

# GOD'S DREAM SEEKERS NEWS

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## Pastors Ponderings

### The Month of Love?

Ah, February, the biggest hurdle of Winter comes in this month. Cold, snow, gray, you name it and the worst of winter is here! Some of the things that give me hope in this month are the birds beginning their mating songs, the birth of our daughter in this month, the occasional peeks of sunshine, and warm blankets. But this is also the month of love. Valentine's Day looms large as candy, gifts, cards, flowers appear from those professing love. Valentine specialists (shops, card companies, candy makers, and florists) all make money in the name of love. It is good to be remembered by a loved one and to remember those who have a huge impact on our lives.

But the month of love is about more than those tangible things we give to one another. It should be more about the ways we give of ourselves to those whose lives we touch. I am sure most of us have heard enough of the hatred and ill will floating around about this year's presidential election. That ill will often extends to friends and acquaintances and relatives who disagree with the results. This might be the month when we consciously pull back from anger and hostilities to think about how we are impacting those around us. Are we letting our anger and fears rule the day? Instead of creating dissension and strife I wonder what it would be like to turn our thoughts to positive presentations of ourselves. That might mean smiling more, wishing more people well (even if they disagree), helping a person who is struggling to reach something or carry

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something. When we come together as a family, a town, a state, a nation, or a world, good things can happen. Isn't it time for the good to begin to shine? Isn't it time to turn Valentine's Day into a day of reaching out to others in acts of hope and faith? Isn't it time to let our faith in Jesus Christ become stronger than any political dissension? I wonder what it would be like to set a goal of 50 smiles on Valentine's Day to people I don't even know. In spite of all the negativism, I do think God is smiling us through to new ways of looking at how we do life and interact with one another! Happy Valentine's Day and here is my first smile of the day---- 😊

*Pastor Kathy*



**NEWAYGO COUNTY MOBILE FOOD  
PANTRY SCHEDULE  
FEBRUARY 2017  
Open to anyone in need.**

- Friday, February 3 @ 10am- St. Joseph Catholic Church, **WHITE CLOUD-** Sponsored in memory of Frank and Jessie Thompson
- Saturday, Feb. 4 @10am- Pine Grove Comm. Church, **CROTON/HOWARD CITY**
- Monday, February 6 @ 5pm-Fremont United Methodist Church, **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, Feb. 8 @ 4:30pm- Hesperia Community Education, **HESPERIA-** Sponsored by local area churches
- Thursday, February 9 @ 3pm-Amazing Grace Acres Church , **BITELY/BROHMAN**
- Saturday, February 11 @ 9:30am-First Christian Reformed Church, **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, Feb. 15 @ 10am- First Baptist Church of **WOODLAND PARK**
- Wednesday, Feb. 15 @ 5:30pm-Church of the Living Christ , **FREMONT**-Call to preregister---231-924-4670
- Tuesday, Feb. 21 @ 4:30pm- Northland Church of Christ, **GRANT/NEWAYGO**
- Wednesday, Feb. 22 @ 10am- True North Community Services, **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, Feb. 22 @ 4:30pm-Hesperia Community Education, **HESPERIA-** Sponsored by Local Area Churches
- Saturday, February 25 @ 1pm-Grant Assembly of God-**GRANT**



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

Well, the men had some major discussions this past month. There was one that still has us baffled. We talked almost the whole time about it and still could not come up with any real conclusion. The question was, where or how do you women learn how to give us men "the look?" You know it's "the look" that wives give husbands, mothers give sons or daughters give fathers. It's "the look" that makes a man freeze in his spot, stop what he's doing and start apologizing for everything he's done in the past, was doing in the present and may do in the future even though we didn't know what we did wrong.

We didn't know if "the look" was hereditary or if there was a secret ritual that a mother goes through with her daughter that no man has ever seen. One man said his 9 year old daughter already has that ability. Oh well, one of life's great unsolved mysteries!! So men, come to the group every Wednesday at 8:30 at City Limits. We do get some things accomplished!

