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THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

Joe and I would like to thank you for the many friendships and blessings you have given us in the past six years. We especially want to thank you for the many hugs, well wishes, cards and the money and other parting gifts over the last couple of weeks. We love and appreciate all of you. We will be praying for you and for your new pastor Eric. May God bless all that you do in the coming months.



Thank YOU

Thank you to everyone! You are an amazing congregation!

Thank you to everyone who has helped to spruce up the church landscaping, the parsonage landscaping, cleaned the parsonage basement, painted and repaired walls at the parsonage and done various other clean up and repair tasks in the last couple of weeks.

The church looks wonderful and the parsonage is almost ready for Pastor Eric, Amy, Greyson and Tuck to move in completely.

*Keep up the great work NUMC
Trustees and Helpers!*

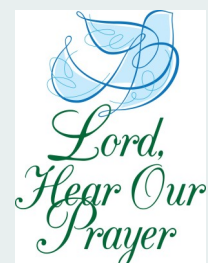


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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Check out the information on the new prayer chains being formed. Sign up in coffee area.





MEN'S GROUP

Remember my threat last month? I said I would send a spy if no men offered to write an article...well I had trouble finding a spy that would not be conspicuous. So I went, I spied, nothing happened. There were no debates, no fish stories and no funny jokes. I was kind of disappointed. But after I left...I looked through the window and there were lots of moving mouths and it wasn't for eating. So men, I guess if you want to know what goes on at men's group every Wednesday morning at City Limits Restaurant you will just have to show up at 8:30am. Be blessed!

Deb Prins

All men are welcome!

Please join us when you can!

"Join us for fellowship, food and solving the world's problems. We meet every Wednesday at 8:30am at City Limits Restaurant – (next to McDonalds)

Just For Fun

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping"

UMW-LADIES NIGHT

Meets the second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11 @ 6:00pm—This

month we will be hosting our annual All Church Picnic and we would like to invite

everyone to come help us welcome Pastor Eric and his family. We will be providing pulled pork and drinks. Please bring a dish to pass and come have some fun. Old fashioned "Block Party" style.

This is also the United Methodist Women's meeting where we make decisions that affect the UMW as a whole. Please try to attend as often as you are able. Your input is important to us.



MARY MARTHA CIRCLE



Meets the Third Tuesday of the Month. Next meeting: July 18, 2017 @ 9:30am –Women gather together monthly to support each other, pray study the bible, have devotional time and discuss ways we can help with missions in the surrounding community and beyond.





Prayer Chain Lists will be distributed soon. Please make sure you are signed up for your preferred prayer chain. When you have a prayer chain request please call Carline Knoll at 231-652-1147. If she is not available call Deb Prins at the church office at 231-652-6581 or cell 231-335-8737.

PRAYER CHAIN

Phone Call: you will receive a phone call from the prayer chain and will be asked to pass the message on to the next person in the chain. Carline Knoll will be the prayer chain phone coordinator.

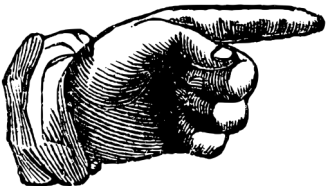
Text Message: a text message will be sent and you will be asked to text the next person in your prayer chain.

Email: a single email will be sent to all email prayer chains by the coordinator or church office. You will not be asked to forward any information.

Newaygo UMC App: (didn't know we had an app? Information to download is to the left) a message will be sent via the Newaygo UMC app. You will not be asked to forward any information.

You can also get added to a prayer chain by calling the church office at 231-652-6581 or emailing Deb Prins @ debprins@sbcglobal.net.

Please Notice This



NEW PRAYER CHAIN LISTS ARE BEING CREATED NOW. IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR YOUR PREFERRED MODE OF CONTACT, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TODAY AT 231-652-6581

CURRENT PRAYER CHAIN MEMBERS

Phone Chain:

Dorothy Besemer
Dolores Cook
Jane Fowler
Carline Knoll
Lynne Sues
Dianna Weaver
Jean Reynhout
Jan Fisher
Harriet Kiper

Email:

Carolyn Boose
Deb Prins
Millie Stine
Kathy Belew
Jen Larsen

NUMC App:

All who are on the app will continue to get prayer request through the app.

