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Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

What Is It About Moms?

Every year when we celebrate Mother's Day in church I like to include those who have in any way nurtured children, either through their jobs, attending to children who come to church or have cared for children of their brothers, sister, aunts uncles etc. But for this article I would like to focus on those women who have actually given birth to or adopted children. You women know what it means to constantly be on the forefront of process of trying to raise children. Some, do that well, others struggle! Raising a child is sometimes a daunting task. Children have to be cared for day and night, weekdays and weekends, all days of their lives. The problem is that children have minds of their own. We can only influence them to a certain degree, then the influences of the world begin to bombard their beings. When they are young, we know best. When they become teenagers, we are not wise. When they become mature adults they begin to temper what we have taught them with what they are learning about the world. Somewhere in the mix some children make it to successful adulthood. Some still struggle. And some, for any number of reasons have veered off course. We mothers want our children to be the best they can be, and we try to teach them to be just that. But somewhere along the line they end up being what they want to be, influenced by other people and events. We laugh, cry, endure, rejoice, worry about our children all the days of our lives. After all they are still our

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children no matter how physically mature they become. I still want to hug my 45 year old son when he hurts, I want to laugh with him when he makes light mistakes and I want to fix things that get broken, including wounded pride. The same goes with our other grown children. So I would like to take this opportunity to salute the moms of the world who have fought the good fight in raising children. And sometimes when we feel we have not adequately done our job, we can always remember to pray and remember that God will be with our children moving and guiding them through life, even when they are not paying attention to God. Even though we think they are not paying attention, they are aware of our ways of responding to life, including our belief systems. Do they see the face of Christ within us? Are our actions and words based on our love for God? Do our children see nagging parents who keeps hounding them about what they ought to be doing with their lives, or do they see a loving, accepting parent who guides them with the heart of their faith so that someday they may want that for themselves? It is hard to be a perfect parent, and I don't know any of those, so we accept who we are and accept our children for who they are, pray a lot, and ask God to be with our children in ways that will lead them to faith. God bless all the mothers of this world! Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday School Swim Party

@ Woods and Waters

Sunday, May 18, 2014

Following Sunday School

(approximately 12:30)

We will have lunch at the church and then carpool to woods and waters for great fun and fellowship.

Please let the church office know you are coming by May 10th so we are able to have enough food and snacks for everyone.



Pentecost Sunday

Pen-te-cost

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noun: **Pentecost**

1. the Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter.

June 8th will be Pentecost Sunday, wear red.



Upcoming Work Days

June 16, 2014

@ 9:00am

Clean out the closets day!!!!!!

There are several closets and rooms in the church where we stash what we can. These places need cleaning and reorganizing. We will be putting up a wall (with our old office dividers) in the back part of the nursery to create a storage area. The nursery will be smaller but will be useable after cleaning. (Currently it is not usable as a nursery.)

If you are able to help, please let the church office or Karen Winchel know as soon as possible. If you have any shelving you would like to donate, please bring it to the church for use in that area.

Many hands make light work so mark your calendar today.

Building Repairs

Trustees are looking into holding a couple of work days. Some of the items on their list are: scraping and painting window frames, cleaning up and fixing up the landscaping around the church. Please watch the bulletin and next months newsletter for dates and times.

It is spring time - time to spruce things up!



United Methodist Women

Why join? You become part of a national membership organization that offers:

- A community of women
- Spiritual growth
- A creative & supportive community
- Education & transformation through programs

You join a million other women in helping to support many worthy programs and projects related to women, children and youth.

A Community of Women

- United Methodist Women strives to follow Christ's teachings to do acts of love, justice, mercy and faith, and to serve one another on an equal basis. A community emerges through worship, sharing, praying, studying, working and serving. United Methodist Women explores ways to meet the needs of the members in our 140- year-old organization with 800,000 members.



Eve: Her name means "Life-giving" or "Mother of All Who Have Life" - She came into the world perfectly at peace with her God.....