*Joe Groff*

**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** –Please watch bulletin and future newsletters for next meeting time. We usually resume meeting in March. See you then.
- **UMW Ladies Night Out** –Tuesday, February 14 @ 6pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE) - @ the church. We will have a speaker from True North regarding a new program called Circles. We will have a short business meeting and some valentine fun.
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, February 21 at 9:30am @ the church. We have a short meeting and devotionals.



## 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—One Great Hour of Sharing

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special One Great Hour of Sharing, laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope.

UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, money to 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, UMCOR would not exist.**

Because UMCOR keeps its operating costs under 10% of the 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, we're ready to respond in times of crisis.

Mission chair- Jan Fisher



Doris Jacques	Marne Salacina
Edna Schilling	Fern Glasspoole
Nancy Ferguson	Al Winchel
Jean Bumstead	June Wade
Susanne Geerdink	Barb Westbrook
Unspoken Prayers	Peace in the World
Military Service Persons	



Goodbye ol' man winter, Hello Cupid. Can you believe it is February already? I am glad the tests of January are over. The state tests students in January for their proficiency in reading, math and language arts. Then there are core curriculum assessments. Core curriculum is the standard to which all students in Michigan are held. Teachers still have spelling tests on Friday. That is a lot of stress on our students. I think it does prepare us for tests of life as we age. My patience is tested every day. Occasionally I have health tests. I don't think there is an age limit on test stress.

February has to be one of the most optimistic months. It is garden planning time for me. The next one will be the best one. Sure it's still snowy and cold, but the days are getting longer. Listen when you go outside. The birds know what's going on. Brave crocuses pop up through the snow. Spring is on the way. The review of the first half of the year is over along with the tests of January. February until the rest of the year is new material to prepare them for the next grade. They are also growing, and learning about friends. It is exciting to watch.

*Sherry*



### Treasurer's Report

**Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church in 2017.**

January – March are traditionally low giving months and many larger bills are also due during this time including the insurances and the city special assessment. Please remember that even if you are not here the lights are still on. Prayerfully consider how you can help.

Contributions through	
January 31, 2017 -	\$ 8,317.69
Expenses through	
January 31, 2017 -	<u>\$ 12,946.46</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$(4,628.77)</u></b>

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

SAVE THE DATE

## SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

March 25, 2017

At Newaygo United Methodist Church

2pm-9pm

Many fun activities planned...a little bunny told us activities will include pizza making and Easter Egg coloring....



# Social Group Planning 2017

Below are suggestions of fun activities for church fellowship in 2017. Some of the activities have a small cost but we try to make most activities family friendly. There are a few activities that still need someone to take on the planning, if you are willing to do that please let Joe Groff or Deb Prins know as soon as possible. If you have other ideas for an activity please let us know. Many of the activities listed are suggestions that can be changed if you have something you would like to plan.

Month	Host/Hostess	Activity/Notes	Cost	Date
January	Joe Groff	Hometown Teams Exhibit @ Fremont Public Library	Lunch after if interested	01/21/2017
February	Deb Prins	Canvas Painting with Brenda Huckins Bonter	\$25.00	02/18/2017
March		Grand Rapids Public Museum (space exhibit)	\$8-Adult \$7-Seniors \$3-children & students \$1-carousel	03/18/2017
April	Dorothy Besemer	Progressive Dinner		04/22/2017
May	Melanie Gray	White Caps 1pm game - 30 tickets reserved - total # by April 7	\$11.50	05/07/2017
June	Jean Reynhout	Pot Luck @ Jean's - Celebration for Pastor Kathy Retirement		06/17/2017
July		Grand Lady River Boat picnic Cruise - Bring own picnic lunch-drinks, sundaes, rootbeer floats & candy bars for purchase on boat.	\$15-Adult 10yr/under free with adult ticket	Sunday 07/16/2017 1pm-3pm - board at 12:30pm
August	Barry & Cathy Badge	Ludington Beach with Hot Dog roast @ Campground around 4pm		08/19/2017
September		Michigan Herritage Park, Muskegon		09/16/2017
October	Deb Prins	Lewis Farm Market & Country Dairy -New Era	\$12	10/21/2017
November	Jen Larsen & Carline Knoll	Pot Luck and Game Night		11/18/2017
December	Stan & Jan Fisher	Grand Rapids-Christmas Concer of some kind	\$	12/16/2017



# Safety Team Update

Safety team training and/or safety team meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15 @ 5:30. If you would like to be a part of a 2 person team that is (on duty) on Sunday morning, please let the church office know as soon as possible. Training will take you through what you should be checking and watching for on Sunday mornings.

