bible study?  
“Getting to Know the Bible Better”**

Please join us at one of the above times to learn more about the book we claim as our own.

If you are not able to make it one of these times, please let Pastor Kathy know so arrangements can be made to get the study to you.

*Hope to see you in class this fall.*

Study <sup>the Bible</sup> with us



**Men, come join us on Wednesdays at 8:30am at the City Limits Restaurant**  
 (next to McDonalds).

Did you know that the Men's Group actually has a national missions statement. "To Help Men Grow in Christ, So Others May Know Christ." And that the men's group has four areas of focus: Leadership development, Church Renewal, Ministry with the poor and Global Health. Our men are involved in the church with Sunday school, Kids Hope, monthly breakfast and being on several church committees. We meet every Wed at 8:30 AM for breakfast at City Limits so come and enjoy the give and take of what we are all about. You will be surprised at what you hear!!! And as always, what is said at the breakfast stays at the breakfast unless it somehow gets back to the Minister!!!

*Joe Groff*

**Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...**

Nancy Ferguson  
 Jean Bumstead  
 Wayne Bumstead  
 Bill & Freda Corrigan  
 June Wade  
 Al Winchel  
 Barb Westbrook  
 Marilyn Dawson  
 Peace in the World

*If you have a prayer request or person you would like added to the monthly prayer list, please let Deb Prins know and we will add them to the newsletter each month.*

**Psalm 41:3**  
*The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness.*

# Mission Minutes

## 2014 Mission Giving

Accident Victims Fund	\$192.09
African Dresses	\$906.00
Bible School gift bags	\$100.00
Camp Scholarship	\$100.00
Camp Sunday	\$ 91.50
Christmas Family	\$200.00
Day in the Park	\$801.56
G. R. Tornado Relief	\$250.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 173.00
Haiti School Kits	\$326.47
Hoovers	\$101.50
Human Relations	\$ 90.00
Love Food Pantry	\$281.93
Native American	\$ 92.00
One Hour of Sharing	\$ 76.50
Peace with Justice	\$ 66.50
Scholarship Fund	\$100.00
Toys for Tots	\$200.00
UMCOR for U.S.	\$200.00

**\$4,346.05**

*God Loves a Cheerful Giver Thank you!*

## Upcoming Mission Concerns

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>- CROP Walk

Oct. 12- Love Food Pantry

Oct.26- Mel Trotter Thanksgiving Meal

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



## Grant/Newaygo CROP Walk

We are all set to host the CROP Walk again. At 12:30 on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> we will gather at our church for a soup and bread luncheon. Then at 1:00 we will start the walk down to the river and back to the church. We have a nice sized group of people from our church who are walking. If you are not walking, please sponsor someone. Our world has many needy people, both in the U. S. and internationally. This money helps provide wells for clean drinking water, food for the hungry, and many other supplies. Twenty-five percent of the collected monies will stay locally for LOVE Food Pantry. Thank you!

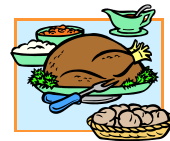
## LOVE FOOD Pantry

Don't forget to bring in items like toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. for the Love food pantry. If you forget, we will have a donation jar available in the narthex for your donations on Oct. 12th.



## Mel Trotter Thanksgiving Meal

Once again we will be asking you to support the Mel Trotter ministry at Thanksgiving time by donating money to provide meals to the homeless and less fortunate. Each meal that is served costs \$1.92. They believe that they will be serving the largest group ever this Thanksgiving. Please plan to give generously to our noisy offering collection on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.



## Coats for Kids (and adults)

**There will be a box in the Narthex at the church beginning October 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Everyone deserves to be warm, especially in a cold Michigan winter. TrueNorth's **Coats for Kids (& Adults)** program sponsors a community coat drive each fall with collection sites at schools, libraries, and churches throughout Newaygo County. The gently used and new winter outerwear is then distributed to Newaygo County residents in need.

Newaygo United Methodist Church is one of the drop of sites for gently used or new coats that can be used by children of all ages. Please clean out your winter closet and bring your coats in to the church beginning October 19<sup>th</sup>. Spread a little warmth.





## Treasurer's Report

We are on track to pay 100% of our ministry shares for 2014. Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church. If you have any questions or would like to see a more detailed report please call Deb Prins at 231-652-6581 or see the copy of the reports posted on bulletin board in the church office.

Contributions through	
September 25, 2014 -	\$ 6,667.00
Expenses through	
September 25, 2014 -	\$ 6,396.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$271.00</b>



## 4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 25, 2014  
Serving 8am-11am

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fried potatoes, drink and fruit. Cost is by donation please.