Text: None signed up

A n Intercessory Prayer Chain consists of a group of people which has been called to the ministry of praying for others on a regular and ongoing basis. They have committed themselves to pray regularly, confidentially and individually for the people and concerns that are requested of them. They form part of a chain through which God's love flows, and they circulate prayer requests and results amongst themselves via a communications chain!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School All Church Picnic: Sunday, July 9th following worship @ 11am. All are welcome to come!

Bring a dish to pass and your swim suit and join the fun. Help celebrate another successful Christian Education year.

At the Hennings: 438 Emerald Lake Drive, Newaygo (parking is limited so please carpool from the church as much as possible

July 31st – August 3rd



at Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ.

6pm-8:30pm

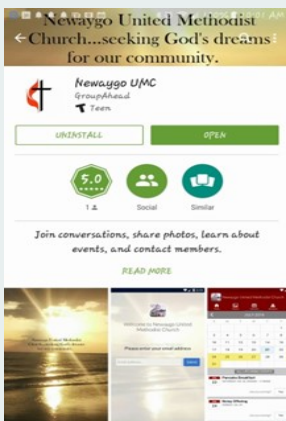
AUGUST 3 is a community picnic to help celebrate the kids and what they have learned about Jesus. All are invited. Please mark your calendars today.

NEXT MEETING: July 6 @ 10am @ Newaygo United Methodist Church

July 17 @ 6:30pm @ Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ

NEWAYGO UMC APP

(android or apple): **SMART PHONE USERS** – Go to your app store on your phone and search for “newaygo umc” and download our app. This is a great way to get connected and get updates and reminders. There is a current calendar that updates daily. If you need help please see Deb Prins.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

Vacation Bible School is an important part of Christian Education for our children. This year we will be hosting our bible school in cooperation with Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ and it will be held in their building this year. Below are ways you can help.

- Pray now and during VBS—we are looking for a few committed prayer warriors who will pray for VBS on the days of July 31—August 3 during the time we are meeting with the children.
- Crew leaders—we need a couple teams of two persons who can help move the children from learning station to learning station throughout the evening.
- Provide food items—mini pretzel sticks, American or cheddar cheese blocks, red and yellow peppers, cream cheese, small dessert plates, napkins, silverware, punch

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Anne Henning at 231-652-6191.

PLEASE PRAY

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

If you have a loved one or a concern you would like added to the prayer list, please contact Deb Prins in the church office at 231-652-6581 or by email; 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 Walls
- Elliott McBride
- Christopher Peterman
- Jacob Shain
- Jeremy Cook
- Tyler Friend



How you can pray for deployed military personnel?

We hear people say, "Pray for our Troops!" But what do we pray for? What, specifically, are their needs? Here are insights provided by Army Chaplain (MAJ) Scott Koeman in how to pray:

- Pray that they would have the peace of Christ with them—especially if they travel outside of their Forward Operating Base (FOB).
- Pray that they will depend on the love of God to keep them from bitterness at others (who needlessly make life difficult on their subordinates especially when they aren't the most competent leader).
- Pray for their spiritual and emotional resiliency so that regardless of what they face, they will be able to be effective in their military role and responsibility.
- Pray for protection. "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore" (Psalm 125:2).
- Pray that the enemy will be turned back. "May all who seek to take my life be put to shame and confusion: may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace" (Psalm 40:14).
- Pray that they will be fulfilled in their job. Without purpose, time in the combat zone is extremely long and difficult.
- Pray that they will resist lowering themselves to lower levels of conversations and instead seek to be an example of goodness and righteousness. Pray that they find "good and solid" Christian brothers to have fellowship.
- Pray that if they struggle or are discouraged, they will seek out their chaplain for wisdom and encouragement.
- Pray for the leadership in Platoons, Companies, Battalions, Brigades . . . depending on what level the soldier works. Leadership can make or break a person.

