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Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

Time for a Breather

Have you ever noticed that fall begins with very subtle changes. A few leaves begin to yellow. Some of our flowering plants begin to wither. The nights begin to feel cooler. Before you know it we are wearing jackets, raking leaves, piling on an extra blanket and not wearing sandals. Then fall is upon us fully and we know what happens after that. Little white stuff begins to invade the air.

The freshness of faith can lose its vitality in the same way, becoming stagnant in very subtle ways. At first we may skip a prayer time in the morning or at night. Reading the Bible loses some of its appeal especially when we encounter the boring parts of rules and regulations and genealogies. Even going to church can become something less important in our lives as we encounter disappointments, a negative remark, and controversy. Before you know it faith is less important in our daily lives. And we reach a plateau of non-growth as we replace faith with important events and goals in our lives.

The Apostle Paul was constantly having to remind the churches to rekindle the faith that called them together, to remember what it was that drew them to belief in Jesus Christ. The same thing happens in our day and time, especially with the chaos that seems so prevalent in our world.

Our faith is just as valid in all of our lives, no matter what is happening around us and within us. So how do we rekindle the Spirit within us that called us to

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be believers? Faith is not a "it just happens" thing. Faith is a living and vital part of who we are. God keeps calling us to attend to that which He has done in Jesus Christ through the practices we engage in to keep faith fresh and alive. That means that even though we don't feel like it we must keep praying, reading, studying, and doing Christ work. Remembering that God is with us as often as we can helps keep faith vital and allows God the opportunity to keep working with us. Thinking about God frequently helps restore our flagging faith. So why not think about God when a leaf falls, when we put an extra blanket on, when we sip that warming cup of chocolate or coffee. It's about acknowledging God's presence frequently. That's when faith stays alive best! And this world sure does need faith!!!

Pastor Kathy

Safety Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 5 @ 6:00pm

If you would like to be a part of making our church a safer place for all persons, please mark your calendars and join the meeting.

Anyone concerned about safety in all situations is welcome.

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, October 4 at 2pm @ Dorothy Sibley's Home.
- **UMW Ladies Night Out** –Saturday, October 15th @ 9am-2pm - @ the Shack – UMW Ladies Day Out. We will be watching and discussing the movie God's Not Dead 2. All are welcome. Please sign up in the coffee area at church or call the church office so we can let them know how many will be there for lunch.
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, October 18th at 9:30am. All women are welcome.



November 22nd we will be having our UMW Meeting and will discuss the planning for next year and we will be packing bags to deliver to homebound persons. Please start collecting items that you think others would like to have and leave in the box in the coffee area



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Serving 8am-11am

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

Cost is by donation.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST BREAKFAST FOR 2016. Breakfast will return on January 28, 2017

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.



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

I have been away from men's group for a while, but the fish stories just got bigger and bigger. Stan and Vern talked about their fishing experience the other day. They saw so many big mouth bass that the fish were just sitting on the lily pads sunning themselves. Then Vern tells about the fishing trip up north, where he got a record perch. He says he should have had it weighed and mounted but instead he put it in a community pot and it fed a group of "5000" just like in the bible. I was a little skeptical of both stories!!

Ken talked about the many times he goes to the garage and then wonders "what am I hereafter?". Does that mean you're seeing a glimpse of the world in the "great hereafter?"

It is great seeing Dudley and Rob there and of course we will be missing many of the snowbirds who are starting to go south already.

We all had one unanswered question, how do women get so much stuff in their purses? And keep track of it! But then it came to me while sitting in a waiting room watching a woman with a humongous purse. Inside was stuff and another purse and inside the second purse was a third purse! So Marilyn and Carolyn I think your guys want you to get new purses. Just saying.

So men, to hear more stories just meet with us on Wednesday at 8:30 am at the City Limits Restaurant. You never know what you'll hear!

Joe Groff

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.

