



Dan & Edna Schilling

Nancy Ferguson

Jean Bumstead

Wayne Bumstead

Bill & Freda Corrigan

June Wade

Al Winchel

Chuck Suess

Kevin (young man in jail)

Military Service Persons

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.*

[***Philippians 4:6-7***](http://dailyverses.net/philippians/4/6-7)

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

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***The Refreshing Breeze***

Summer heat is a problem for me, especially when it is coupled with high humidity. I was sitting in our computer room when the conditions were almost unbearable. The fan in the room had stopped working. So I got up and opened the back door to hopefully get some moving air in there. At first it seemed that only the hot air from outside came lazily filtering in, but the air did move a little. So I kept working and after a little while I felt it. A barely perceptible puff of cooler air filtered through the back door into the room, right in my path. Oh yay! It felt refreshing and revitalizing. I could work a bit longer, had new hope that my computer might not crash from the heat, and my spirits lifted.

We get stuck in some of the fragments of our lives and look for relief from the negative impact they have. A tragedy occurs, someone treats us with contempt, we don’t know how to do something we need to get done, we argue with a significant other, the car breaks down, we experience disappointments. These can weigh us down. We want relief, that cooling breeze that reassures us that things will get better. Two “breezes” are always true. God is with us always and, God listens and responds. When these breezes waft in and around the fragments of our lives, we can find assurance that no difficulty is too great for God to help us overcome it. We just have to open the doors of our minds to allow the possibility of God’s love and grace to filter in.

God’s Dream Seekers News

# Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

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Men, come join us on **Wednesdays at 8:30am at the City Limits Restaurant**

(next to McDonalds).

You remember Caddy Shack! Well we have Caddy Shack 2, starring Newaygo residents Ron and Vern. Ron sits in his lawn chair with a pitch fork and watches for the moles! When the earth moves, well need I say more? But Vern has even a better way. He sits out on his lawn chair with a shot gun. When the earth moves, again, need I say more! He just puts the dirt back and throws in some lawn seed! Way to go guys. Apparently Duane has been seeing signs of bear out in his area. But, to make sure they’re bear, he is looking for some bear droppings. Well thanks to Vern, he now has some. Vern brought some back from Mackinac. Next time Vern, we would rather have fudge! Yup, you miss a lot by not attending the men’s group on Wednesdays up at City Limits. We are supposed to start at 8:30 but the early birds get there around 8:00 am. So come on men, stop on by and enjoy the company. If nothing else, you find out where they’re biting!

Joe Groff

**United Methodist Women’s Meetings**

Each meeting is open to all women. Please join us for which ever one you are able to attend. You are always welcome.

* **Longcore Circle –** Tuesday**,** August 4th, at noon at Kathy Cain’s Home. Pot luck; bring a dish to pass please. All are welcome.
* **Ladies Night Out** –Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30pm at Kathy Cain’s Home. Pot luck; bring a dish to pass please. All women are invited.
* **Mary Martha Circle –** Tuesday, August 18th noon at Kathy Cain’s Home. Pot luck; bring a dish to pass please.



UPCOMING UMW FUN!

Fredrick Meijer Garden Tour

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Meet at church at 9:45am –car pool

Leave for Meijer Gardens at 10am

Tram ride begins at 11:30am

Cost is $11.00-$12 (with docent)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!



Bills Shop N Save Receipts

Please save your Bill’s Shop N Save receipts and turn them in to Kay Pardonnet. She will then turn them in and the church will receive $25.00 each time she is able to turn in receipts.



2015 Pancake

Breakfast

Saturday, August 22

Serving 8am-11am

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy and American fries, drink & fruit.

Mark your calendars today! Invite your friends and neighbors!

**If you can help please see Jean Reynhout ASAP!**



**Pastor’s Resource List**

We all love our Pastor and would love to keep her as long as possible. One way to do this is to give her all the help we can. We all know that we are an important part of the ministry of the church of Love. The Pastor cannot be expected to do it all. Here is one way we can help: We can become part of a resource team to help our Pastor minister to those in need.

This could include; driving persons to Dr., pick up medicine etc. The church has at times received emergency requests for transportation help. Rather than have the Pastor drop everything and run to drive, we could volunteer to do it.

Another way to help would be to make yourself available to visit those in need of a visit from the church in place of the pastor.

A third possibility would be to take in a food dish to help a family in an emergency.

John Wesley’s philosophy is “DO GOOD”. Here is our chance to do good. We can become part of our **Pastor’s Resource List**. Look for volunteer sign-up sheets at coffee hour on Sunday Mornings.

