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Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

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 How many ways can we thank God?
Pastor Kathy

Annual Church Conference
 Tuesday, November 29 @ 7:00pm

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is where you (the church) make decisions that help guide the Church Council and your leaders for the coming year. All are welcome and have voice. Members may vote.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY



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.

- **Longcore Circle** –Tuesday, November 1st at 2pm @ Dorothy Sibley's Home.
- **UMW Ladies Night Out** –Tuesday, November 22 @ 6pm - @ the church. We will be making cards and putting together baskets/bags for persons who are not able to get out easily. Bring goodies you would like to add to the baskets. Soup supper will be served before we work on the baskets/bags.
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, November 15 at 9:30am. All women are welcome. We have a business meeting and a time of bible study.



Bakeless Bake Sale

We have collected for the last two weeks for the Bakeless Bake sale. All monies raised will be used to help ministries in our local area and possibly abroad. We appreciate everyone who donated. This fundraiser is always a huge success and we are thankful that you help us each year.

We are still receiving money through the mail so an updated amount will be given to you soon. Watch the bulletin and future newsletters for more information.



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

This is going to be a different kind of men's group article. I had to opportunity to attend one of the women's groups for lunch. Right away I noticed the difference between the "groups." Both groups talk before the food comes, but when the men get their food, they stop talking (mostly) and eat! When the women got their food, the talking continued. I was so fascinated with this that I pulled up some info on the differences between men and women:

1. Women tend to talk more about people men tend to talk more about things and their surrounding.
2. When a woman nods, she is trying to show she is listening and wants the speaker to continue. When a man nods, he is showing agreement with the speaker.
3. Women tend to use touch for camaraderie Men use touch for signals of power.
4. Women are trained from a young age to give a lot of nonverbal encouragement—whether they agree with what is being said or not. Like nodding, tilting the head, saying yes, etc. However, men don't think it's as necessary. This can come across to women as cold or unemotional.
5. Women use 5 speaking tones when talking. And as they get emotional or under stress, the voice rises making them squeaky or high pitched. Men only use 3 speaking tones when talking and show little emotion.
6. Our faces can demonstrate over 10,000 facial expressions. However, women and men use these differently. Overall, men demonstrate less facial expressiveness than women. Men also smile less than women. This is because women have been taught more appeasement body language as children and are encouraged to always get along with others and cooperate. The smile is the body language sign of appeasement.

See never too old to learn something new!!! Men, we meet every Wed at City Limits at 8:30 am. Women, I don't know when you meet!

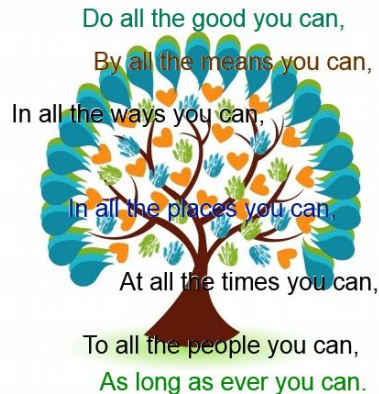
Joe Groff

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.

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-Christmas Angel Tree

This year the Mission Committee has chosen Angel Tree as our Christmas project. Angel Tree is an organization that gives support to children of incarcerated parent(s) at Christmas time. We are "adopting" 25 Newaygo County children to help provide gifts from the incarcerated parent. The mission Christmas tree will be up early this year in the Narthex with Angel Tree tags that will show the first name, age, sex and what the child might want for Christmas. The church has already raised enough money to provide an age appropriate bible for each child. We are asking members to take a tag, buy a gift around \$15, wrap the gift and bring back the tag by Nov 27. We will have a Christmas party for the families on Dec 11 to pass out the presents from their parent. So if you would like to provide a cookie or two that would also be appreciated. Info coming later on the party! We are asking for the wrapped gifts early this year so we can get the party organized and make sure we have gifts for each child. If you have any questions please see any mission committee member. Thank you for all your support. It is appreciated more than you realize! God bless!





Doris Jacques
 Edna Schilling
 Fern Glasspoole
 Jean Bumstead
 Lois VanDyke
 Chuck Seuss' Family
 Military Service Persons

Marne Salacina
 Gladys Kroll
 Nancy Ferguson
 June Wade
 Unspoken Prayers
 Peace in the World



I can't believe October is over. It certainly was busy and eventful. Halloween is behind us and the season of thankfulness is before us. All the mentors have children and it is good. It is nice having the majority of the children in one building; especially so since I work in that building. For me, the best thing is to see their growth. There are always reasons to be thankful.

I am thankful we are a Kids Hope church and remember the children when they are out of the program. I have compared notes with Carline and Harriet as to what our students are up to as adults. Some are parents, some are working, all are on the journey of life. Thank you for the collection for the Stebelton family. Thomas, the young man who was injured was one of my Kids Hope students. Continue praying for them.