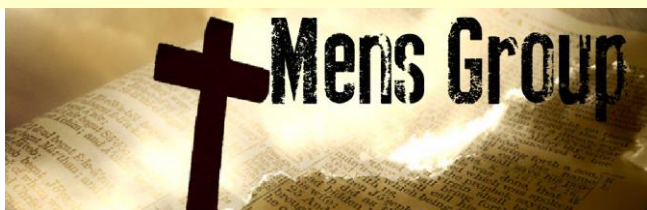
Come to Ladies Night Out Tuesday, May 13th learn more!

- **Longcore Circle** – Tuesday, May 6th @ 2pm at Dorothy Sibley's Home. We will do a short study on Deborah. All are welcome.
- **UMW-Ladies Night Out** – Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30pm. We will have a short business meeting, and then a study on Eve.
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, May 20th 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' – Martha.

Men's Group

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

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



Nancy Ferguson
Sue Osborn
Jean Bumstead
Andy Belew

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.

May God watch over each and everyone of us as we strive to do his will. Amen.

Newaygo County Mobile Food Pantry

Newaygo County Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled at the following locations to distribute free food to individuals and families in need. Most food distributions take approximately one hour. Please do not arrive more than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled delivery time. Bring your own container to hold 50 lbs of food. You will check in upon arrival unless otherwise stated.

- Monday, May 5, 5pm, Fremont United Methodist Church, **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, May 7, 5pm, Grant Christian Reformed Church, **GRANT**
- Thursday, May 8, 3pm, Amazing Grace Acres Church, **BROHMAN/BITELY**
- Wednesday, May 14, 5pm, Weaver Park Pavilion, **HESPERIA**
- Sponsored by Local Area Churches
- Monday, May 19, 10am, White Cloud Eagles, **WHITE CLOUD**
- Tuesday, May 20, 4:30pm, Northland Church of Christ, **GRANT/NEWAGO**
- Wednesday, May 21, 10am, First Baptist Church of **WOODLAND PARK**

- Wednesday, May 21, 5:30pm, Church of the Living Christ, **FREMONT**
- Pre-register by calling 231-924-4670
- Tuesday, May 27, 5pm, River Valley Community



Mission Minutes

2014 Mission Giving

Accident Victims Fund	\$192.09
African Dresses	906.00
Camp Scholarship	100.00
Habitat for Humanity	173.00
Human Relations	90.00
Love Food Pantry	110.91
Native American	
One Hour of Sharing	76.50
Scholarship Fund	100.00

\$1748.50

God Loves a Cheerful Giver Thank you!

Upcoming Mission Concerns

May 11- Love Food Pantry

May 25- Peace with Justice



LOVE FOOD Pantry

On May 11th, 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.



Peace with Justice

Our noisy offering will be collected for Peace for Justice. Proceeds will be divided evenly between the conference and the general church programs in peace with justice ministries.

Treasurer's Report

As always, you are a faithful congregation. We are on track to pay 100% of our Ministry Shares for 2014. Thanks be to God! When looking at the percentage of churches that do pay 100% of their ministry shares, it is very difficult for a small church to be able to do that. You should be proud of yourselves. Your ministry shares provide many needed missions locally and globally and is one of the many ways the United Methodist Church stays connected.

Contributions through April 30, 2014 -	\$ 9,309.00
Expenses through April 30, 2014 -	\$ <u>7,951.00</u>
Total Overage	1,358.00

If you have any questions or would like to see a more detailed treasurer's report please call Deb Prins at 231-652-6581 or see the copy of the reports posted on bulletin board in the church office.



4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 24, 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!