*Ron Pardonnet*

SIGN UP SHEET IN COFFEE

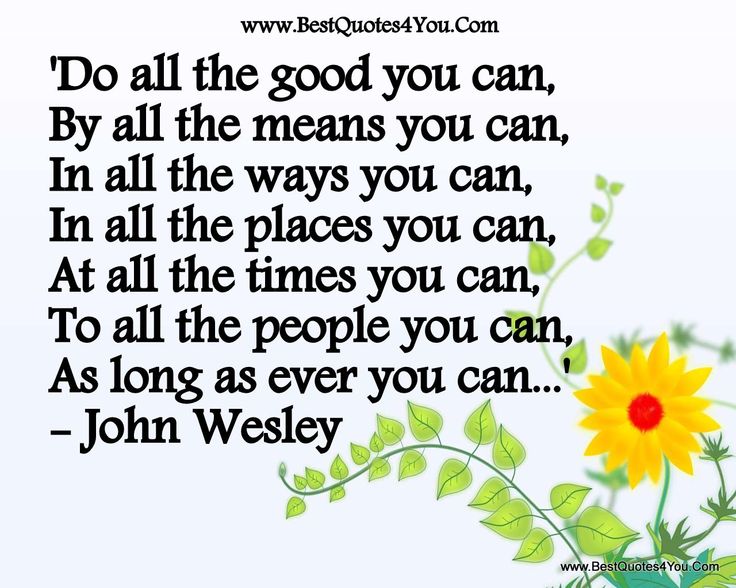
AREA AT CHURCH!

If you need help with something, please give the church office a call.

We don’t know you need help unless you tell us. Please call

231-652-6581 if you are in need and we will try to find those

within the church that can help.



Ever wonder what to do with all those old pill bottles. The mission committee would like to try something for just the month of August. We usually just trash our pill bottles when we finish the medicine inside. Malawi Project Inc. has a certain project called "Medicine Bottles for Malawi" The pharmacies & hospitals in Malawi normally don't have anything to wrap medicine in except for torn pieces of paper. This in turn means unclean medicine for the patients. How about turning all your old pill bottles in to the church during August? You have to do something first, before you bring them in. The process is easy! Remove the Labels - Boil the bottles in hot water until you can easily remove the labels & the glue. Bring them to church and we will ship them to the Malawi Project Inc in Indianapolis!

**Thank you.**

**The Missions Committee**



# Mission Minutes



**Sunday School**

Will begin again in September watch upcoming bulletins and newsletters for more information.

***Christian Education Meeting***

***August 4th @ 6:30pm @ Newaygo United Methodist Church***

Sunday School 2015-2016 planning

*Mark Your Calendars Today!!!*



*Treasurer’s Report*

Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church in 2015.

Contributions through

July 31, 2015 - *$ 8,041.18*

Expenses through

July 31, 2015 - $ 9,372.55

**Total ($1,331.37)**

Donations were down this month please remember that even when we are on vacation enjoying Gods beautifully created world the lights, water and air conditioning are still on here at the church. There were also higher expenses in building repairs due to painting the basement and replacing the flooring after repair of the sewer system.

The final bill for replacing the flooring in the church basement was $10, 978.32. Therefore $10, 978.32 was used from MI Area Loan Fund Account (building fund monies). 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.

Kids Hope USA



My name is Sherry Graham and I am the newest director of our Kids Hope USA program at NUMC. Many of you know me already, but some may not, so  
here goes with the introduction.

I have lived in the area since 1978, and Pastor Sandy and I started attending NUMC about the same time. I  
am married to Jon and we have two children Emma and Laura. I enjoy reading, cooking and being with friends and family, not necessarily in that order.

As well as having the new director's job, I am also  
employed at Newaygo Public Schools. I have been told this is a perfect combination, but as I have not spoken with my boss there it remains to be seen, so I still need prayers. There will be some time conflicts to work out.

The new directors’ training is the first week of August. I hope to know a little of what it takes to do this job. I will be meeting with the current mentors and prayer partners in the near future. I'd like to know what you think about this wonderful program and ways we can grow.

Thank you for this opportunity. I look forward to this new chapter.

Al & I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, encouragement and support you have given us as I journeyed through nursing school. You’ll never know how much that has meant to us and how much we have appreciated it. It was wonderful to have so many of you come out and help us celebrate my graduation, too. Having passed my state boards it is with great joy (and much relief) that I can finally tell you all that this ole farm girl is finally a licensed RN. It is wonderful to have such a loving and supportive church family as you all are!!

Thanks again,

Al & Karen Winchel



THANK YOU

"To all the people from Newaygo United Methodist Church,

I want to thank each of you for being so kind to  me while I visited Joe & Kathy.  Kathy has a great church there, she makes a very good pastor and so does her "helper."  I have to thank Jane for fixing my blouse, it looks great.  Also Jo and Jim for a great meal.   I want to thank everyone that came up to  me and said how much you like both of them.  It's always good for a mother or father to hear good things about their family. You all were just so friendly.   I really enjoyed it!

