



Sunday, March 8th set your clocks ahead 1 hour

I wonder how many of us get distracted from our daily, minute by minute faith and thinking about God. I get distracted by the news. Nothing riles me more than the awful things others to do their fellow human beings for the sake of their “religion.” I have been seeing beheadings and burnings and caging’s of our brothers and sisters simply because they believe differently. I find myself sinking into reactions of anger and sadness and letting those emotions rule for a while. I must acknowledge that evil seems to have the upper hand in those situations. But to dwell on those things and what appears to be my hopelessness to do anything about it is not what I am called to. I am called to proclaim a different perspective on God’s interaction with the world. I am called to believe the unique event in history that has changed the world from a barbaric place to live to a life of peace and love. I find I must live the gospel minute by minute and not let those distractions keep me from my appointed task in God.

The only real way for us as Christians to deal with terrorism is to believe Jesus. To know that there is a better way to exist in God’s good creation than to be destructive and self-centered. The Islamic extremist cannot take over the world as long as we adhere to our faith and proclaim the gospel in all that we do. To give in to despair and a sense of helplessness is to diminish in our eyes the capacity of a wonderful God to redeem His world. We are always a people of hope! We can acknowledge that evil is happening in this world, but we must put it into a God perspective. God is still in control of this world. God still asks that we respond to this world from our Christian perspective, from the Spirit of Christ that dwells within us. That means giving out our faith, not to contain and control others, but to share God’s goodness, mercy, and love with others. That is where the real difference will happen in all present and future events.

So let’s not become distracted by the awful things we hear about. Instead let us focus on our faith in Jesus Christ and live our lives out of what we know to be true. We are an Easter people, not people who crucify.

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# Pastors Ponderings

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**United Methodist Women’s Meetings**

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

* **Longcore Circle –**March 3, 2015 at 2pm at Dorothy Sibley’s Home. All are welcome.
* **Ladies Night Out** –Tuesday, March 10 @ 6:30pm – We will have a business meeting and then study a very interesting “Women of the Bible”
* **Mary Martha Circle –** Tuesday, March 17 at 9:30am. All women are welcome.



2015 Pancake

Breakfast

Saturday,

March 28

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!**



**Sunday School**

For all ages every Sunday at 11am

***Christian Education Meeting***

***Tuesday, March 3rd @ 6:30pm***

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**Friday, March 13 @ 6pm – Saturday, March 14th – Sunday School overnighter**

Please let Anne Henning know if your child or grandchild will be attending!

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

(next to McDonalds).

When I don’t sit down on Wednesday mornings with the men’s group, I miss it! I learn a lot from the men of this church, their hobbies, habits, fishing, current events, jobs they had, politics and of course church stuff. Ron always has a story to tell and we usually don’t know if it is a joke or the truth until he is done telling it. And of course, I have never seen anybody get so excited seeing road kill than Vern. Whenever I see road kill, I now think of stopping to pick it up for Vern! Of course we miss our winter vacationers, but they will be back soon, we hope. So men, stop by on Wednesday morning at 8:30 am at the City Limits. The coffee’s hot and ready. And you never know what you might hear!

Joe Groff

**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*

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.



Dan & Edna Schilling

Nancy Ferguson

Jean Bumstead

Wayne Bumstead

Bill & Freda Corrigan

June Wade

Al Winchel

Marilyn Dawson

Chuck Suess

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**  
*Do not be anxious about anything,*[*1*](javascript:void(0);) *but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God*

*Treasurer’s Report*

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

Contributions through

February 28, 2015 - *$ 7,370.22*

Expenses through

February 28, 2015 - $8,270.64

**Total ($870.42)**

Remember when looking at the church finances that we have had some pretty cold weather so attendance has been down. When prayerfully considering your giving during the winter months remember the lights and heat are still on even if we can’t make it in.

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.





**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

NUMC will be starting a new scholarship for non-traditional students in our church who are attending or will be attending college or trade school. Right now we have several who are taking college courses.

