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Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

Sharing the Summer Cold

Most recently Joe, Penny and I shared what turned out to be a nasty summer cold, turned Bronchitis. We have discovered that coughing together is not at all peaceful, scares away the cats and keeps sleep to a minimum at night. The combination of irritating feelings, endless bottles of drugs, inability to get things done and extreme tiredness do not make for a good summer.

But something else emerges as well. Caring for one another and showing concern and kind acts begin to emerge. In the long run we care for one another and get better at doing that as we progress toward wellness.

Our world today as in any age is full of all kinds of destructive illnesses and behaviors that threaten the well-being of God's creatures and creation. It amazes me that when things get dark in this world as in the case of mass killings, suicide bombers, natural disasters, poverty, increase in violent crimes, we have a way to shed light in those dark places. People seem to come together to help victims, to speak out against injustice, to pray and lift up the light and hope of Christ.

We will always be a people of faith, but our light and our voices need to be strong and our focus needs not to be on the dark things but on what is good in this world, what God is doing to overcome the darkness. That means that we need to attune ourselves to the ways of God and get good at seeing God's nature around us. How are we carrying the

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light forward for this generation? Our voices need to be strong and proclaim that this is God's good world and that God is working toward His purposes, in spite of the darkness that wants to speak loudly too.

Pastor Kathy

United Methodist Women's Meetings

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

In August Kathy Cain invites each of the women's groups to her house for pot luck meal on her deck and a nice pontoon ride around the lake. Please come to one or all of the gatherings at Kathy's home. It is a beautiful place to spend an afternoon or evening. Please bring a dish to pass and enjoy the lake. Kathy's address is 5044 Coral Drive. If you need directions please call the church office at 231-652-6581.

- **Longcore Circle** –Tuesday, August 2 at noon. Please let Kathy or Jane Fowler (652-2760) know if you are coming.
- **Ladies Night Out** –Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30pm
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, August 16th at non.





Wow! Where did summer go? Are you ready to go back to school? August is here, in all its steamy glory. It didn't help that Newaygo Public Schools received a waiver from the state to start school before Labor Day. I am not quite ready for the early morning scramble, but I am working on it. Knowing I will see my friends again makes it easier. I look forward to see what growth we have made over the summer.

Kids Hope will start in October like it has in previous years. I will start sending out all the permission slips to our students earlier. If you are a mentor, I will have background checks available soon. We go into this year with some changes. Two students have graduated from our program. Pray for them as they navigate a more challenging, closer to grown up life. Carline has retired from our group. Pray for her as she moves on to what is next for her. Pray for Susanne as her health may prevent her from being able to mentor as she would like. Pray for our returning student and prayer partners that they have strength to keep us together. Don't forget Ron and Kay, our party planners extraordinaire.

How do we feel as a group about maybe having a potluck with all mentors, prayer partners and interested parties in September just before the official kick off to our new year? Even though we are a small church not everyone may know everyone else. Let me know. I'm usually at church Sundays, I have a mailbox downstairs and you can always reach me by phone or email. All the numbers are in the church directory. Enjoy the rest of the summer and prepare for the year ahead.

Have a blessed day.

Sherry

New Mailing Addresses:

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(all mail will be delivered to Newaygo Medical Care Facility for Doris)



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

I have been going to men's group for a little over 5 years now. Something extraordinary happened at a recent breakfast. As the waitress was taking the orders and got to Ken, HE SPOKE! The waitress dropped her pen and her jaw! The rest of the group was in shock and in complete silence! After 5 years Ken changed his order! We discussed whether we should contact Homeland Security about this because they want to know about anything strange. It certainly was an unusual event and very suspicious. We are watching you Ken!

Now another thing I learned recently. Have you ever watched Vern just staring at the dumpster with a smile on his face? I think he is reminiscing about the time in the Navy when he crossed the equator for the first time. Apparently, those that have never crossed the equator before are called Pollywogs. They go thru a ritual where they strip down to their skivvies, get greased up and crawl thru garbage! or other demeaning things. When they complete the ritual, they are then called Shellbacks! So if you see Vern smiling at the dumpster you now understand why. So men, if you want to learn any other who knows what, just join us at men's group each Wednesday and City Limits at 8:30. We actually do get some work done!

Joe Groff



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, August 27, 2016

Serving 8am-11am

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

Cost is by donation.

