

# GOD'S DREAM SEEKERS NEWS

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## Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

### *Into the New Year*

Where did 2015 go? Somewhere in all the worshipping, gatherings, breakfasts, mission experiences, classes, conferencing, and meetings, 2015 quietly slipped by. It has been a year of events, world-wide, that have shocked and dismayed us, maybe even put a little fear in our lives. But people of good will have continued to do their thing as well.

So here we stand at the beginning of a New Year still carrying the hope and promise of the gospel. God is still busy with us and Jesus is still the ruler of heaven and earth. And we are a people of faith carrying the gospel message to others, sharing God's love with each other.

I do not make New Year's resolutions that will be broken within a week or two. But I do pledge to follow Christ in ever deeper faith as God continues to reveal Himself to us. This is a good time to renew our faith! This brand new year will offer opportunities to be good disciples in ways we cannot yet see. And we are a community of faith that knows how to nurture one another along the way. So I look forward to what lies ahead and know that God will continue to bless us in unexpected ways. Sure we will have ups and downs in each of our lives and in the life of the church, but always God's blessings will shine through. When we are strong in faith we can expect no less.

My wish for all of us is that the biggest problem we will face will be learning to write 2016 rather than 2015, but I know better. My real wish is that we all

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find the courage and strength to move through all our experiences in greater faith. May we share life together as the body of Christ! May we learn God together as people of faith! May we rejoice together as people of hope and promise! May we all have a great New Year!

### Thank You

Joe and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you for the many well wishes, cards, gifts and prayers over this Christmas season. We appreciate all of you. May God bless you and your family in the new year!





**Mentors and Prayer Partners  
Please join us for a KIDS HOPE USA  
winter party...**

**Date: Thursday January 14, 2016**

**Time: 2-3 pm**

**Location: Velma Matson Cafeteria**

**We'll have \$NOW much fun!**



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.

For more Information please see Barb Deitz.

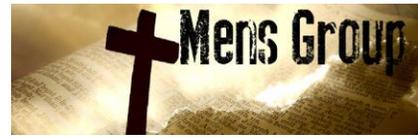
**The Wired Word Bible Study**

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.



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

"What a great breakfast this past week when the wives were invited. We had a full table and needed an extra one. I did notice one thing, the men were a little more sedate!! One went from "I'm not going to Detroit for Christmas" to "well I might go to Detroit for Christmas" to "well maybe we'll be going to Detroit for Christmas" to "yup, we're going to Detroit for Christmas!" Funny how things change when you get the other side. We all tried to notice Ken's telepathy to Tina our great waitress, but we all missed it again!! It really is a pleasure sitting and talking to a great group of people. Many opinions, but respectful of each other. That's what good Christian fellowship is all about. So men, come join us at the City Limits on Wed at 8:30 am. Lots of discussion and lots of information! God bless!"

*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 January or February. Watch future newsletters for march date and time.
- **Ladies Night Out** –Tuesday, January 12th at **6:00pm** at NUMC. Everyone is welcome! We will host a movie night and share the movie War Room with the congregation! Invite your friends!
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at the church. Please join us.



## 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.

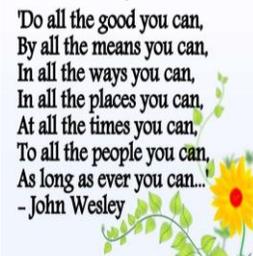
A third possibility would be to take in a food dish to help a family in an emergency.

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.



## Mission Minutes

**NEXT NOISY OFFERING:** Jan 24 for Human Relations Day – The Mission Committee wants to thank everyone for your continued and gracious support. God is good, All the time.

**TOGETHER, WE EXTEND A HELPING HAND TO THOSE IN CRISIS SO THEY CAN OVERCOME FORMIDABLE OBSTACLES.**

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called "the least of these." Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- An immigrant teenager in Texas' poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that's what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to participate in helping all God's children to realize their potential.

### **Equipping The United Methodist Church to Be the Church**

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, allows the work of folks like Bruce and Becky Ballou to build relationships with those teens in Texas. Your gift allows Montey Payne to lead recovering addicts towards healing. And your gift helps Rev. Steve Burr find work for ex-offenders. This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give. Will you continue nurturing at-risk youth, strengthening communities' self-improvement efforts and advocating for the oppressed?

