

# GOD'S DREAM SEEKERS NEWS

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## Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

### Reading and praying the news

We are bombarded with countless pieces of information and interpretations of the difficulties the world is facing in conflicts and tensions. At times it seems easier to give in to the despair of seeing a world bent on maintaining tensions rather than seek solutions. But, as Christians, we are not a people of despair. We are a people who live in hope that God is working with us to bring about a transformed world. It is so much easier to focus on what is wrong rather than what is working right. We are a people of prayer, believing that God responds when we pray for peace. Below are a few examples of prayers we can use when we hear the news. To see the whole article you can visit the West Michigan Conference website at: [WestMichiganConference.org](http://WestMichiganConference.org)

REV. PAUL PEREZ - DAC Dir. for Mission and Justice Engagement & Leadership Recruitment

Last week Bishop Kiesey's article, "Take A Chance on Peace," really captured the heart break and frustration I felt after a week of listening to news reports about the Palestine/Israel conflict,... and hearing from colleagues across the nation and in our state about the reaction to children fleeing violence in Central America and seeking refuge in our nation...

*Headline: Treatment of Children fleeing Violence in Central America*

PRAY: Hear our prayer, oh loving and compassionate God, and give us courage that we may accompany these migrant children with abundant mercy and grace. Embolden us to speak

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to the world of your love for all your children, and give us the courage to be unafraid. Free us from the fear of scarcity and the fear of the one whom we do not know. Through the power and presence of your Holy Spirit remind us that we are all your children, and allow us the blessing of experiencing the renewal of life that comes when we share your love with especially the littlest among us. Bring your healing among these unaccompanied migrant children. Bless their hearts with your loving presence, and surround them with your angels of care. Bless their parents and their families wherever they may be as they suffer the separation and the not knowing that comes with the migrant journey. Bless us to be the parents, family and friends of these children who now come to be among us, blessing us and bringing us your love. Amen. (From Interfaith Weekend of Compassion and Prayer for Unaccompanied Migrant Children)

*Headline: Conflict between Israel and Palestine continues*

PRAY: God of peace, encourage those who seek to establish a fair and just peace in the Middle East. Bless their efforts as they work to end conflict. Lead those who engage in violence to put down their weapons and to live in peace with one another. Amen. (From Prayer Vigil for the Middle East) "

The helplessness and hopelessness that we begin to experience in the bombardment of bad news does not have to be the way we react. When we begin to feel those senses, we can turn our thoughts to God and lift up our hearts in prayer, believing that God will hear and respond. Then working for peace in the lives we can influence becomes our response to God hearing our prayers. We can make a difference in this world, even if it seems such a tiny part of the picture. Prayer moving into action is what it is all about. We are not helpless and hopeless after all!

## Metal Chairs

The old metal chairs are available for you to purchase for a donation. Please see Deb Prins Monday-Thursday from 9am to 2pm to pick up your chairs. You may make your donation by putting it in the offering plate marked chairs.

If you have not made your donation and picked up your chairs by Thursday, August 14th they will be offered to the public. Thank you in advance for your help in making room for the new chairs and tables.



## *Fall Bible Study*

*Are you interested?*

Pastor Kathy is considering a couple of options for a fall Bible study on a day other than Sunday. If you are interested, please let Pastor Kathy know so she can get them set up.

The Bible studies are :*Beginning Bible Study* (this has lots of historical information about the writers of the bible and the geography) and/or *Discovering My Identity* ( A look at old and new testament stories)

## Newaygo County Mobile Food Pantry

Please bring a basket or box to hold approximately 50 pounds of food. Open to all who are in need of food assistance.

- Friday, August 1 @ 10am - St. Joseph Catholic Church WHITE CLOUD - Sponsored by Local Area Churches
- Saturday, August 2 @ 10am - Pine Grove Comm. Church - CROTON/HOWARD CITY
- Monday, August 4 @ 5pm - Fremont United Methodist Church - FREMONT
- Wednesday, August 6 @ 5pm - Grant Christian Reformed Church – GRANT
- Saturday, August 9 @ 9:30am - First Christian Reformed Church – FREMONT
- Monday, August 11 @ 10am - White Cloud Eagles - WHITE CLOUD
- Wednesday, August 13 @ 5pm - Weaver Park Pavilion - HESPERIA - Sponsored by Local Area Churches
- Thursday, August 14 @ 3pm - Amazing Grace Acres Church – BROHMAN
- Saturday, August 16 @ 1pm - Grant Assembly of God – GRANT
- Tuesday, August 19 @ 4:30pm - Northland Church of Christ - GRANT/NEWAYGO
- Wednesday, August 20 @ 10am - First Baptist Church of Woodland Park – BITELY
- Wednesday, August 20 @ 5:30pm - Church of the Living Christ – FREMONT - Call to pre-register: 231-924-4670
- Monday, August 25 @ 3pm - Big Jackson Church of God – PARIS
- Tuesday, August 26 @ 5pm - River Valley Community Church – NEWAYGO
- Wednesday, August 27 @ 10am - True North Community Services – FREMONT
- Wednesday, August 27 @ 5pm - Weaver Park Pavilion - HESPERIA - Sponsored in memory of Margaret Johnson