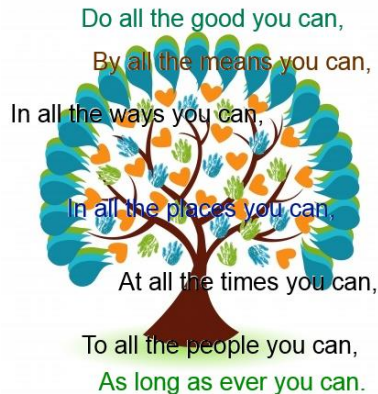
If you are able to help or donate items needed please let the church office know as soon as possible. A list of needed items is on the table in the coffee area at church.

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.

There are many ways you can help. Please check the signup sheet in the coffee area at church or call the church office at 231-652-6581.

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 signup sheets at coffee hour on Sunday Mornings.



Mission Minutes–Jeff & Ellen Hoover

Our August noisy offering will be for Jeff and Ellen Hoover, Missionaries to the Congo. They will be coming to Newaygo on Sep 22. We will have a gathering for them with a pot luck at 5 pm and they will give a presentation at 6 pm. Below is a brief background about the Hoovers.

Jeff and Ellen Hoover are missionaries with the General Board of Global Ministries assigned since 1979 to the Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly Zaire. Jeff is a professor at Katanga Methodist University at Mulungwishi, teaching church history and information technology.

Ellen teaches courses in church history and Islam at the university in Mulungwishi. She also works with The English-Speaking School of Lubumbashi (TESOL), an elementary school for children of missionaries. Ellen helped start the school in 1987. Ellen holds a doctorate from Yale in African history, anthropology, and European history.

The Hoovers are deeply committed to the United-Methodist university at Mulungwishi believing it can help address the critical needs of the Congo that are emerging after three decades of the Modutu regime and five years of war. French rather than English is the principal language in Congo so a Congolese university can best serve the needs of this country, following the principles and values of Africa University.

Joe Groff-Missions Chair





Doris Jacques
Marne Salacina
Edna Schilling
Fern Glasspoole
Gladys Kroll
Nancy Ferguson
Jean Bumstead
June Wade
Chuck Suess
Ashley Friend
Unspoken prayers
Military Service Persons
Peace in the World

Pokémon GO?

What is Pokémon Go? Are you playing it? Are you using it as a way to meet others? Are you using it as a way to get exercise? Are you using it as a way to show God's love and kindness to others?

Pokémon Go is a new smart phone app that is a remake of an old card trading game. The game was designed to get gamers up and moving by walking their towns trying to catch silly creatures called Pokémon.

Many are asking how Pokémon Go can be used by the church? Well...Newaygo UMC is a poke stop!!! At any given time you can see groups of people stopping in front of our church to get the extra poke balls and other items you can earn at a poke stop that help you throughout the game.....How you ask does this matter to you? How can we use this to show our community we care? We are not sure but we are looking for your ideas. Maybe on a hot Sunday afternoon, we can offer water bottles to anyone who stops by to catch a Pokémon? Maybe we can hold a poke stop party and invite people in for refreshments and companionship for a few minutes. You never know maybe someone will add a lure to the church poke stop and you can catch a rare Pikachu! Call the office with your ideas how we can use this to reach out to our community. This may be the only contact some people have with a church community and we need to show them God's love.



Treasurer's Report

July is a 5 Sunday Month, as of the publication of this newsletter we still have one Sunday's giving to record so keep that in mind when looking at our July giving. Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church in 2016.

Contributions through	
July 29, 2016 -	\$ 9,191.72
Expenses through	
July 29, 2016 -	\$ 8,241.97
Total	\$ 949.75

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.



Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, August 10 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday, August 11 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday, August 14 @ 9:30am—Celebration
Sunday

We have a wonderful 3 day vacation bible school planned. Please register your children and let Anne Henning know if you would like to help in any way with VBS. Registration forms and sign up are on the table in the coffee area at church.



Social Club

Below you will find a schedule of what we have planned. Notice some months are open for a host/hostess to sign up. The idea is to do at least 1 fun gathering a month and try to stay within a 2 hour drive from Newaygo. Most activities are family friendly but may have some cost involved. If you have any questions please see Joe Groff. All are welcome to join the fun!

- **August – White Caps Baseball Game – August 14th at 1:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact – Paul & Melanie Grey**
- **September** – Shrine of the Pines, Jones Ice Cream, possible jazz in the park behind Jones – Ken & Kathy Cain
- **October** -
- **November** - Potluck & game night – Carline Knoll & Jen Larsen
- **December** -



If you have any questions please see Joe Groff or Deb Prins or contact the person listed for each planned event. If you have other ideas or would like to plan something please let us know that also.