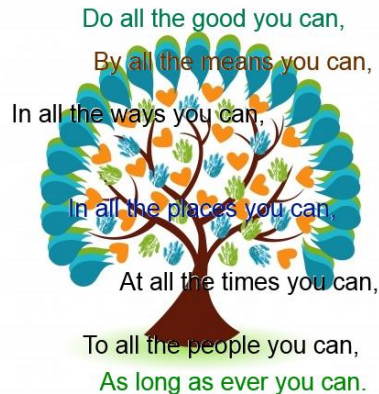
MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY

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–World Communion

It Starts With a Gift

This year the Mission Committee has selected Angel Tree for our Christmas project. Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship that connects parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. We have asked for 25 Newaygo County prisoner's children to give joy to this Christmas.

Our plan is to provide one gift, a bible and a Christmas party. We will have our Angel Tree up in the narthex with the names of the children along with \$20 gift suggestions and 25 bible ornaments. Our task will be to purchase and wrap the gift on behalf of his/her incarcerated parent. Or provide funds to purchase a bible appropriate to the child's age. We then plan to have a Christmas party in Dec to present the gifts to the children from the parent and the church.

Our October noisy offering will be for this project to help buy the bibles. We will also be selling "stuffed owls." For each owl that is sold, the mission committee will received \$5.00. It is a great gift for children, grandchildren or angel tree children. Let's let the child of a prisoner know that they aren't forgotten and give them the joy of Christmas. This is a big challenge, but WE CAN DO IT!!

"Then the king will say to the godly people on his right, 'Come, my Father has great blessings for you. The kingdom he promised is now yours. It has been prepared for you since the world was made. It is yours because when I was hungry, you gave me food to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I had no place to stay, you welcomed me into your home. When I was without clothes, you gave me something to wear. When I was sick, you cared for me. When I was in prison, you came to visit me.'" Matthew 25, 34-36.

Joe Groff-Missions Chair





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



It really feels like we're back in the swing of things. Choir has started as well as Sunday School. 5 of the 6 permission slips have been returned and that is much better than last year. Most of the mentors will start mentoring the first week of October, one has started already. We've also had our first Kids Hope pot luck. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy day to enjoy some good food and share some stories.

Here is a quick run down on the mentor/mentee/prayer partners. Kathy Cain is with Kenny C and their prayer partner is Sue Osborn. Ken Cain is with Kenny B and their prayer partner is Gladys Kroll. Brenda Bonter is paired with AJ, Millie Stein as prayer partner. I'm paired with Zoey and Joe is our prayer partner. Susanne Geerdink and Jen Larsen are mentoring Dawson and their prayer partner is Diana Wever. Ruth Merrit is prayer partner for Harriet Kiper, they are waiting for a student. Ron and Kay Pardonnet are our party planners. Currently we have one student at the middle school and the others are at the Upper Elementary.

One thing I have noticed as I've worked at the school; kids undergo tremendous growth over the summer. Most are almost tall as me when they leave as 4th graders, but they also grow emotionally and cognitively as well. They leave in the spring a little wild and unruly and start out more mature in fall. They come in wanting to learn and improve. Whatever we can do to encourage and foster that growth is well worth the effort. Sometimes it's as simple as showing up.

Sherry



Treasurer's Report

Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church in 2016. We will be sending out giving statements in October so you can see your giving for the first part of 2016.

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| Contributions through September 30, 2016 - | \$ 9,425.12 |
| Expenses through September 30, 2016 - | <u>\$ 8,200.31</u> |
| Total | \$1,224.81 |

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

**Mark your calendar for a
Harvest Festival Gathering at
Camp Newaygo.**

**Saturday, October 29, 2016
Time will be determined and
announced closer to the 29th. 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!

- **October** – Thursday, October 13th 10am - ?? – Yard work/outside clean up @ Church – Lunch provided! We need your help to weed and ready the church outside for fall.
- **November** - Potluck & game night – Carline Knoll & Jen Larsen. Date TBD.
- **December** – Sweet Adeline’s Performance – Saturday, December 10th watch for more information.



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.

October Birthday's

10/2 Fern Glasspoole
10/3 Laura Graham
10/3 Bane Brooks
10/4 Jon Graham
10/4 Gena Diet
10/7 Violet Jenerou
10/11 Pamela Kroeze
10/11 Tim Prins
10/13 Kathleen Groff
10/20 Tyler Friend
10/20 Morgan Pope
10/22 Anne Henning



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.