The scholarship fund has been depleted and we are asking you to prayerfully consider whether you can make a donation to the scholarship fund.

You can make donations by marking them scholarship fund and placing them in the offering plate on Sundays. You may also mail your donations to Newaygo UMC, P.O. Box 366, Newaygo, MI 49337

If you have any questions please contact Kathy Cain at 652-7976.



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

* Monday, March 2 - 5pm - Fremont United Methodist Church **FREMONT**
* Friday, March 6 - 10am - St. Joseph Catholic Church **WHITE CLOUD**
* Saturday, March 7 - 10am - Pine Grove Community Church C**ROTON/HOWARD CITY**
* Wednesday, March 11 - 5pm - Hesperia Community Ed – **HESPERIA -** Sponsored by Local Area Churches
* Thursday, March 12 - 3pm- Amazing Grace Acres Church **BITELY/BROHMAN**
* Saturday, March 14 - 9:30am - First Christian Reformed Church **FREMONT**
* Tuesday, March 17 - 4:30pm - Northland Church of Christ **GRANT/NEWAYGO**
* Wednesday, March 18 - 10am - First Baptist Church of **WOODLAND PARK**
* Wednesday, March 18 - 4:45pm - All Saints Catholic Church F**REMONT**
* Wednesday, March 25 - 10am TrueNorth Community Services **FREMONT**
* Wednesday, March 25 - 5pm - Hesperia Community Ed **HESPERIA**
* Saturday, March 28 - 1 pm - Grant Wesleyan Church **GRANT -** Call to pre-register 231-834-7222
* Monday, March 30 - 10am - White Cloud Eagles **WHITE CLOUD**
* Tuesday, March 31 - 5pm - River Valley Community Church **NEWAYGO**

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



Newaygo County Mobile Food Pantry

One tribe in North America has told this story for centuries: when people “pale as birch” crossed the great water in large canoes, they brought with them “The Black Book.” However, the bringers of the physical Book could not have known what it would mean and look like to be Native and a follower of Jesus. Today Native Americans—with many unique languages, many unique cultures—honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors. Our next “noisy offering” will be for the Native American Ministries. Many of the churches on Indian Reservations depend on outside giving to keep their churches running and to pay their pastors. Thank you for all you do for missions, it is appreciated more than you know.

***Mission Committee***



# Mission Minutes



**Q. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?**

A. Because he knew there was something fishy about it.

**Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?**

A. Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.

**Q. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?**

A. No, just an apple.

**Q. Where was Solomon's temple located?**

A. On the side of his head.

**Q. Why didn't Noah go fishing?**

A. He only had two worms.

**Q. Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?**

A. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

**Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?**

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

**Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?**

A. It's Christmas, Eve!

**Q. How does Moses make his coffee?**

A. Hebrews it.

**Q. How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman?**

A. By his net income.

**Q. Who were Gumby’s favorite Bible characters?**

A. Shadrack, Meshack & AhBENDago.

**Q. Who was the smartest man in the Bible?**

A. Abraham. He knew a Lot.

**Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?**

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

**Q. Who was the fastest runner in the race?**

A. Adam, because he was first in the human race.

**Q. Why did the unemployed man get excited while looking through his Bible?**

A. He thought he saw a job.

**Q. What animal could Noah not trust?**

A. Cheetah



**Sunday, March 1 @ 9:30am**

Second Sunday in Lent Worship Service

**Wednesday, March 4 @ noon**

Soup’s on @ Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ

**Sunday, March 8 @ 9:30am**

Third Sunday in Lent Worship Service

**Wednesday, March 11 @ noon**

Soup’s on @ Family of God Community Church

**Sunday, March 15@ 9:30am**

Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship Service

**Wednesday, March 18 @ noon**

Soup’s on @ Newaygo United Methodist Church

**Sunday, March 22 @ 9:30am**

Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship Service

**Wednesday, March 25 @ noon**

Soup’s on @ Either New Community Church

**Sunday, March 29 @ 9:30am**

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service

**Thursday, April 2 @ 7:00pm**

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

**Friday, April 3 @ 7:00pm**

Good Friday Worship Service

**Sunday, April 5 @ 9:30am**

*Easter Morning Worship Service*



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**March 1**  
**Liturgist:**  Kay Pardonnet

