

Building Use Guidelines

We would like to create guidelines for building use to help direct the church office when persons or groups ask to use our church space. If you are willing to join a short term committee to meet discuss and draw up guidelines, please contact the church office at 652-6581.

Thank you in advance for your help!



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***Into the New Year***

One of the first things I listen for in the middle of winter is the return of the singing of birds. True to form, about the third week in January they started. My spirits soared as I heard the melodic harmony of nature. Spring would be coming once again! Halleluiah! It is a great practice to look for signs of hope, especially when winter winds of adversity hit us. And, I have discovered that there are always signs of hope in the little events in nature and in human living. In fact, nature is the greatest testimony that God has set the orderliness of the universe and continues to sustain what God has created. Even a patch of bare ground burned by the whimsy of forest fires will establish a comeback. Things will begin to grow again amidst the ashes and ruins of decimated forests.

Is it so hard to believe then, that God will continue to help us flourish when the ashes of adversity set us back, that new life will grow from those ashes? We are very prone to dwelling among the ashes, and not seeing the new signs of life that are emerging around us. But when we practice the seeking of blessings in good times, when we get used to observing the springs emerging around us during times of plenty, we will be more capable of finding the signs of spring during the hard winters of loss and troubles. In fact, one of the best ways we can prepare for whatever life’s events may throw at us is to seek those blessings while the sun shines. A good habit to form is to practice blessing finding at all times, strengthening our sense of God, bolstering our faith, and armoring up for those days that seem bleak and hope-less. February is always a reminder that it will soon be followed by warmer temperatures and signs of new life. Because we have the hope of God in us as Christians, we can always see from a faith perspective, from a sense that hope is to be found in our belief.   
So, let’s find a new blessing in each hour of the day and give God thanks for his steadfast presence and forever love. Let us give God thanks for his strength and comfort when needed. And let us give thanks for the hope he has shared with the world through Jesus. Happy Valentine’s Day, people of the greatest love available!

God’s Dream Seekers News

# Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

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Kits are available in the fellowship area to make Little Dresses for Haiti!

Anyone can make these dresses!

Please pick up your kits and help the children of Haiti.

Directions on how to finish them are available also.



There is good news for Kids Hope.  All the mentors have students.  I have seen my girl Zoey twice.  She is a bubbly, active first grader who loves bubbles.  Sometimes I think I’m the one who benefits.

I was talking to Clara after church and she reminded me she had been Barb’s prayer partner.  I wasn’t surprised to hear she will continue to pray for AJ.  Barb would be pleased to know Brenda is mentoring him and Millie and Clara intentionally pray for him.

Ken and Kathy are back from California, I can’t wait to hear stories about their trip. Millie graciously sub mentored for Ken.  It was a challenge for Millie- new mentoring set up, new building and new student, but she did a great job. Thank you Millie for all your help and support.

We had our first and maybe only snow day January 14. Sadly that was the date for our winter celebration.  The new date is Friday May, 13. I will keep everyone updated as the date approaches. February is right around the corner and May will be here before we know it.  Warmer  
weather and a Kids Hope celebration, now that’s something to look forward to.

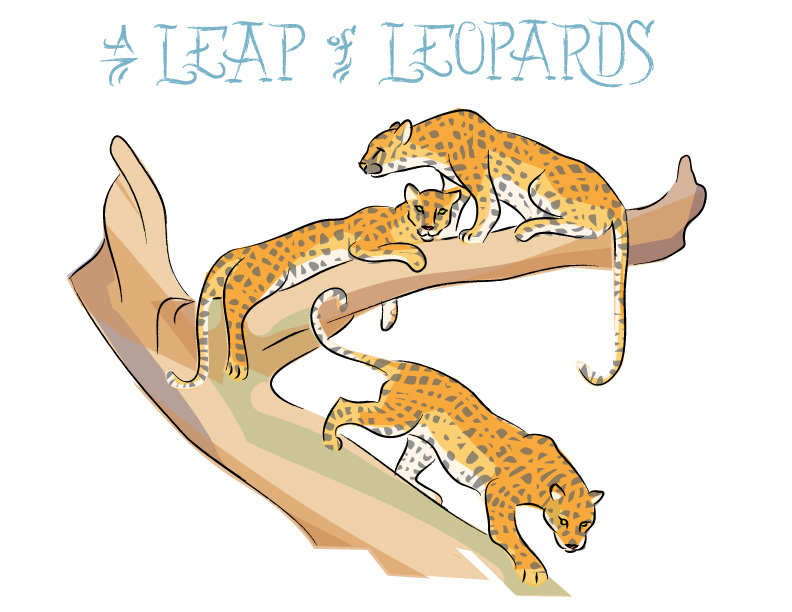
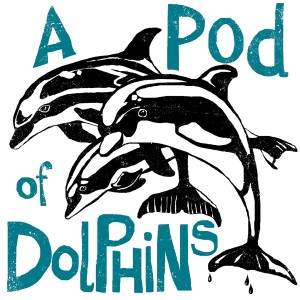
Sherry