I am also thankful we are involved in our school beyond Kids Hope. We are parents and grandparents supporting our community by attending games and concerts. Good luck NHS band at State finals.

Sherry



Treasurer's Report

Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church in 2016.

Contributions through	
October 31, 2016 -	\$ 12,633.00
Expenses through	
October 31, 2016 -	\$ 8,768.44
Total	\$ 3,864.56

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 Classes For All Ages

10:45 for Children
 11:00am for Adults
 11:30am play practice

Christmas play practice has started. It is important that your child be here each week to practice. They will be presenting the CHRISTmas story to the congregation on Sunday, December 18 at 9:30am during worship.

If you have any questions, please see Anne Henning.



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!

- **November** - Potluck & game night – Carline Knoll & Jen Larsen. November 19 from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Please bring a dish to pass. There will be sign up sheets in the coffee area. Everyone is welcome including kids. Mark your Calendars and come enjoy good food and fellowship and maybe even win a game or two if you are lucky. Games will be provided but if you have a favorite game bring it along.
- **December** – Sweet Adeline’s Performance – Saturday, December 10th. We will carpool from the church at 12:45pm and attend the 2pm show. See Cathy Badge or Joe Groff for tickets.



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

November Birthday's

11/1 Vern Boose
11/2 Jackie Pederson
11/4 Kathy Belew
11/10 Marilyn Witter
11/13 Colby Brooks
11/17 Lois VanDyke
11/21 Ray Webb
11/26 Arlene Salacina
11/26 Jacqueline Wright
11/28 Steve Bonter



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.



November Anniversaries

11/4 Dale & Dianna Weaver
11/6 Paul & Melanie Gray
11/10 Vern & Carolyn Boose

Girl Scout Troop #4581 Thanks You for Your Support

Thank you to those that ordered candy, nuts or magazines from Morgan and Rachel during the Girl Scout fall fundraiser. Orders will be delivered after worship on Sunday, November 20, 2016. Contact Kathy Pope at 989-385-3024 or Jen Larsen at 231-519-3555 if you have any questions.



Newwaygo United Methodist Church “The World Through Our Community’s Eyes” Christmas Walk Photo Contest

Photo Contest rules - 2016

- No professional photographers
- Entries are due before 12pm on November 18th at Newwaygo United Methodist Church- with registration form
- Competition is free to enter
- 1-2 photos per person
- Open to high school-adult
- Size should be no larger than 16X20 when matted
- **Must be matted - No frames or glass**
- Will be juried with prizes awarded for top 3 and people’s choice
- Photographs on display at Newwaygo UMC December 1 & 2
- Pick up photos on December 3 9am-10:30am
- All photos must be labeled with title, your name and phone number

For further information contact Deb Prins at 231-652-6581 or debprins@sbcglobal.net

We are still looking for donations for helping to give out prize money if you would like to help with that, please see Deb Prins, Janet Fisher or Jane Fowler.

You may also put your donation in the offering plate and mark it Photo Contest.



Soup Supper

Friday, December 2, 2016

Serving from 5pm-7pm

All you can eat soup, bread and drink.

Cost is by donation!

Everyone is welcome!

If you can help please see Stan Fisher.



Safety Team Update

Newwaygo United Methodist Church has created a safety team. This team is in the process of being developed to help keep everyone safer in any emergency situation that may arise. Below are some of the things that are currently being developed.

- Checklist for before and after worship on Sunday mornings. Teams to be “on duty” to do safety checks each week.
- Plans for evacuation in case of fire or other emergency.
- CPR Training.
- Lighted Exit Signs

Completed

- New Fire Extinguishers
- New Fire Alarms
- Emergency First Aid Training.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 30 @ 6:00pm. If you have any questions or concerns you would like to have considered please plan to attend or contact the church office at 231-652-6581.

CPR Training

Saturday, November 12th

9am-1pm

Cost \$10/person

Please Register for CPR Class by October 10th. This class is limited to 30 persons and we want to open it up to other Newwaygo area churches after October 10th. Space is on a first come first serve basis so sign up in the coffee area or call the church office ASAP at 231-652-6581.



Military Prayer Chain

Please keep all persons serving in the US military branches in your prayers every day. Below are persons currently serving in the military who are loved ones of your church members.

- Staff Sargent Mandy Hagan
- Staff Sargent Frank Arnold
- Spec. Kathleen Arnold
- Ashley Friend
- Clint Wallace
- Elliott McBride
- Christopher Peterman



Protection

Father,

Thank You for the men and women that protect this nation!

Father, as they protect us, protect them as well!

Lord, You know where they will be today and I pray that You will be there with them to guide them through whatever challenges and trials they face this day.

I thank You for these men and women, Lord!

