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**Chaos and Stuff**

Remind me never to be involved in remodeling of any sort again! Fixing the plumbing of this church has created many new opportunities, most of them good, but not all things were good. There was, of course complete chaos and the inability to find things once they have been moved out of offices and classrooms. It has been difficult to work, and frustrating to not be able to find what was needed for doing the job as usual. But out of the frustration and disorganization has come the opportunity to reorganize and clean out the clutter of a few years of accumulation. It has been an opportunity to throw away, clean up, and revitalize the environment. After many “Oh, that’s where that went’s, new discoveries of old paperwork and finding frequently used books, there came a unique ability to take stock of the past few years, to reflect on what has taken place in this church setting.

Upon reflection, I have discovered the process one goes through to feel integrated and functional in a new work setting. When I take further reflection I can compare that process to the way we come into our faith and “grow into” being a faith filled person or community. It almost seems that it is beneficial to go through times of chaos so that we can reorganize our thinking, our beliefs, our ways of dealing with others. New, old discoveries are waiting to take place in our faith journey. So we can view chaotic times in our lives as negative happenings that weigh us down, or we can look at them positively as opportunities to discover, and to draw closer to God.

Many events shatter our lives temporarily, but it is how we choose to respond to those events that determine whether we grow or stay in the chaos they create. It is good to remember that in the chaos’ of our lives, God is still with us, wanting to help guide and direct us through all things. We can choose to go it on our own, or we can turn to God and allow Him to respond to our need and desire for direction to get us through. I have been frustrated in the chaos of the church basement, but I am learning some very important lessons. And God is definitely included in those lessons!

Enjoy the summer months of warmth and activity and always remember that God is in that enjoyment as well. Yay Summer!



God’s Dream Seekers News

# Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

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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, June 27

Saturday, July 25

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!**



**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**,** June 2ndth , at 2pm at Transitional Health Services. Tuesday, July 7th at 2pm. Place to be announced. Watch bulletin for more information. All are welcome.
* **Ladies Night Out** –Tuesday, June 9th @ 6:30pm – Ladies Tea. All women are invited. Tuesday, July 14th @ 6:30pm. All church picnic. Sponsored by UMW.
* **Mary Martha Circle –** Tuesday, June 16th at 9:30am at church. Tuesday, July 21st @ 9:30am.



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

(next to McDonalds).

" Carolyn really seemed to be smiling the past couple weeks. Then I found out that Vern was up north fishing and it was just as much a vacation for her as it was for him. Vern doesn’t seem to understand that when the husbands are gone, it gives the wives time to update the “honey do list!” Still haven’t seen any fish pictures. What happens when a routine is broken? Made it up to City Limits for the meeting only to find it dark. Stood there for a while thinking “do I have the right day? Did I get up too early? Is it a holiday that I forgot about? Then I noticed the sign closed for repairs. At our next meeting, we will have to make a plan B if plan A isn’t working. I missed the time with the guys even thought I did get a call about 8:45 with a plan B. By then the honey do list had been put in place. So men, don’t forget our meeting on Wednesday’s at 8:30 at City Limits. Great time to get updated on anything that’s on your mind.

Joe Groff

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Picnic’s

All Church Picnic @ the Hennings

To celebrate Sunday School

**June 28th**

**@ 11am**

Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Meat and drink will be provided.

Bring your swimwear and have good food and fun!



All Church Cookout at the Church

(sponsored by UMW)

**July 14th**

**6:30pm**

***Come and enjoy good food and fellowship! We will have burgers, hot dogs and many great dishes of food to go along with it. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.***

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We had a little detour with our kid’s noisy offering in May, but that is okay. When working with missions, I have learned to be very flexible. We will still have an offering in June for our young Missionary but we will have another for Peace for Justice and then in July our offering will be for camp repair. The United Methodist Church offers unique camping and retreat experiences for persons of all ages and abilities at the beautiful camps, campgrounds and retreat centers. They offer programs for all ages that include Bible based teaching and exciting, fun activities. The goal is to “offer Christ to all who visit with us through a faith based experience, so we may make disciples for Jesus Christ! God has called us to be in ministry, and blessed us with beautiful camps, campgrounds and retreat centers.” Camps must be maintained and updated. This is our chance to be part of the camping experience by helping where we can. We have six camps/retreat centers in the Western MI Conference; Lakeview, Lake Louise, Albright, Lake MI, Wesley Woods and Crystal Spring. If you haven’t tried camping with Christ, this is the year. If you have, you know that it was a great experience.!!

**Thank you.**

**The Missions Committee**

# Mission Minutes

**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.

*Treasurer’s Report*

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

Contributions through

May 31, 2015 - *$ 11480.62*

Expenses through

May 31, 2015 - $ 8,476.00

**Total $3,004.62**

$4,600.00 was removed from the MI Area Loan Fund Account (Building Fund) put a deposit on the new flooring that has been laid. We have not received the final bill for flooring. When we do we will report how much was used from MI Area Loan Fund Account. 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.