If you can help cook or serve, please see Jean Reynhout.

Invite your friends and neighbors!



## Newaygo United Methodist Church Conference

Sunday, October 19  
Following Worship

NUMC Annual Church conference is the place where we gather together to celebrate the previous year and make decisions for the upcoming year regarding our leaders, pastor's salary and other important items. Every person has a voice and members of NUMC may vote. Your voice is important so please mark your calendars today and plan to attend.

*SPR – you will meet with DS at 8:30am.*

*Potluck following the church conference.*

*Bring a dish to pass.*



## United Methodist Women BAKELESS bake sale!

### Bakeless Bake Sale

Thank you so much to all who have donated to the Bakeless Bake Sale! This is our most successful bake sale in several years. You gave \$459.50 to be used for missions locally and globally. Ask a UMW member about the mission we support. Thank you for your continued support

## UMW – Day Out

@ The Shack

Saturday, November 1, 2014

9am-2pm

(lunch provided)

All women are invited and welcome!

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with Gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15*

Do you struggle to answer the question: What is the Gospel? Why do you believe in God? Do you have proof? Have you ever doubted the existence of God?

People ages 18-29 were asked “Have you ever doubted the existence of God?”

In 2007 - 83% of those asked said “NO”.

In 2012 - 63% of those asked said “NO”.

A 15% change in just 5 years.

Among young people the fastest growing belief is Atheism...perhaps one reason is because we are unsure of how to defend our belief that “God’s not dead.” Join us at the Shack on November 1<sup>st</sup> where we will discuss our belief that God is alive and walks with us each day. We will also discuss ways to talk about and defend our beliefs in gentle and respectful ways.

*Cost is \$10.00 please sign up on sign up sheet in the coffee area at church or contact Deb Prins at (church) 652-6581 - (home) 231-335-8737 or [debprins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debprins@sbcglobal.net)*

# Worship Helpers

## October 5

**Liturgist:** Joe Groff  
**Acolyte:** Saria Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Jen Larsen & Ruth Merritt  
**Outside Ushers:** Carline Knoll & Jean Reynhout  
**Projector:** Taylor Prins  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

## October 12

**Liturgist:** Marilyn Witter  
**Acolyte:** Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Ron & Kay Pardonnet  
**Outside Ushers:** Ardis Tanis & Dolores Cook  
**Projector:** Jen Larsen  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

## October 19

**Liturgist:** Brenda Huckins Bonter  
**Acolyte:** Gabriella Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Joan Faulkner & Ruth Merritt  
**Outside Ushers:** Dianna Weaver & Janet Fisher  
**Projector:** Deb Prins  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

## October 26

**Liturgist:** Ron Pardonnet  
**Acolyte:** Morgan Pope  
**Inside Ushers:** Harriet Kiper & Anne Henning  
**Outside Ushers:** Vern & Carolyn Boose  
**Projector:** Elizabeth Brooks  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

## October Birthday's



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



10/5 Melven & Dawn Carr

*May God bless you and your family on this day and every day.*

## Lay Servant-Lay Speaking Classes – Fall 2014

If you are currently a lay speaker or would like to become a lay speaker, classes are available this fall for both beginner and advanced lay speakers. Basic Class instructors will be Don William/Jody Pratt and the cost is \$25 which includes all materials. Advance Class will be “Spiritual Gifts” and Suzanne Hewitt will be the instructor. The cost will also be \$25 which includes all materials. Classes will be held on Thursday’s in October (10/2, 10/9, 10/16 & 10/23) from 7 – 8:30pm @ Church of the Dunes (717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417). You must attend all classes in a session to get your certification. If you are interested, please let Deb Prins know by September 15<sup>th</sup> so we can get registered and arrange carpooling.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 7pm – Choir Practice	2 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	3	4
5 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for all ages <b>12:30pm CROP WALK</b>	6 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study 6:30pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study	7 2pm– Longcore Circle – place TBA	8 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 7pm – Choir Practice	9 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	10	11
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## Newyago United Methodist Church Activities -2014



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**Mission**

We are God's Dream Seekers who seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ in ways that show love, respect and service to our community.

**Join us on Sunday Mornings for Worship at 9:30am with fellowship following. Sunday School for all ages at 11am.**

**If you have any questions or would like more information regarding worship services and activities at Newaygo United Methodist Church please feel free to call the church office Monday-Thursday 9am-1 pm.**

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