Delores ( Joe's mom and Kathy's mom-in-law)



**August Birthday’s**

8/1 Vern Wright

8/1 Kathryn Pope

8/2 Robert Pope

8/4 Melissa Webb

8/5 Jean Bumstead

8/7 Carling Knoll

8/8 Sally Mouthaan

8/8 Freda Corrigan

8/8 John Cook

8/10 Mark Wright

8/11 Sherry Graham

8/12 William Corrigan

8/15 Dennisen Gort

8/16 Rachel Larsen

8/17 Lois Henning

8/19 Carolyn Boose

8/25 Kenneth Faulkner



**August Anniversaries**

8/13 Andy & Kathy Belew

8/26 Wayne & Jean Bumstead

8/2 John & MaryJane Cook

8/27 Erik & Jen Larsen

8/8 Ron & Kay Pardonnet

8/3 Tim & Cindy Ryan

8/7 Don & Karen Simington

8/26 Al & Karen Winchel

If your birthday or anniversary are not listed we apologize. Please send Deb Prins your updated information. You can call 231-652-9581 or send an email to [debprins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debprins@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for your help in updating our information.

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**Just For Summer Fun**

* Did Noah include termites on the ark?
* The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close don’t ya think?
* A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, “Take only one apple please – Remember that God is watching.” On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had places a sign saying, “Take all the cookies you want – God is watching the apples.”
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**August 2**  
**Liturgist:** Carline Knoll

**Acolyte:**  Saria Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Joan Fualkner & Ruth Merritt  
**Outside Ushers:** Sue Osborn & Dolores Cook

**Projector:** Deb Prins

**Sound:** Need Volunteer

**August 9**  
**Liturgist:**  Ron Pardonnet

**Acolyte:**  Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Jean Reynhout & Kay Pardonnet  
**Outside Ushers**: Harriet Kiper & Anne Henning

**Projector:** Jen Larsen

**Sound:** Stan Fisher

**August 16**  
**Liturgist:**  Nancy Clark

**Acolyte:**  Morgan Pope  
**Inside Ushers:** Carline Knoll & Janet Fisher

**Outside Ushers:** Dorothy Besemer & Deb Prins

**Projector:** Tyler Friend

**Sound:** Need Volunteer

Funeral Luncheon Ministry

The Funeral Luncheon is a Christian Service ministry for the sole purpose of offering support to families who have lost a loved one. It is important to greet families and friends in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. The Funeral Luncheon is a celebration of LIFE and it’s a privilege to be there for the family.

The Luncheon offers a meal, fellowship and an outpouring of support by: *helping grieving families ease their sense of sadness without the worry of having to feed guests; providing families with a sense of community, knowing others care for them, which can at times, be even more nourishing than the meal itself; allowing parishioners the opportunity to serve God through one another in ministry*

**Here at NUMC funeral luncheons are traditionally provided by members by UMW. Here is a thank you sent to our District Super Intendent Bill Haggard regarding our service to a member of the Newaygo Community last month.**

Bill,

Just wanted to let you know that Pastor Kathy Groff and the NUMC did an outstanding job for my sister’s memorial!! I’m so pleased with being a UM, I feel I could go anywhere in the USA and be welcomed by a UMC!

Happy in Christ’s love,

Bob

**NUMC UMW You ROCK! Showing the love of God to others just by being YOU!!! THANK YOU!**

**August 23**   
**Liturgist:**  Brenda Bonter

**Acolyte:**  Gabriella Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Jen Larsen & Ruth Merritt  
**Outside Ushers:** Ron & Kay Pardonnet

**Projector:** Taylor Prins

**Sound:** Need Volunteer

**August 30**   
**Liturgist:**  Marilyn Witter

**Acolyte:**  Elizabeth Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Jane Bode Fowler & Janet Fisher  
**Outside Ushers:** Vern & Carolyn Boose

**Projector:** Deb Prins

**Sound:** Need Volunteer



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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
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| **2**  9:30am – Worship | 3  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours | 4  Noon – Longcore Circle @ Kathy Cain’s  6:30pm – Christian Education Mtg. | 5  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours | 6  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 7 | 8 |
| **9**  9:30am – Worship | 10  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours | 11  6:30pm – Ladies Night Out @ Kathy Cains | 12  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours | 13  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 14 | 15 |
| **16**  9:30am – Worship | 17  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours | 18  noon – Mary Martha Circle @ Kathy Cain’s  6:30pm – Finance & Church Council | 19  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours | 20  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 21 | 22  8am – 11am - 4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast |
| **23**  9:30am – Worship | 24  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours | 25 | 26  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours | 27  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 28 | 29 |
| **30** | 31  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours |  |  |  |  |  |

Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities –2015



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*Visit us at:*

[www.newaygoumc.com](http://www.newaygoumc.com)

or check us out on facebook: Newaygo United Methodist Church

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.

Mission

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Join us on Sunday Mornings for Worship at 9:30am with fellowship following.

*Sunday School for all ages will begin on September 13, 2015!*

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-1pm.

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