Dan & Edna Schilling

Nancy Ferguson

Jean Bumstead

Wayne Bumstead

Bill & Freda Corrigan

June Wade

Al Winchel

Chuck Suess

Nepal – Earth Quake

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 147:3**  
*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*



Loda Lake Nature Walk

Tuesday, May 19th…..arguably the coldest day of the 2015 spring. A large group of persons from Newaygo UMC and our friends braved the cold, wind and lack of many blooming flowers to gather at Loda Lake Wild Flower Sanctuary and enjoy great fellowship.

The plan was to have a picnic lunch at Loda Lake’s picnic area. We were so frozen we decided to have our picnic at the church. What a trip the picnic was…the upstairs was set up for the rummage sale and full of wonderful items, the basement was a complete mess while the flooring was being replaced and yet … we were still freezing.

Carline made coffee in record time to warm us up and it became one of the best picnics we have ever shared. Loda Lake walk was beautiful and the fellowship afterwards was the best. Everyone pitched in to get our lunch on the table and the food was wonderful.

Thank you to all who were able to come and make this a wonderful day!





**Sunday School**

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

***Christian Education Meeting***

***June 22nd @ 6:30pm @ Newaygo United Methodist Church***

Vacation Bible School Planning

Vacation Bible School – Out Back Rock

Mark your Calendars

July 9 @ 6pm-8:30pm

July 10 @ 6pm-8:30pm

July 12 @ 9:30am

Watch future bulletins and newsletters for more information.





& Plant Sale

Thank you to all who helped, donated and purchased. This sale turned out to be a collective effort of the whole church and Mary Martha Circle appreciates all that each of you did to make it one of our more successful sales. We raised over $700 for mission work. You are a wonderful blessing to the world around you.

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Kids Hope USA



**Position Available**

Newaygo United Methodist Church is looking for an enthusiastic person to become our Kids Hope USA Director. The person should be:

* interested in working with children
* excellent at communication with mentors, prayer partners, church staff, school staff and parents.
* attend church regularly in order to have face to face contact with our congregation
* willing to attend a 2 day training
* willing to recruit and train new mentors
* an hourly rate of $10, with a yearly stipend limit of $1,200

If you are interested in the position or have questions, please see Ron Pardonnet for more information on how to apply.

**June Birthday’s**

6/08 Candace Kroll

6/09 David Brooks

6/11 Dorothy Sibley

6/18 MaryJane Cook

6/19 Gladys Kroll

6/29 Olivia Robeck



**July Birthday’s**

7/1 Karen Winchel

7/2 Ruth Merritt

7/8 Shelby Hesse

7/11 Scott Cutler

7/13 Kay Pardonnet

7/14 Bill VanDyke

7/16 Dianna Weaver

7/16 Harriet Kiper

7/17 Nancy Clark

7/18 Dale Weaver

7/18 Bert Geerdink

7/21 Dick Mouthaan

7/25 Gordon Schuitman

7/26 Crystal Brooks

7/29 Susanne Geerdink

7/30 Jon Bumstead

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.

Have a blessed summer. Be safe and enjoy God’s beauty!



THANK YOU

There are not enough words to express our thanks for all the help moving out, cleaning and moving our offices and Sunday school rooms back in. Many people have pushed pulled and sorted to get things back in order.

THANK YOU is not enough. Pastor Kathy says this is an incredible church where we all work well together.

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**June Anniversaries**

6/4 Jon & Sherry Graham

6/9 Stanley & Janet Fisher

6/12 Calvin & Barbara Deitz

6/15 Norm & Alicia Pedelty

6/16 William & Freda Corrigan

6/21 Jeff & Julie Berwald

6/26 Steven & Brenda Bonter



**July Anniversaries**

7/11 Paul & Sharon Wright

7/15 Keith & Irene Johnson

7/22 Matthew & Crystal Brooks



**June 7**  
**Liturgist:** Joe Groff

**Acolyte:**  Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Jen Larsen & Jane Bode Fowler  
**Outside Ushers:** Dorothy Bessemer & Dolores Cook

**Projector:** Deb Prins

**Sound:** Taylor Prins

**June 14**  
**Liturgist:**  Ron Pardonnet

**Acolyte:**  Saria Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Joan Faulkner & Millie Stine   
**Outside Ushers**: Vern & Carolyn Boose

**Projector:** Tyler Friend

**Sound:** Stan Fisher

**June 21**  
**Liturgist:**  Marilyn Witter

**Acolyte:**  Morgan Pope  
**Inside Ushers:** Jen Larsen & Dianna Weaver

**Outside Ushers:** Carline Knoll & Deb Prins

**Projector:** Jen Larsen

**Sound:** Need Volunteer

**June 28**   
**Liturgist:**  Brenda Bonter

**Acolyte:**  Gabriella Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Jean Reynhout & Ruth Merritt  
**Outside Ushers:** Janet Fisher & Anne Henning

**Projector:** Elizabeth Brooks

**Sound:** Deb Prins



If you would like to help with worship services on Sunday morning, please see Deb Prins and we will add you to the list of worship helpers.