- February 27, 2017 – The combination to the door for the church will be changed. If you need the code for any reason, please contact the church office. The code will be changed yearly after this to help make Newaygo United Methodist Church a safer place for everyone.
- Mark your calendar for the above safety training if you would like to be a part of the Sunday Morning safety teams plan to attend.

*The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15 @ 5:30pm. 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.*



## 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



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.



## February Anniversaries

2/13 Dick & Sally Mouthaan

## Girl Scout Cookies

Thank you to the members who ordered Girl Scout cookies from Rachel and Morgan!

Cookies will be available at church on February 26. The Troop can take cash or check as payment.

Did you miss getting cookies? Rachel and Morgan can still take orders until February 19.

Their Troop will also be selling cookies at Shopko on February 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thank you again for your support!

Thank You!





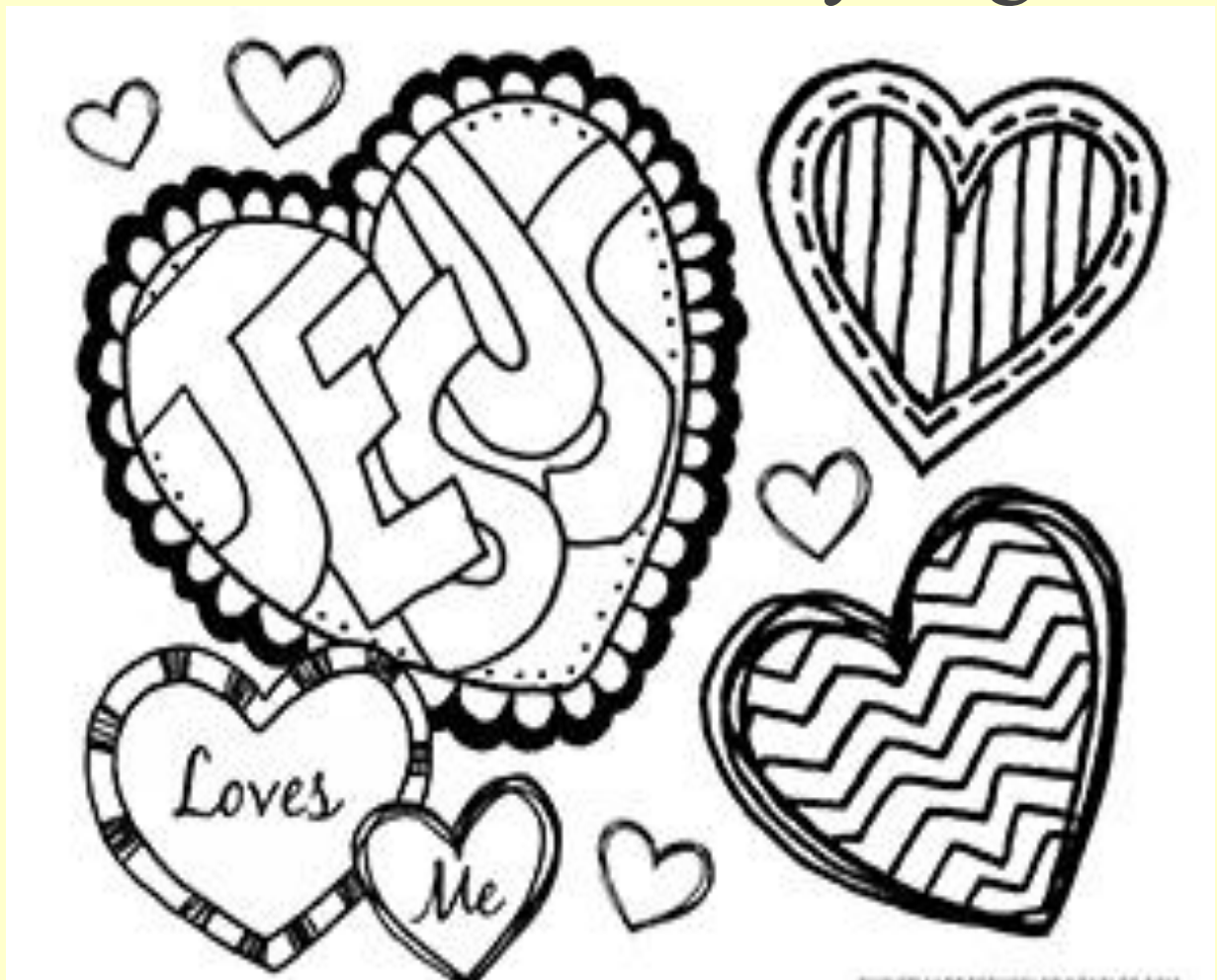
## 2017 Newaygo United Methodist Church Lenten Devotional by NUMC Parishioners