Rev. I Maliik Safir, whose church works with those gripped by addiction in Little Rock, sums up the work of Human Relations Day by recalling Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan: "to meet the poor, the disadvantaged and the underserved at the places where others have robbed them and help them to recover from the wounds of social inequality."

**Remember your change on Sunday Jan 24!**

*Joe Groff*



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

*May God's peace surround you in your time of healing or troubles. Amen.*

## January Birthday's

1/1 Norm Pedelty  
 1/2 Amelia Stine  
 1/7 Alicia Pedelty  
 1/8 John Dreyer  
 1/8 Terry Osborn  
 1/10 Jim Bode  
 1/10 Jane Bode Fowler  
 1/10 Steven Cain  
 1/11 Barbara Deitz  
 1/14 Elizabeth Brooks  
 1/14 Connie VanderHyde  
 1/15 LeeAnn Hesse  
 1/20 Desiree Ryan  
 1/22 Kathryn Cain  
 1/22 Jeff Berwald  
 1/27 June Wade



## December Anniversaries

1/18 Steven & Molly Cain  
 1/23 Chris & LeeAnn Hesse

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.



## Treasurer's Report

Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church in 2016. Prayer cards are still available by calling the church office at 231-652-6581 or you may pick one up on Sunday morning. Please mail or drop off your card ASAP as we are currently budgeting for 2016 ministries.

Contributions through December 31, 2015 -	\$ 8,420.98
Expenses through December 31, 2015 -	<u>\$ 9,594.62</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1,173.64)</b>

Thank you for your generous giving in 2015. 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

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  
 4<sup>th</sup> RTBN PLT 4001 COP  
 P.O. Box 16445  
 Parris Island SC 29905-6445





# Worship Helpers

## January 3

**Liturgist:** Carline Knoll  
**Acolyte:** Elizabeth Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Ron & Kay Pardonnet  
**Outside Ushers:** Vern & Carolyn Boose  
**Projector:** Jen Larsen  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

## January 24

**Liturgist:** Ron Pardonnet  
**Acolyte:** Morgan Pope  
**Inside Ushers:** Ruth Merritt & Janet Fisher  
**Outside Ushers:** Carline Knoll & Millie Stine  
**Projector:** Tyler Friend  
**Sound:** Taylor Prins

## January 10

**Liturgist:** Tyler Friend  
**Acolyte:** Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Ruth Merritt & Jen Larsen  
**Outside Ushers:** Dorothy Besemer & Dolores Cook  
**Projector:** Deb Prins  
**Sound:** Taylor Prins

## January 31

**Liturgist:** Kay Pardonnet  
**Acolyte:** Saria Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Jane Bode Fowler & Deb Prins  
**Outside Ushers:** Taylor Prins & Millie Stine  
**Projector:** Taylor Prins  
**Sound:** Deb Prins

## January 17

**Liturgist:** Nancy Clark  
**Acolyte:** Gabriella Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Deb Prins & Sue Osborn  
**Outside Ushers:** Jean Reynhout & Joan Faulkner  
**Projector:** Taylor Prins  
**Sound:** Deb Prins



## You Are Invited

### 90th Birthday Celebration for Marilyn (Cornell) Dawson

Sunday, January 3, 2016

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at Loomis Lodge in Newaygo

No gifts please

Questions: call Susan Cornell 231-519-1256



## Pancake Breakfast We will be back in 2016

Saturday, January 23, 2016  
Serving 8am-11am

If you are able to help or donate items needed in January please see Jean Reynhout as soon as possible.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10am -9pm – Children’s Art Display 5pm-7pm – Soup Supper	2
<b>3</b> 9:30am – Worship- 11am – Sunday School For All Ages	<b>4</b> 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word	<b>5</b> 9am -12pm – Pastor Kathy Office Hours	<b>6</b> 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 7pm – Choir Practice	<b>7</b> Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b> 9:30am – Worship- 11am – Sunday School For All Ages <b>NOISY OFFERING</b>	<b>25</b> 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word	<b>26</b> 9am -12pm – Pastor Kathy Office Hours 6:30pm – Finance 7pm – Church Council	<b>27</b> 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 7pm – Choir Practice	<b>28</b> Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:30am – Worship- 11am – Sunday School For All Ages						

## Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities –2015



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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.*

*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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