**July 5**   
**Liturgist:**  Kay Pardonnet

**Acolyte:**  Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Jean Reynhout & Ruth Merritt  
**Outside Ushers:** Janet Fisher & Anne Henning

**Projector:** Jen Larsen

**Sound:** Need Volunteer

**July 12**   
**Liturgist:**  Nancy Clark

**Acolyte:**  Saria Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Joan Faulkner & Millie Stine   
**Outside Ushers**: Vern & Carolyn Boose **Projector:** Tyler Friend

**Sound:** Deb Prins

**July 19**   
**Liturgist:**  Carline Knoll

**Acolyte:**  Morgan Pope  
**Inside Ushers:** Jen Larsen & Dianna Weaver

**Outside Ushers:** Carline Knoll & Deb Prins

**Projector:** Taylor Prins

**Sound:** Deb Prins

**July 26**   
**Liturgist:**  Marilyn Witter

**Acolyte:**  Gabriella Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Jen Larsen & Jane Bode Fowler  
**Outside Ushers:** Dorothy Bessemer & Dolores

**Projector:** Elizabeth Brooks

**Sound:** Deb Prins



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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
|  | 1  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study | 2  2pm – Longcore Circle @ Transitional Health Services | 3  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours | 4  Pastor Kathy & Harriet Kiper @ West MI Annual Conference | 5  Pastor Kathy & Harriet Kiper @ West MI Annual Conference | 6  Pastor Kathy & Harriet Kiper @ West MI Annual Conference |
| **7**  9:30am – Worship | 8  Pastor Kathy Vacation | 9  Pastor Kathy Vacation  6:30pm – Ladies Tea | 10  Pastor Kathy Vacation 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits | 11  Pastor Kathy Vacation | 12  Pastor Kathy Vacation | 13  Pastor Kathy Vacation |
| **14**  Pastor Kathy Vacation  9:30am – Worship | 15  Deb Vacation – Office Closed  Pastor Kathy Vacation | 16  Deb Vacation – Office Closed  Pastor Kathy Vacation  10:30am – Mary Martha Circle | 17  Deb Vacation – Office Closed  Pastor Kathy Vacation  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits | 18  Deb Vacation – Office Closed  Pastor Kathy Vacation | 19  Deb Vacation – Office Closed  Pastor Kathy Vacation  6:00pm – Brian Wright Rehearsal Ceremony | 20  Brian Wright Wedding  12pm-3pm – Kids Day at Brooks Park |
| **21**  9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for all ages | 22  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study | 23 | 24  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor | 25  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 26 | 27  8am – 11am - 4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast |
| **28**  9:30am – Worship  11am – Sunday School Picnic @ Hennings | **29** | **30** |  |  |  |  |

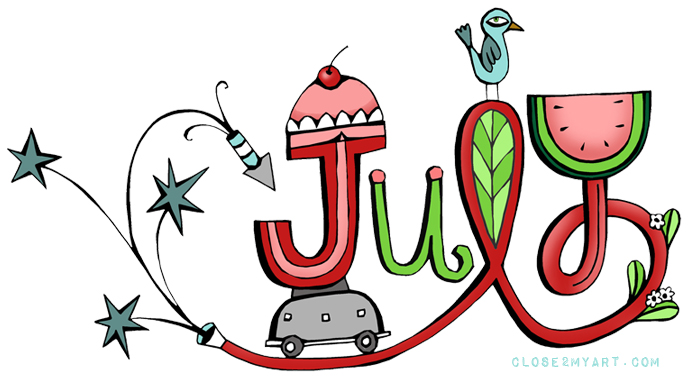
Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities –2015



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|  |  |  | 1  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| **5**  9:30am – Worship | 6  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | 7  2:00pm – Longcore Circle | 8  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours | 9  6pm- 8:30pm – Vacation Bible School | 10  6pm- 8:30pm – Vacation Bible School | 11 |
| **12**  9:30am – Worship – VBS Celebration @ NUMC | 13  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study | 14  6:30 –Ladies Night Out – **All Church Picnic** | 15  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours | 16  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 17 | 18 |
| **19**  9:30am – Worship – VBS Celebration @ NCUCC | 20  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study | 21  10:30am – Mary Martha Circle – Loda Lake Outing  6:30pm – Finance & Church Council | 22  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours | 23  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 24 | 25  8am – 11am - 4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast |
| **26 NOISY OFFERING**  9:30am – Worship | **27** | **28** | 29  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours | 30  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 31 |  |

Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities –2015



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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

Newaygo United Methodist Church

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

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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