Please continue to pray for our Kids Hope USA children and their families over the summer. For many kids and their families, summer is a struggle—needing extra child care, food and activities to keep them busy are just a few things that may affect them through the summer. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

*Sherry
Graham*



Worship Helpers –July 2017
July 2

Liturgist: Brenda Huckins Bonter
Inside Usher: Jean Reynhout & Millie Stine
Outside Usher: Harriet Kiper & Jane Bode Fowler
Acolyte: Rachel Larsen
Sound: Need Volunteer
Safety Team: Jean Reynhout & Jane Fowler

July 9

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet
Inside Usher: Vern & Carolyn Boose
Outside Usher: Ruth Merritt & Dorothy Besemer
Acolyte: Blake Larsen
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Need Volunteer
Safety Team: Dudley Irwin & Dorothy Besemer

July 16

Liturgist: Anne Henning
Inside Usher: Arlene Salacina & Harriet Kiper
Outside Usher: Duane & Marilyn Witter
Acolyte: Morgan Pope
Projector: Elizabeth
Sound: Deb Prins
Safety Team: Patti Venneman & Joe Groff

July 23

Liturgist: Marilyn Witter
Inside Usher: Ruth Merritt & Janet Fisher
Outside Usher: Vern & Carolyn Boose
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Projector: Gabriella Brooks
Sound: Taylor Prins
Safety Team: Rob Pope & Morgan Pope

July 30

Liturgist: Carline Knoll
Inside Usher: Ruth Merritt & Janet Fisher
Outside Usher: Vern & Carolyn Boose
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Projector: Gabriella Brooks
Sound: Need Volunteer
Safety Team: Jim & Jo Bode

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.

Fellowship Luncheons



Held on the third Sunday of the month, our Fellowship Luncheons have been well attended and have provided good food for the soul. There will be no fellowship luncheon held in July. Please watch for more information about the next fellowship luncheon.

Social Group 2017



July: Saturday, July 15th—Grand Lady Riverboat picnic cruise. Cruise is at 1pm and includes a picnic lunch. If you are interested in going, please see Deb Prins for more information.

August: Saturday, August 19—We will start with a beach day at Ludington State Park (carpool from church to beach at 9:30am) and then move to Kibby Creek Campground for hot dog roast/bonfire at 3pm. Barry and Cathy Badge have reserved the pavilion for the evening.

Everyone is invited there is plenty of space to enjoy great food and fellowship.

Kibby Creek Campground, 4900 West Deren Road, Ludington, MI, It's located just off Piere Marquette Highway. Please see Cathy Badge if you have any questions.

Welcome Picnic for Pastor Eric and Family

July 11 @ 6pm @ Newaygo UMC

“Old Fashioned Block Party Style”

Pulled Pork Provided

Bring a dish to pass.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Please come help welcome Newaygo UMC's new pastor Eric Magner and his family. Great food, fun and fellowship. We will have some fun outdoor games for all ages available. Come help celebrate new beginnings here at Newaygo UMC!





Treasurer's Report

Summer is a time of vacation and fun but please remember that even if you are not here the lights are still on. Prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newwayo United Methodist Church

Contributions through	
June 30, 2017 -	\$ 9,160.10
Expenses through	
June 30, 2017 -	\$ 9,029.15
Total	\$ 130.95

Quarterly statements will be mailed out later this month. Please look at your statement and 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.



July Birthdays

- 7/1 Karen Winchel
- 7/2 Ruth Merritt
- 7/8 Shelbi Kreuger
- 7/10 Duane Witter
- 7/13 Kay Pardonnet
- 7/14 Bill VanDyke
- 7/16 Harriet Kiper
- 7/16 Dianna Weaver
- 7/17 Ben Lester
- 7/17 Nancy Clark
- 7/18 Dale Weaver
- 7/18 Bert Geerdink
- 7/21 Dick Mouthaan
- 7/26 Crystal Brooks
- 7/27 Katelyn Wright
- 7/29 Susanne Geerdink
- 7/30 Jon Bumstead



Safety Team Update

Safety Teams in place for Sunday mornings during worship service.