**March 22**   
**Liturgist:**  Brenda Huckins Bonter

**Acolyte:**  Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Jean Reynhout & Ruth Merritt  
**Outside Ushers:** Deb Prins & Jane Bode Fowler

**Projector:** Elizabeth Brooks

**Sound:** Deb Prins

**March 29**   
**Liturgist:**  Ron Pardonnet

**Acolyte:**  Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Millie Stine & Dianna Weaver  
**Outside Ushers:** Steve & Liz Moore

**Projector:** Taylor Prins

**Sound:** Deb Prins



**Acolyte:**  Gabriella Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Jen Larsen & Dolores Cook  
**Outside Ushers:** Vern & Carolyn Boose

**Projector:** Deb Prins

**Sound:** Taylor Prins

**March 8**  
**Liturgist:**  Carline Knoll

**Acolyte:**  Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Ruth Merritt & Anne Henning   
**Outside Ushers**: Ron & Kay Pardonnett

**Projector:** Jen Larsen

**Sound:** Need Volunteer

**March 15**  
**Liturgist:**  Nancy Clark

**Acolyte:**  Morgan Pope  
**Inside Ushers:** Vern & Carolyn Boose

**Outside Ushers:** Carline Knoll & Joan Faulkner

**Projector:** Taylor Prins

**Sound:** Deb Prins

Centering Prayer & Taize Service

At Saint Marks Episcopal Church

Every Wednesday

March 4th – May 20th

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Come to the silence, slow down the pace, prayer for peace in your hearts, in your community, in the world!!



**March Birthday’s**

3/3 Diane Boyd

3/5 Elijah Brooks

3/6 Olivia Jenerou

3/7 Janet Fisher

3/17 Jeanette Newfer

3/18 Joyce Dreyer

3/21 Bri Brooks

3/22 Madison Berwald

3/24 Erik Larsen

3/26 Mitch Ryan

3/27 Joan Faulkner

3/27Autumn Brooks



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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **1 2nd Sunday of Lent**  9:30am – Worship  11am – Sunday School for all ages  **COMMUNION SUNDAY** | 2  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study | 3  2pm – Longcore Circle @ Dorothy Sibley’s  6:30pm – Christian Education | 4  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  Noon – Soup’s On @ NUCC  7pm – Choir Practice | 5  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 6 | 7 |
| **8 3rd Sunday of Lent**  9:30am – Worship  11am – Sunday School for all ages  **Daylight Savings Time Begins** | 9  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study | 10  6:30 –Ladies Night Out – “God’s Love” Celebration | 11  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  Noon – Soup’s On @ FOGCC  7pm – Choir Practice | 12  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 13  10am – Sunday School Overnighter | 14  Sunday School Overnighter done @ 10am |
| **15 4th Sunday of Lent**  9:30am – Worship  11am – Sunday School for all ages | 16  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study | 17  9:30am – Mary Martha Circle  6:30pm – Finance & Church Council | 18  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  Noon – Soup’s On @ NUMC  7pm – Choir Practice | 19  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 20 | 21 |
| **22 5th Sunday of Lent**  **NOISY OFFERING**  9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for all ages | 23  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study | 24 | 25  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  Noon – Soup’s On @ New Community  7pm – Choir Practice | 26  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 27 | 28  4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast |
| **29** Palm/Passion Sunday  9:30am – Worship  11am – Sunday School for all ages | **30**  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours  1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study | **31**  4pm –Trustees Meeting |  |  |  |  |

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 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-1pm.

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