Please submit your special prayers, poems, devotions etc. that are meaningful to you and we will put them in a 40 day Lenten Devotional created by the people of Newaygo United Methodist Church. If you take the devotion you submit from a book please also include the author and book title for citation.

- Please have your submissions in by **Monday, February 20, 2017** and the devotional booklets will be ready for you on Sunday, February 26 as Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. You may turn your items in to Joe Groff, Deb Prins or Pastor Kathy.

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## Children's Activity Page



## 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 Walls
- Elliott McBride
- Christopher Peterman
- Jacob Shain
- Jeremy Cook

*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*

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## Worship Helpers for February 2017

### February 5

Liturgist: Joe Groff

Inside Usher: Amelia Stine & Dolores Cook

Outside Usher: Sue Osborn & Janet Fisher

Acolyte: Saria Brooks

Projector: Jen Larsen

Sound: Stan Fisher

### February 12

Liturgist: Brenda Huckins Bonter

Inside Usher: Vern & Carolyn Boose

Outside Usher: Dudley Irwin & Jean Reynhout

Acolyte: Rachel Larsen

Projector: Deb Prins

Sound: Taylor Prins

### February 19

Liturgist: Ben Lester

Inside Usher: Ruth Merritt & Anne Henning

Outside Usher: Jan Richardson & Kate McKenna

Acolyte: Morgan Pope

Projector: Elizabeth Brooks

Sound: Deb Prins

### February 26

Liturgist: Tyler Friend

Inside Usher: Ron & Kay Pardonnet

Outside Usher: Arlene Salacina & Jen Larsen

Acolyte: Gabriella Brooks

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.

For God  
so loVed the world  
thAt He gave His  
onLy  
begottEn  
SoN  
thaT whoever believes  
In Him shall  
Not perish, but  
have Everlasting life.

John 3:16



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy office Hours 7pm –Choir Practice	2 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	3	4
5 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Children’s Sunday School 11am – Adult Sunday School	6 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word	7	8 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy office Hours 7pm –Choir Practice	9 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	10	11
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19 9:30am – 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Children’s Sunday School 11am – Adult Sunday School	20 <b>Pastor Kathy Vacation</b> 1pm – Wired Word	21 <b>Pastor Kathy Vacation</b> 9:30am – Mary Marth Circle	22 <b>Pastor Kathy Vacation</b> 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 7pm –Choir Practice	23 <b>Pastor Kathy Vacation</b>	24 <b>Pastor Kathy Vacation</b>	25 8am-11 am - 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast
26 <b>Noisy Offering</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Children’s Sunday School 11am – Adult Sunday School	27 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word <b>NEW DOOR CODE TAKES EFFECT</b>	28				

## Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities



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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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