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

(next to McDonalds).

"A flock of birds, a gang of buffalo,  a pod of dolphins, a swarm of butterflies, a pack of coyotes, a gaggle of geese,  a cete of badgers, a school of bass, a cloud of bats, a family of beavers, a leap of leopards, a herd of antelope, a colony of ants and a congress of baboons.  Notice how each group has a special name.  So maybe we need to come up with a special name for our men's group.  What a challenge that would be!  Diversity yet united!  So come on men, we meet each Wednesday at 8:30 at City Limits.  We have a great time discussing whatever might be the subject of the day." 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 –** No meeting in February. Watch future newsletters for March 2 place and time.
* **Ladies Night Out** –Tuesday, February 9th at ***6:00pm*** at NUMC. Everyone is welcome! We will be discussing bible studies and planning for the coming year. We will also have a UMW Business Meeting.
* **Mary Martha Circle –** Tuesday, February 16th at 9:30am at the church. Please join us. All are welcome.





The Wired Word Bible Study

Monday’s at 1:00pm

At Newaygo United Methodist Church

Join us when you are able for a great discussion and biblical look at current events happening in our world. Each week is a different study so please come whenever you are able.

**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.

Our next noisy offering will be Feb 28 and is for One Great Hour of Sharing.  From UMCOR

"For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special [One Great Hour of Sharing offering](https://track.rightinbox.com/follow/e5a2684e-8d7c-4454-bc47-6c9c3f90f273/http%253A%252F%252Fwww.umcgiving.org%252Fsupportoghs), laying the foundation for UMCOR’s ministry of relief and hope. [Donations](https://track.rightinbox.com/follow/e5a2684e-8d7c-4454-bc47-6c9c3f90f273/http%253A%252F%252Fwww.umcgiving.org%252Fsupportoghs) UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs.

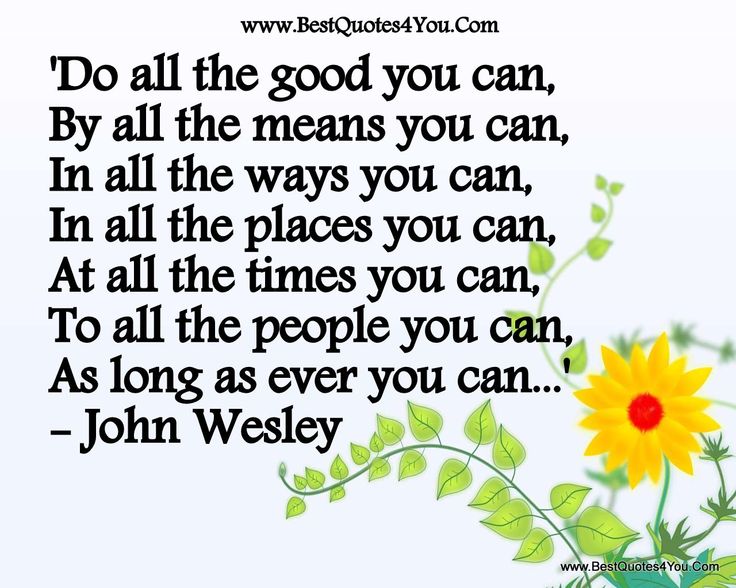
**UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds**, so without your [offerings](https://track.rightinbox.com/follow/e5a2684e-8d7c-4454-bc47-6c9c3f90f273/http%253A%252F%252Fwww.umcgiving.org%252Fsupportoghs), UMCOR would not exist.