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. There is still time to become a part of this important service team.

Current Safety Team Members are: Rob Pope, Morgan Pope, Jane Bode Fowler, Dorothy Besemer, Jean Reynhout, Jim Bode, Jo Bode, Deb Prins, Dudley Irwin,

If you have any questions or concerns you would like to have considered please contact a Safety Team Member or contact the church office at 231-652-6581.



July

Anniversaries

- 7/9 Rick Stacey & Anne Henning
- 7/11 Paul & Sharon Wright
- 7/17 Duane & Marilyn Witter
- 7/22 Matthew & Crystal Brooks

If your birthday or anniversary date is missing, please contact Deb Prins at 231-652-6581 and update your information.

4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, July 22, 2017

Serving 8am-11am



All you can eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, American fries, fruit & drink. Invite your friends and neighbors for breakfast. Cost is by donation.

If you are willing and able to help cook or serve at the breakfast, please let Stan Fisher know as soon as possible.

Mission Minutes

UMCOR—United Methodist Committee on Relief

As many of you know, UMCOR is our go to place when we want to help others in our country or others in the world. UMCOR helps when there are natural disasters like severe floods, a tornado, a tsunami or hurricane. They also help around the world with food, water and other support. This month our noisy offering will go to UMCOR to be used when a disaster occurs. The wonderful thing about UMCOR is that **every penny we give** goes directly to the disaster aid. All the administrative costs have already been paid. Please give generously on July 22nd.

Janet Fisher—Missions Chair



History of UMCOR

UMCOR serves as a “voice of conscience among Methodists to act in the relief of human suffering without distinction of race, color, or creed.” So said Bishop Herbert Welch at General Conference in 1940 when UMCOR’s forerunner, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCMC), was started. The goal then was to respond to suffering among peoples overseas after the onset of World War II.

Although the committee was supposed to be temporary, General Conference, the church’s legislative body, re-approved its work every four years. In 1972, the committee was made a permanent part of the General Board

of Global Ministries and renamed the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). A structure was formalized and the committee’s scope expanded to include disaster relief in the United States.

Since then, UMCOR has helped survivors of earthquakes in Nicaragua, famine in Africa, and tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes in the United States. As countries such as Liberia, Rwanda, and Bosnia experienced civil strife, UMCOR was there to help affected communities rebuild homes and lives. We provided communities with training and education to help them confront hunger and poverty.

UMCOR has provided relief to survivors of earthquakes in Haiti and Chile; floods in Pakistan; and the 2011 tsunami, earthquake, and nuclear threat in Japan; our field office in Afghanistan has helped rebuild communities torn apart by decades of war, and we provided long-term recovery aid to communities in the US South devastated by hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav, and Ike.

For additional reading on the history of UMCOR, please see *Love in Action*, by Norma Kehrberg, Abington Press, 1989. Learn about the work we’re currently doing through the weekly [UMCOR Hotline](#).





Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am – Worship	3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits	6 10am—Christian Ed Meeting @ NUMC	7	8
9 9:30am – Worship PASTOR ERIC MAGNER 11am-Sunday School Celebration Picnic— All Church Welcome	10	11 6pm—Welcome picnic for Pastor Eric & Family	12 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits	13	14	15 2:00pm– Social Group Grand Lady Riverboat Cruise— Possible
16 9:30am – Worship	17 6:30pm— Christian Ed @ NCUCC	18 9:30am—Mary Martha Circle	19 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits	20	21	22 8am-11am - 4 th Saturday Pancake Breakfast
23 Noisy Offering 9:30am – Worship	24	25	26 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits	27	28	29
30	31	<p>If you have something you would like added to the church calendar, please let the church office know as soon as possible. If you are planning an activity please check the large wall calendar in the church office or call the church office at 231-652-6581 to be sure the date is available for church use. Dates and times are subject to change so check the calendar often.</p>				

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We are God's Dream
Seekers who seek to
make disciples of Je-
sus Christ in ways
that show love, re-
spect and service to
our community.

Join us on Sunday Mornings for Worship at 9:30am with
fellowship following.

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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