August Birthday's

8/1	Kathryn Pope
8/2	Robert Pope
8/3	Carline Knoll
8/4	Melissa Webb
8/5	Jean Bumstead
8/8	Sally Mouthaan
8/8	John Cook
8/10	Mark Wright
8/11	Sherry Graham
8/15	Denisen Gort
8/16	Kate McKenna
8/16	Rachel Larsen
8/17	Lois Henning
8/18	Jan Richardson
8/19	Carolyn Boose
8/21	Linda Lester
8/25	Kenneth Faulkner
8/25	Dudley Irwin
8/27	Dave Geddes
8/28	Barry Badge



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. Thank you for your help in updating our information.



August Anniversaries

8/2	Jon & Mary Jane Cook
8/2	Dudley and Sue Irwin
8/3	Tim & Cindy Ryan
8/7	Don & Karen Simington
8/8	Ron & Kay Pardonnet
8/13	Andy & Kathy Belew
8/14	Dave & Linda Geddes
8/26	Wayne & Jean Bumstead
8/26	Al & Karen Winchel
8/27	Erik & Jen Larsen

PHOTO DISPLAY-Christmas Walk

Newaygo Christmas Walk display this year will be armature photos. If you would like to help plan the display please let Deb Prins know ASAP.

Meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2016 @ 12:30 for anyone interested in helping plan!



August 7

Liturgist: Joe Groff
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Inside Ushers: Ruth Merritt & Jen Larsen
Outside Ushers: Jane Bode Fowler & Harriet Kiper
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Deb Prins

August 21

Liturgist: Tyler Friend
Acolyte: Gabriella Brooks
Inside Ushers: Ron & Kay Pardonnet
Outside Ushers: Sue Osborn & Dorothy Besemer
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Deb Prins

August 14

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet
Acolyte: Blake Larsen
Inside Ushers: Carline Knoll & Anne Henning
Outside Ushers: Dolores Cook & Millie Stine
Projector: Jen Larsen
Sound: Need Volunteer

August 28

Liturgist: Brenda Huckins Bonter
Acolyte: Rachel Larsen
Inside Ushers: Ken & Kathy Cain
Outside Ushers: Jo Bode & Arlene Salacina
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Taylor Prins



In an effort to better communicate with the people of the Newwaygo United Methodist Church and the community around us, below are ways you can get connected.

- Church Website: www.newwaygoumc.com - Please check it out and let us know in the church office if you find changes needed or information you would like to see added.
- Church emails: If you have an email address and would like to receive information via email please make sure we have your email in the church office. You can email me (Deb Prins) at debprins@sbcglobal.net or the church email at umcnew@newwaygoumc.com.
- Bulletins: Printed weekly and used during worship. Many upcoming activities and an updated calendar of events.
- Newsletter: Printed and emailed once a month with as much information as possible about activities throughout the church. If you or your group has information you would like added please let the church office know by the 20th of each month.
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Newwaygo-United-Methodist-Church-148587848489624/> or you can just open facebook and search Newwaygo United Methodist Church and like our page to see updates.
- **Newwaygo UMC App (android or apple): SMART PHONE USERS – Go to your app store on your phone and search for “newwaygo umc” and download our app. This is a great way to get connected and get updates and reminders. There is a current calendar. We want as many of you as possible to download and use this app. If you need help please see Deb Prins.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word	2 12pm-Longcore Circle Meeting @ Kathy Cain’s Home – Pot luck	3 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours	4 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	5	6
7 9:30am – Worship	8 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word	9 6pm– Ladies Night Out-UMW Meeting @ Kathy Cain’s Home - Potluck	10 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 6:00-8:30pm-Vacation Bible School	11 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off 6:00-8:30pm- Vacation Bible School	12	13
14 9:30am – Worship- Vacation Bible School Celebration 1pm: White Caps Game Outing	15 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word	16 9:30am – Mary Martha Circle Meeting @ Kathy Cain’s Home-Pot luck 6:30pm – Finance Meeting 7:00pm – Church Council Meeting	17 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours	18 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	19	20
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Reflective Address Marker

Signs \$10.00

Posts \$5.00

Newaygo Fire Department is selling reflective address marker signs. These signs make it easier for emergency help to find your home.

Horizontal or vertical signs available. If you are interested there are forms in the coffee area at church and you can fill one out and give it to either Rob or Kathy Pope.



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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.

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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