Because we keep operating costs under 10% of our total budget, undesignated gifts may actually exceed UMCOR’s administrative needs. When that happens, your support is channeled to under-funded programs, where they’re most needed. They also may be used to allow UMCOR to respond to disasters immediately after an event and before funds can be raised.

Because of [**your donation today**](https://track.rightinbox.com/follow/e5a2684e-8d7c-4454-bc47-6c9c3f90f273/http%253A%252F%252Fwww.umcgiving.org%252Fsupportoghs), we're ready to respond in times of crisis."

*Joe Groff - Missions Chair*

# Mission Minutes





Cal Deitz & Family

Keith Johnson & Family

Edna Schilling

Fern Glasspoole

Nancy Ferguson

Jean Bumstead

Wayne Bumstead

Bill & Freda Corrigan

June Wade

Al Winchel

Chuck Suess

Ashley Friend

Mike Richardson

Unspoken prayers

Military Service Persons

Peace in the World



*Treasurer’s Report*

Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church in 2016. Please keep in mind when looking at the financial information that our expenses in January and February are traditionally higher because that is when property insurance and Newaygo City Special Assessment are due. Both January and February are traditionally lower giving months. There is also 1 more Sunday of donations to be entered.

Contributions through

January 29, 2016 - *$ 7,806.15*

Expenses through

January 29, 2016 - $ 10,121.00

**Total (2,314.85)**

If you have any questions or would like to see a more detailed report please call Deb Prins at 231-652-6581 or see a copy of the reports posted on bulletin board in the church office.



Sunday School for all ages

at 11:00am

(following Sunday Worship)

**Christian Education Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2016**

**at the church.**

**Lent Devotional Book**

Living the Gospel Life – The Season of Lent

Devotional Books are available. Please pick one up at the Church on Sunday Morning beginning Sunday, February 7, 2016.

**Ash Wednesday Worship service is Wednesday, February 10 @ 7:00pm.**



**February Birthday’s**

2/2 Sarah Bainbridge

2/5 Calvin Deitz

2/12 Donald Simington

2/14 Jo Bode

2/14 Edna Schilling

2/18 Stanley Fisher

2/20 Patti Venneman

2/28 Julie Berwald

2/29 Jared Wright



**February Anniversaries**

2/8 Stephen & Elizabeth Moore

2/13 Dick & Sally Mouthaan

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.



Saturday, February 20, 2016

6:00pm

Lasagna Dinner @ 6pm

Movie TBA – following dinner

*cost for dinner by donation*

Movie will be a faith based movie suitable for all ages. We may provide separate movie for young children. If you are interested in helping provide supervision for movie time for children, please let Deb Prins know as soon as possible.

Call church office @ 652-6581 to RSVP how many will be attending so we are sure to have enough food.

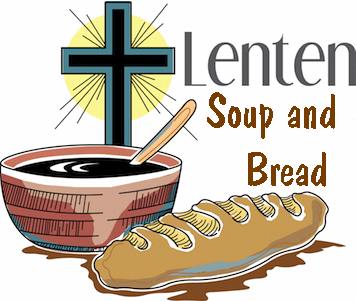
**RSVP by Sunday, February 14, 2016**

Lenten Soup’s On Schedule

Wednesday’s @ Noon

Cost is by donation. All monies collected will be donated to a local mission.

* Wednesday, February 17 @ St. Bartholomew Catholic Church
* Wednesday, February 24 @ Family of God Community Church
* Wednesday, March 2 @ Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ
* Wednesday, March 9 @ Newaygo United Methodist Church
* Wednesday, March 16 @ New Community Church



If you are able to provide a large pot of soup for Soup’s On for March 9th or if you can help serve, please contact Carline Knoll. We will need 8-10 pots of soup.

We appreciate your help.

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Pray for all persons in the military and for all persons affected by the violence in the world. Below is Ashley Friend’s current address if you would like to keep in touch with her and let her know you are praying for her.

RCT Friend, Ashley

4th RTBN PLT 4001 COP

P.O. Box 16445

Parris Island SC 29905-6445



Social Club

Planning 2016 Meeting

Tuesday, February 16th @ 7pm

Bring a snack to pass and your ideas of things you would like to do for gathering together and fellowship fun!

If you have any questions please see Joe Groff.