**\*Changes may occasionally occur. Please check the Hi-Lites notice published weekly to confirm accuracy.**

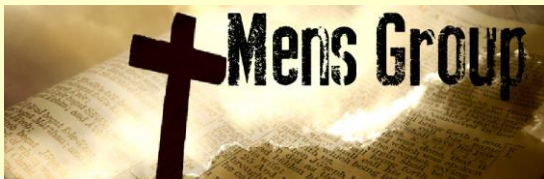
# United Methodist Women

- **Longcore Circle** – Tuesday, August 5 @ 12:30pm at Kathy Cain's Home. Please bring a dish to pass. All are welcome.
- **UMW-Ladies Night Out** – Tuesday, August 12 @ 6:30pm. We will be studying Jezebel.
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, August 19 at 9:30am. We will be meeting at the church. We have a business meeting then a time of devotion and bible study. We will be studying, 'Women of the Bible' – Dorcas



"Tabitha" is its Hebrew equivalent - she belonged to one of the earliest Christian congregations. Known for her practical works of mercy

Come to Mary Martha Circle to learn more.

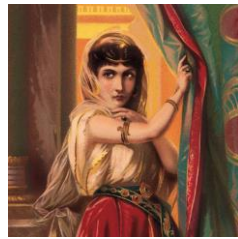


Men, come join us on **Wednesdays at 8:30 at the City Limits Restaurant** (next to McDonalds).

We meet each Wednesday and discuss whatever each of us has on our mind, enjoy good food and fellowship. All men are welcome to join us whenever you are able.

A noted speaker once defined men's group discussions into four separate topics: Factual, controversial, abstract discussion and case studies. Anybody want to guess where our group falls in? When someone shows a picture of a fish that is twice the size of the frying pan, we think right away that is a mighty big fish! But in reality it is just a really small frying pan! We tell jokes, we tell stories, but we also speak from the heart. We let each other know what is going on, plans for the week and what we need to do in our church as a church family. We share in good Christian spirit and get questions answered most of the time. So men, come on out and share with us. You might just be surprised what you hear!

Joe Groff



*Jezebel: Her name means "Where Is the Prince?" She was powerful, cunning and arrogant, actively opposed God, even in the face of indisputable proofs of his sovereignty.*  
**Join us at Ladies Night Out to learn more.**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and phone calls.

To those that brought me food, sat with me those first couple of weeks, and provided transportation when I needed it, I cannot thank you enough.

I greatly appreciate the continuing support and concerns as I return to some of my former activities. I still have a ways to go until I am back to a normal life, but I know you are there for me and that makes a huge difference.

A special thanks to those that let me borrow the equipment I needed for my recovery time and to Deb for coming to my dog's rescue.

Thanks again for everything,

Sue Osborn



Nancy Ferguson  
 Fern Glasspoole  
 Sue Osborn  
 Jean Bumstead  
 Bill & Freda Corrigan  
 June Wade  
 Al Winchel  
 Peace in the World

*If you have a prayer request or person you would like added to the monthly prayer list, please let Deb Prins know and we will add them to the newsletter each month.*

***Dear Lord, please be with each of these persons, you know their struggle and you know what they need Lord. Please be with all persons in this world who are struggling and show them you are there to comfort them. Amen.***

# Mission Minutes

## 2014 Mission Giving

Accident Victims Fund	\$192.09
African Dresses	906.00
Camp Scholarship	100.00
Camp Sunday	91.50
G. R. Tornado Relief	250.00
Habitat for Humanity	173.00
School Kits	326.47
Hoovers	101.50
Human Relations	90.00
Love Food Pantry	237.26
Native American	92.00
One Hour of Sharing	76.50
Peace with Justice	66.50
Scholarship Fund	100.00

**\$2799.82**

*God Loves a Cheerful Giver Thank you!*

## Upcoming Mission Concerns

Aug. 10- Love Food Pantry  
Aug. 24- Christian Education

*"Give and it will be given to you. ...For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38*

## Visits Needed

Please keep the following people in your prayers daily and if you are able to visit them please do so. They enjoy the company and it lifts their spirits.