I love You! Amen



We thank you Lord for your love and protection for all of our loved ones and ask that you continue to protect all who serve in the armed forces.

Amen

Music Ministry

Thank you to Sue Osborn for donating the money needed to update our organ with the new recorder and software needed to record music ahead of time in preparation for Sundays when both Lois & Cathy will be gone. We saw it in action on Sunday, October 31st and it worked well.

A huge thank you to all who went and watched the system in use before we made the decision to buy the upgraded recorder. Also thank you so much to Andy & Kathy Belew for helping to pick out the laptop to be used with the system and the biggest thank you to Cathy & Barry Badge for all their work in getting the system set up and working and for Cathy's extra time spent recording songs already. We appreciate your commitment to beautiful worship music.

We are looking forward to Lois being completely healed and coming back soon to wow us with her beautiful music that she will also start recording for use in later services. This is a huge commitment on both Cathy and Lois' part and we appreciate you both.

Blessings,
Your Church Council



**United Methodist Women
November 22, 2016
Gift Bags of Blessings**

We will once again be making gift bags for Thanksgiving and delivering them to persons who are not able to get out easily. Please start collecting items to put in the gift bags. Anyone is welcome to donate items.

*Suggestions include:
Small bottles of lotion
Single serve coffee
Single serve tea
Hot cocoa
Puzzle books
Mugs
Slippers
Magnifying glass
Small fleece blankets
Toothpaste
Cards with envelopes
Stamps
Homemade cookies
Pens
Mints
Chap stick
Powder
Dried fruit
Small candy bars*

Any item you would like to receive would be welcomed too! Use your imagination and have some fun with this!

A box will be available in the coffee area starting Sunday, September 25th . Please wait to donate any snack/food items until closer to November 22nd so we don't run into problems with out of date snack.

Enjoy collecting then join us for the fun of putting the items together on November 22, 2016. Soup Supper will be available. We will be decorating the bags and writing out cards for each person. If you have someone you would like added to the list to receive a bag and a visit please let Deb Prins know ASAP.



**Worship Helpers for
November**

November 6

Liturgist: Joe Groff
Inside Usher: Carline Knoll & Millie Stine
Outside Usher: Jane Fowler & Jen Larsen
Acolyte: Morgan Pope
Projector: Elizabeth Brooks
Sound: Deb Prins

November 13

Liturgist: Carline Knoll
Inside Usher: Ruth Merritt & Dolores Cook
Outside Usher: Dudley Irwin & Harriet Kiper
Acolyte: Blake Larsen
Projector: Jen Larsen
Sound: Need Volunteer

November 20

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet
Inside Usher: Dorothy Besemer & Arlene Salacina
Outside Usher: Jan Richardson & Kate McKenna
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Taylor Prins

November 27

Liturgist: Ben Lester
Inside Usher: Ron & Kay Pardonnet
Outside Usher: Vern & Carolyn Boose
Acolyte: Rachel Larsen
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Deb Prins

If you would like to help with worship on Sunday morning please contact the office and we will put you on our list for worship helpers.

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 26th at 9:00am
Anyone who would like to come help hang the greens and ready the church for CHRISTmas, please come and help.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:00pm – Longcore Circle Meeting @ Dorothy Sibley’s	2 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy 6pm – Safety Team Meeting 7pm –Choir Practice	3	4	5 10am - Breakfast to Thank Breakfast Crew
6 All Saints Sunday 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Children’s Sunday School 11am – Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Christmas Play Practice	7 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word	8	9 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy 6pm – Safety Team Meeting Office Hours 7pm –Choir Practice	10 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	11	12 9am-1pm – CPR Training
13 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Children’s Sunday School 11am – No Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Christmas Play Practice	14 Pastor Kathy Vacation 1pm – No Wired Word	15 Pastor Kathy Vacation 9:30am – Mary Marth Circle	16 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits Pastor Kathy Vacation 7pm –Choir Practice	17 Pastor Kathy Vacation 10am – Social Group Yard/Outside church clean up – Lunch provided	18 Pastor Kathy Vacation	19 Pastor Kathy Vacation
20 Pastor Kathy Vacation 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Children’s Sunday School 11am – No Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Christmas Play Practice	21 Pastor Kathy Vacation Office Hours 1pm – No Wired Word	22 Pastor Kathy Vacation 6:00pm – UMW Ladies Night Out Thanksgiving Baskets/Bags	23 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits Pastor Kathy Vacation 7pm –Choir Practice	24 THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED	25 Pastor Kathy Vacation	26 9am – Hanging of the Greens Kathy Vacation
27 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Children’s Sunday School 11am – Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Christmas Play Practice NOISY OFFERING	28 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word	29 7:00pm – Newaygo UMC Church Conference	30 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 7pm –Choir Practice			

Be Thankfull this November!



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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.

10:45 –Children's Sunday School

11:00am – Adult Sunday School

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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