October Anniversaries

10/5 Melvin & Dawn Carr
10/10 Ben & Linda Lester
10/26 Jim & Jo Bode

PHOTO DISPLAY-Christmas Walk

Start thinking about which photos you will submit!

In keeping with our tradition of interesting displays during the Newaygo Christmas Walk this year our display will be amateur photos. If you would like to help plan the display please let Deb Prins know ASAP.

We have some plans in place and our next meeting will be on **Monday October 3rd at 2:00pm**. Please plan to join us. Your input is important to us. Also start thinking about your photo you would like to display (limit 2).





October 2

Liturgist: Carline Knoll
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Inside Ushers: Ruth Merritt & Jean Reynhout
Outside Ushers: Vern & Carolyn Boose
Projector: Debra Prins
Sound: Taylor Prins

October 9

Liturgist: Ben Lester
Acolyte: Morgan Pope
Inside Ushers: Carline Knoll & Anne Henning
Outside Ushers: Dolores Cook & Millie Stine
Projector: Jen Larsen
Sound: Need Volunteer

October 16

Liturgist: Anne Henning
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Inside Ushers: Ron & Kay Pardonnet
Outside Ushers: Sue Osborn & Dorothy Besemer
Projector: Elizabeth Brooks
Sound: Taylor Prins

October 23

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

October 30

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



Crop Walk 2016

The Newaygo / Grant CROP Walk will be held on Oct. 2nd at our church at 12:30. We will start with a soup lunch and then walk from the church down along the river and back to the church.

You may collect money on line or in person and turn it in any time prior to the walk. Please make sure that you turn your money in by Sunday, October 2nd.

The money that is collected will go to provide food, water, or other necessities to sustain life here in the United States and around the world. Each year, many of our church members participate in this walk. Last year our community raised \$9,610.

As in the past, we will be sharing the money with Love INC and also a portion will go to Newaygo County Seniors Meals on Wheels. Won't you please consider supporting someone who is walking.

An update on amount raised through Crop walk will be given in the November Newsletter.

**Breakfast for the Breakfast Crew
Saturday, November 5, 2016
10:00 am**

The church council would like to show our appreciation and thanks to those who have worked to serve the community and raise money through the 4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast in 2016. We know it is a lot of work and commitment of your time and energy.

If you have worked the 4th Saturday pancake breakfast this year, please join us on November 5th at 10am. We would like to cook YOU breakfast.

Please call the church office if you have any questions and to let us know you will be able to come so we are sure we have enough food.

United Methodist Women Annual *BAKELESS* bake sale!

*A bit of news we have today...
A BAKELESS BAKE SALE is on the way.
In these busy days, who wants to bake,
A pie or cookies or even a cake.*

*You'd be surprised if you counted the cost,
of ingredients, heat, and the time you've lost.
Baking for sales is extra work.
Yet nobody really wants to shirk.*

*So we've thought of a plan that's really grand,
and feel quite sure you'll understand.
In an envelope, if you like, please include the price...
of a pie or cake or anything nice.*

*Without fuss or bother, you've done your part.
We hope you'll give with a willing heart.
Wishing success for our BAKELESS BAKE SALE!*

All you have to **DO** is write a check or count out the cash you would have spent on ingredients or on buying someone else's goodie (don't forget the time savings too) and **bring it to church on Sunday, October 23rd or Sunday, October 30th** and put it in the pans that will be waiting your **"ingredients"** in the coffee area at the church.

All money raised will be used for local and global mission projects.

**You can also mail your donation to:
Newaygo UMC
P.O. Box 366
Newaygo, MI 49337**

Make checks payable to: Newaygo UMW



UMW – Day Out

@ The Shack
Saturday, October 15, 2016
9am-2pm
Cost \$10.00
(lunch provided)

All women are invited and welcome!

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to
everyone who asks you to give the reason for
the hope that you have. But do this with
Gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15*

"I'd rather stand with God and be judged by the world, than stand with the world and be judged by God."