Fern Glasspoole: At Home @ 782 West Brooks, Apt. 119 (Woodview Apartments)

Nancy Ferguson: Transitional Health - Fremont

Both of these ladies would love to see your smiling face even if it is only for a few minutes.



## Prayers for Peace

One of the greatest mission minded things we can do right from where we are is to pray for peace around the world. Remember to pray daily for peace for all who are in the areas where fighting and persecution are happening. YOU have the power to help change the world around you and it begins with prayer.

## LOVE FOOD Pantry

On Aug. 10, we will be collecting either money or goods for LOVE INC Food Pantry. Please bring items like toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. or give a cash donation so that these items can be purchased. A box will be available in the narthex for your donations.



## Christian Education

Our noisy offering this month will go to help fund Christian Education. The money collected undergirds the work of the conference to provide training in Christian Education within the Conference.

## School Kits

There is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall for needed school supplies. The mission is to provide school items to third world countries so that the children may attend school. If you would like to help in this effort, please sign the sheet and after purchasing the item, place it in the blue tote in the fellowship hall. Thank you!



## Helping our Neighbors

As you know, recently the Grand Rapids area was hit by a tornado. Many homes were destroyed and the families and community are devastated. Our conference asked for our support in an effort to help those in need. Our church council approved a donation of \$250 to this cause. The money will come from the profits of our July Saturday Pancake Breakfast.



## Treasurer's Report

We are on track to pay 100% of our ministry shares for 2014. This month, a few things have been done to spruce up the church and parsonage. We bought a new washer and dryer for the parsonage, sand blasted the railings at the parsonage (they still need to be spray painted if you are interested in volunteering), power washed the church and bought new chairs and tables for upstairs and down. Please keep these expenses in mind when looking at the numbers below. If you have any questions or would like to see a more detailed report please call Deb Prins at 231-652-6581 or see the copy of the reports posted on bulletin board in the church office.

Contributions through July 31, 2014 -	\$ 8,838.00
Expenses through July 31, 2014 -	\$10,039.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1,2010.00)</b>



## 4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, August 23, 2014  
Serving 8am-11am

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fried potatoes, drink and fruit. Cost is by donation please.

If you can help cook or serve, please see Jean Reynhout.

Invite your friends and neighbors!



## Vacation Bible School

August 7—6pm—8:30pm  
August 8—6pm—8:30pm  
August 10—9:30am—10:30am

*Invite your friends, neighbors and grandchildren.*

Please sign your children up on the sheet in the coffee area. Permission slips are also available and need to be brought back on the first night of VBS.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

**Please donate these items for a community project the children will be working on during VBS.**

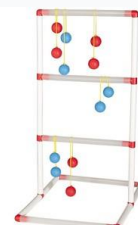
Granola bars, lip balm, small brushes, lotion, band aids (small packages), hand sanitizer bottles, cracker with cheese, fruit snacks, gum, cough drops, note pads, pens



## NUMC Booth @ Newaygo County Fair

*August 6<sup>th</sup> – 2pm to 6pm*

*We will have the Ladder Ball Game at Newaygo County Fair. We need 2 helpers from 2pm-4pm and two other helpers from 4pm-6pm. Please see Ron Pardonet if you are able to volunteer your time.*



# Worship Helpers

## August 3

**Liturgist:** Nancy Clark

**Acolyte:** Saria Brooks

**Inside Ushers:** Joan Faulkner & Ruth Merritt

**Outside Ushers:** Jackie Pederson & Sue Osborn

**Projector:** Stan Fisher

**Sound:** Need Volunteer

## August 10

**Liturgist:** Ron Pardonnet

**Acolyte:** Blake Larsen

**Inside Ushers:** Jen Larsen & Ruth Merritt

**Outside Ushers:** Dianna Weaver & Deb Prins

**Projector:** Taylor Prins

**Sound:** Deb Prins

## August 17

**Liturgist:** Kay Pardonnet

**Acolyte:** Gabriella Brooks

**Inside Ushers:** Carline Knoll & Janet Fisher

**Outside Ushers:** Jean Reynhout & Ardie Tanis

**Projector:** Deb Prins

**Sound:** Need Volunteer

## August 24

**Liturgist:** Joe Groff

**Acolyte:** Morgan Pope

**Inside Ushers:** Andy & Kathy Belew

**Outside Ushers:** Ron & Kay Pardonnet

**Projector:** Jen Larsen

**Sound:** Need Volunteer

## August 29

**Liturgist:** Carline Knoll

**Acolyte:** Elizabeth Brooks

**Inside Ushers:** Steve & Liz Moore

**Outside Ushers:** Dorothy Besemer & Jane Bode Fowler

**Projector:** Joe Groff

**Sound:** Deb Prins

## August Birthday's



8/1	Vern Wright
8/1	Kathryn Pope
8/2	Robert Pope
8/4	Melissa Webb
8/5	Jean Bumstead
8/7	Carline Knoll
8/8	Sally Mouthaan
8/8	Freda Corrigan
8/8	John Cook
8/11	Sherry Graham
8/12	William Corrigan
8/14	Ardis Tanis
8/16	Rachel Larsen
8/17	Lois Henning
8/19	Carolyn Boose
8/25	Kenneth Faulkner