Worship Helpers for May

May 4

Liturgist: Kay Pardonnet

Acolyte: Gabriella Brooks

Inside Ushers: Vern & Carolyn Boose

Outside Ushers: Harriet Kiper & Anne Henning

Projector: Taylor Prins

Sound: Deb Prins

May 11

Liturgist: Carline Knoll

Acolyte: Elizabeth Brooks

Inside Ushers: Jean Reynhout & Ardie Tanis

Outside Ushers: Steve & Liz Moore

Projector: Deb Prins

Sound: Mark VanDyke

May 18

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet

Acolyte: Morgan Pope

Inside Ushers: Dolores Cook & Millie Stine

Ushers: Jackie Pederson & Dorothy Besemer

Projector: Jen Larsen

Sound: Deb Prins

May 25

Liturgist: Nancy Clark

Acolyte: Saria Brooks

Inside Ushers: Ron & Kay Pardonnet

Outside Ushers: Carline Knoll & Janet Fisher

Projector: Deb Prins

Sound: Mark Vandyke

Reminder: June & July newsletter will be together which you will receive the first week of June. Please keep this in mind when submitting information to be printed.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pastor Kathy's Day Off	2	3
4 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for All Ages	5 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	6 2:00pm – Longcore Circle @ Dorothy Sibley's	7 8:30am – Men's Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 7pm - Choir	8 Pastor Kathy's Day Off	9	10
11 Mother's Day 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for All Ages LOVE INC OFFERING	12 Pastor Kathy's Vacation 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	13 Pastor Kathy's Vacation 6:30pm – Ladies Night Out 6pm – Wellness class @ Vera's House	14 Pastor Kathy's Vacation 8:30am – Men's Group @ City Limits 7pm - Choir	15 Pastor Kathy's Vacation	16 Pastor Kathy's Vacation	17 Pastor Kathy's Vacation
18 Pastor Kathy's Vacation 9:30am – Worship 11am –Sunday School for All Ages 12:30pm – Sunday School Swim Party @ Woods & Waters	19 Pastor Kathy's Vacation 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	20 Pastor Kathy's Vacation 9:30am – Mary Martha Circle 6pm – Wellness class @ Vera's House	21 Pastor Kathy's Vacation 8:30am – Men's Group @ City Limits 9am –Set up for Mary Martha Rummage Sale 7pm - Choir	22 Pastor Kathy's Vacation 9am-4pm – Mary Martha Rummage Sale	23 Pastor Kathy's Vacation 9am-2pm – Mary Martha Rummage Sale	24 8am-11am – 4 th Saturday Pancake Breakfast
25 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for All Ages PEACE WITH JUSTICE OFFERING	26 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	27 6pm – Wellness class @ Vera's House	28 8:30am – Men's Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy's Office Hours 7pm - Choir	29 Pastor Kathy's Day Off	30	31

Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities
May 2014

West MI Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will be June 11th - 14th. NUMC representative to conference this year will be Harriet Kiper and Millie Stine will be going as a conference delegate. Pastor Kathy of course will represent us as clergy. More information about conference will be in the June/July newsletter. Please talk to these ladies if you have any questions about legislation or other happenings at conference. You can go to www.westmichiganconference.org for a complete schedule.

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Pastor Kathy is in the church office on Monday and Wednesday Mornings and other times by appointment.

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Christian Education

Save the dates:

May 18th Swim Party - @ Woods and Waters
Following Sunday School

June 21st – Kids Day @ Brooks Park @ noon

June 22nd – All church picnic @ the Henning's
Home – following worship

August 7, 8 & 10 – Vacation Bible School



May Birthday's

5/1 Tracy Kiper

5/2 Saria Brooks

5/4 Chris Bainbridg

5/5 Matt Brooks

5/6 Sara Kiper

5/9 Colleen Hood

5/11 Blake Larsen

5/15 Cathy Badge

5/15 Kenneth Cain

5/15 Lynne Cutler

5/18 Brenda Bonter

5/19 Robert Fowler

5/20 Paul Wright

5/25 Keith Johnson

5/28 Dawn Carr

5/29 Sue Osborn

5/30 Ellen Fisher

5/30 Liz Moore

5/31 Jen Larsen

5/31 Al Winchel



May Anniversaries

5/11 Tim & Deb Prins

5/19 Ken & Tracy Kiper

5/19 Dave & Connie VanderHyde



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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.

May God Bless you this Easter Season.

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