**February 7**  
**Liturgist:** Brenda Bonter

**Acolyte:**  Saria Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Ron & Kay Pardonnet

**Outside Ushers:** Vern & Carolyn Boose

**Projector:** Taylor Prins

**Sound:** Deb Prins

**February 14**  
**Liturgist:** Joe Groff

**Acolyte:**  Rachel Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Jane Fowler & Jen Larsen  
**Outside Ushers:** Dorothy Besemer & Dolores Cook

Hope Project

Hope Project: Raising awareness of human trafficking and working to restore victims of sex trafficking.

We have been contacted by a group called Hope Project about supporting their efforts in our area to help victims of Sex Trafficking. They will come and talk to groups to help educate and understand what is happening and how we can help. Since 2014 they have helped restore over 30 persons. Already in 2016 they have been contacted by 10 persons needing help and safety.

Things the Hope Project currently does are:

* Train persons who want to be equipped on human trafficking
* Educate the community regarding human trafficking
* Sponsor survivors counseling and group therapy through compassionate Christian counseling
* Case management with survivors/victims
* Hope Chest Thrift Store – 185 W. Laketon Ave., Muskegon, MI (first weekend of the month everything 50% off.

Projects Hope Project needs future help with:

* A restoration home for girls 11-17 who have been victims of sex trafficking
* Mentoring program for girls at high risk for sex trafficking and adult women survivors of sex trafficking.

If you would like more information regarding ways we may be able to support their efforts to restore/help victims contact the church office at 652-6581.

**Projector:** Deb Prins

**Sound:** Taylor Prins

**February 21**  
**Liturgist:**  Tyler Friend

**Acolyte:**  Morgan Pope  
**Inside Ushers:** Jan Fisher & Sue Osborn

**Outside Ushers:** Jean Reynhout & Joan Faulkner

**Projector:** Taylor Prins

**Sound:** Deb Prins

**February 28**  
**Liturgist:**  Kay Pardonnet



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Serving 8am-11am

If you are able to help or donate items needed please see Jean Reynhout as soon as possible. A list of needed items is on the table in the coffee area at church.

**Acolyte:**  Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Ruth Merritt & Janet Fisher  
**Outside Ushers:** Carline Knoll & Millie Stine

**Projector:** Jen Larsen

**Sound:** Need Volunteer

If you would like to be included in helping with; liturgist; ushering; acolyte; sound or computer on Sunday mornings, please let Deb Prins know and we will work you into the schedule.

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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
|  | 1  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours  1pm – Wired Word | 2  9am -12pm –Pastor Kathy Office Hours | 3  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours  6pm-Christian Ed Mtg  7pm – Choir Practice | 4  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 5 | 6 |
| **7**  9:30am – Worship  11am – Sunday School For All Ages | 8  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours  1pm – Wired Word | 9  9am -12pm –Pastor Kathy Office Hours 6pm– Ladies Night Out | 10  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours  7pm – Ash Wednesday Worship | 11  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 12 | 13 |
| **14**  **1st Sunday in Lent**  9:30am – Worship  11am – Sunday School For All Ages | 15  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours  1pm – Wired Word | 16  9am -12pm –Pastor Kathy Office Hours  9:30am – Mary Martha Circle  7pm – Social Group Planning Meeting | 17  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours  12pm-Soup’s On @ St. Barts  7pm – Choir Practice | 18  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 19 | 20  6pm-Family Dinner and Movie Night |
| **21**  **2nd Sunday in Lent**  9:30am – Worship  11am – Sunday School For All Ages | 22  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours  1pm – Wired Word | 23  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours | 24  8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours  12pm-Soup’s On @ Family of God Community Church  7pm – Choir Practice | 25  Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 26 | 27  8am-11am – Pancake Breakfast Returns |
| **28**  **3rd Sunday in Lent**  9:30am – Worship  11am – Sunday School For All Ages  **NOISY OFFERING** | 29  9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours  1pm – Wired Word |  |  |  |  |  |
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Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities –2016



***There may be groups or individuals using the church space that are not included on this calendar of Church Events. Please check the large wall calendar in the office or the printed calendar on the desk in the office for a full list of building use. If you have any questions please call the church at 652-6581. Thank you.***

***Deb***

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*We’re on the Web!*

*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

Newaygo United Methodist Church

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Newaygo, MI 49337

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

*Sunday School for all ages at 11am.*

*All are welcome.*

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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