8/2	John & Mary Jane Cook
8/3	Tim & Cindy Ryan
8/7	Don & Karen Simington
8/8	Ron & Kay Pardonnet
8/13	Andy & Kathy Belew
8/26	Wayne & Jean Bumstead
8/26	Al & Karen Winchel
8/27	Erik & Jen Larsen

*May God bless you and your family every day.*



Newaygo United Methodist Church  
&  
Spirit of Christ Outreach Ministries  
Present  
**A Day in the Park**  
(Brooks Park in Downtown Newaygo)

**Saturday, August 16, 2014 from  
11am-4pm**

Special Speakers/Music  
Organizations for Avenues of Need  
Area Churches Reaching Out with  
Word and Need

**Give-Away**

Clothing  
Food

(Boxed, canned, and fresh vegetables)

All extra donations from event are given to LOVE  
I.N.C. for further help in the area.



(Shirts will look like these ones.)

**NUMC T-Shirt and  
Sweatshirt Order**

T-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts are available to order with the NUMC logo on the front and back. Cost range from \$7 for t-shirts to \$28 for hooded sweatshirts. Please fill out the order form located in the coffee area at the church by Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to place an order you may also call the church office at 231-652-6581.



United Methodist Women present our first ever  
**BAKELESS** bake sale!

You are invited to **NOT** bake a cake, pie, cookies or brownies. You do **NOT** have to shop for the ingredients. You do **NOT** have to mix. You do **NOT** have to cook. You do **NOT** have to cut. You do **NOT** have to wrap. You do **NOT** have to wash dishes. You do **NOT** have to clean up your kitchen. You do **NOT** have to deliver your baked product. You do **NOT** have to stand all day selling your baked product. All you have to **DO** is write a check or count out the cash you would have spent on ingredients and then on buying someone else's goodie (don't forget the time savings too) and bring it to church on **Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** or **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.

Make checks payable to: Newaygo UMW



**Newaygo United Methodist  
Church Conference**

**Sunday, October 19**  
Following Worship

NUMC Annual Church conference is the place where we gather together to celebrate the previous year and make decisions for the upcoming year regarding our leaders, pastor's salary and other important items. Every person has a voice and members of NUMC may vote. Your voice is important so please mark your calendars today and plan to attend.

**SPR – you will be with DS at 8:30am.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours	Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	1	2
<b>3</b> 9:30am – Worship	4 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	5 Noon – Longcore Circle @ Kathy Cain’s Home – Pot Luck  4:30 – Set up for VBS	6 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 2-6pm – Ladder Ball games @ Newaygo County Fair Grounds	7 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off  6pm-8:30pm – Vacation Bible School	8 6pm-8:30pm – Vacation Bible School	9
<b>10</b> 9:30am – Worship Vacation Bible School Celebration <b>LOVE INC OFFERING</b>	11 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	12 True North Backpack give away – Contact True North  6:30pm – Ladies Night Out	13 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours	14 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	15	16 11am-4pm – A Day In The Park
<b>17</b> 9:30am – Worship	18 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	19 9:30am – Mary Martha Circle 6:30pm – Finance Meeting 7:00pm – Church Council	20 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours	21 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	22	23 8am-11am – 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast
<b>24</b> 9:30am – Worship <b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERING</b>	25 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	26	27 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours	28 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	29	30
<b>31</b> 9:30am – Worship						

## Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities –2014





# Kids Bible Wordsearch Plants of the Bible

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle #5

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## Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Services for West Michigan provides free tax preparation services to working families with incomes up to \$55,000 and promotes the awareness of EITC and other valuable tax credits for working families. Volunteers are needed to file free tax returns for low- to moderate-income taxpayers in Muskegon, Oceana, and Newaygo counties.

No experience is required to be a VITA volunteer. Free training and certification is provided through IRS on-line programs, or through scheduled classroom training sessions. Volunteers should have computer and typing skills, and be able to commit to at least one four-hour shift of service each week during tax season. For more information on the EITC or volunteering, please contact Amanda Grover at 231-722-7871, ext. 246 or by e-mail at [agrover@goodwillwm.org](mailto:agrover@goodwillwm.org).

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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.**

**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–1 pm.**

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