Can you make the above statement with conviction?

God's Not Dead 2 stars Melissa Joan Hart as a teacher under fire for quoting scripture in the classroom. This is a hot topic in many arenas today.

Come study with other women the affect the laws have on our schools, teachers and children today and find ways that we can
STAND WITH GOD!

Join us at the Shack on October 15th where we will discuss our belief that God is alive and walks with us each day. We will also discuss ways no matter how big or small that will help us **STAND WITH GOD.**

Please sign up on the sheet in the coffee area at church or contact Deb Prins at (church) 652-6581 or (home) 231-335-8737 or debprins@sbcglobal.net

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



For the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God,
those who take refuge in you will be glad
and forever will shout for joy.

Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties.

Protect them with the shield of your strength
and keep them safe from all evil and harm.

May the power of your love enable them to return home
in safety, that with all who love them,
they may ever praise you for your loving care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



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

In July Lois VanDyke fell off the organ bench during worship and has fractured her neck. She is home and healing. She and Bill still need your prayers because she will be in her uncomfortable neck brace for several more weeks. This brings us to the realization that once in a while, Lois and Cathy will be gone from worship at the same time. The question then becomes what do we do for music during worship when this happens?

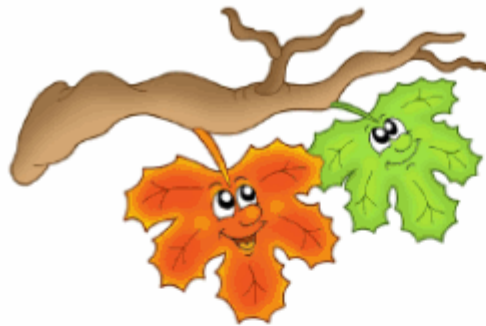
Council discussed this and has a couple of options we are looking into along with Cathy Badge and Lois VanDykes input. Council will make a decision at the October meeting which direction we would like to pursue. Our options are:

- The Hymnal on CD: Cost is around \$400 – most is not organ music. We will be using a song or two from the CD sample on September 18th during worship.
- There is currently a box on the organ that is programmable but programs to 3 ½ inch floppy discs. This is very outdated and needs to be upgraded if we want to have Cathy or Lois preprogram whole worship services for us. Cathy has a quote from the organ company for upgrading the box so it will save digitally to a USB drive and can hold a full worship service and be run by remote even by the pastor if they will not be here. The cost for this upgrade including the box, installation, and an outside hard drive for back up is between \$2,300 and \$2,500. This Option will allow us to have organ music even if we don't have an organist for the day.

Currently we are just exploring options but know that we need to do something in the future. If you have any questions or would like to pledge towards the purchase of which ever option the council decides is the best please let the church office know. Questions regarding the programmable organ should be directed to Cathy Badge.

Thanks,
Your Church Council

Fall Fun For The KIDS



How Many Smaller Words?

How many smaller words can you make out of the letters in the bigger words below?

Autumn leaves

Bring your list of words to the church office (aka Deb Prins) for a special treat!

Safety Team Update

Newaygo 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.
- New updated fire extinguishers throughout the church.
- New fire alarms throughout the church.
- Lighted Exit signs.
- Plans for evacuation in case of fire or other emergency.
- Emergency First Aid Training.
- CPR Training.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 5 at 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.

First Aid Training Saturday, October 22nd 12pm-4pm



Emergency first aid training will be held at Newaygo United Methodist Church. There is no cost for this class but we would like to have you sign up so we know how many will be attending. We will also be offering the class to other churches. The class is open to anyone who would like to learn basic emergency first aid. Please sign up in the coffee area or call 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 Newaygo 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.

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| 2 World Communion 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Children’s Sunday School 11am – Adult Sunday School 12:30pm – Crop Walk | 3 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word 2pm – Photo Display Meeting | 4 2:00pm – Longcore Circle Meeting @ Dorothy Sibley’s | 5 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 6pm – Safety Team Meeting 7pm –Choir Practice | 6 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 7 | 8 |
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Have A Happy October!

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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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