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TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!

It is already August! I feel as though I received my call from the DS Rev. Bill Hagaard, and stepped foot into the doors at NUMC, literally for the first time, just yesterday. That old saying, "time flies when you're having fun", is also true when, "you are extremely busy with a new role in your career and you get tested with many of the future demands (two funeral's in my first week on the same day and a week long pastors school) that now lie in your scope of practice." WHEW! But, no one has ever accused me of being a slow starter. Actually, I tend to hear quite often, "you don't waste any time do you?" Usually, I am tested with the worst of situations from the start. But, what better way to learn your new role and develop the confidence that is needed to continue moving forward? It is also a way to get back to the practice of leaning on God in those moments of chaos.

With that all being said, and most likely will be the norm, August, is off to a busy start. After starting the month with a joined VBS, with Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ, we have but a few remaining days left to prepare ourselves and our children for the upcoming school year. With the return of the upcoming school year, we have the return of a few programs here at Newaygo United Methodist Church. There is the children's Sunday school, Kids Hope, a child care program/children's worship (that is in the planning stages), and an adult bible study, just to name a few. With the upcoming events, we are in need of some help to make sure that these programs are successful in all age groups to bring Jesus Christ into all of the hearts that walk through our doors, regardless of age. If you can help or know someone that could, please see Deb Prins our Administrative Assistant.

I personally want to thank all who have stepped up and helped with our arrival to the Newaygo area. The hard work and dedication to the love of God, to the love of this church, to the love of this church family, and to the love of this community, has shown greatly through all of your actions. We feel blessed to be here and become a part of the Newaygo United Methodist family, and we thank God for his guidance and direction of our ministry to your door step. May we grow together in our love for Christ!

Many Blessings,
Pastor Eric Magner,



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Lord Prop Us Up

Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old fellow who always prayed, “Lord, prop us up on our leanin’ side.” After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently.

He answered, “Well sir, you see, it’s like this...I got an old barn out back. It’s been there a long time; it’s withstood a lot of weather; it’s gone through a lot of storms, and it’s stood for many years. It’s still standing. But one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn’t fall. Then I got to thinking about that and how much I was like that old barn...I’ve been around a long time...I’ve withstood a lot of life’s storms. I’ve withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I’ve withstood a lot of hard times, and I’m still standing too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our leaning side, ‘cause I figure a lot of us get to leaning at times.

Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward a lot of thing that we shouldn’t. So we need to pray, ‘Lord, prop us up on our leaning side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.”

Thanks to Roberta, The Country Register of Michigan



“Join us for fellowship, food and solving the world’s problems as we see them... We meet every Wednesday at 8:30am at City Limits Restaurant – (next to McDonalds)”

UMW-LADIES NIGHT

Usually Meets the second Tuesday of the month.

AUGUST DATE CHANGE:

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 22 @

6:00pm—This evening we will meet at Kathy Cain’s home (5044 Coral Drive) for a picnic and if the weather is nice a pontoon boat ride. Please bring a dish to pass and come have some fun.

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: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 @ 9:30am –at Kathy Cain’s home. Picnic Brunch, bring a dish to pass and enjoy. 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. We are currently studying the book “Living the Beatitudes” by John W. Fogal, Sr. For more information or for a book please contact Marilyn Witter at 989-506-9513



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



God of compassion, we pray for all military personnel, who have offered themselves for the sake of others, and are separated from family and loved ones. Care for them; meet their needs. Grant them courage, compassion, strength, and all they need for the living of these days. Sustain them through their every trial. Remind them of the humanity they share even with those who are called "the enemy;" through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



Doris Jacques—Edna Schilling—Fern Glasspoole—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.

Lord, your Word speaks promises of healing and restoration and we thank you for the miracles you still perform today. Today we claim those promises over our friends. We believe in the healing power of faith and prayer and we ask you to begin your mighty work in the life of our friends. Please reach down and surround our friends with your peace and strength and give them the faith to believe that all things are possible for you. Protect them from Satan's lies and discouragement and let their miraculous healing begin. Amen.

Kitchen Notice

Because of our license to prepare and sell food to the public it is necessary for us to periodically clean out the refrigerator in the kitchen in the church basement. If you or your group uses the refrigerator or freezer for storage of food items please clearly mark them with your committee/group name and the date they were refrigerated/frozen so that we are sure not to throw away items that can/will be used by you. Thank you for your cooperation.



CURRENT PRAYER CHAIN MEMBERS

Phone Chain:

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

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.

An 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!

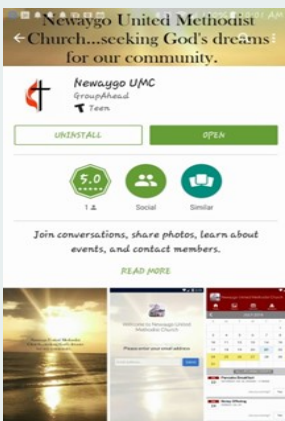
When you have a prayer chain request please call Carline Knoll at 231-652-1147. If she is not available call Deb Prins at the church office at 231-652-6581 or cell 231-335-8737.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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.



Camp Out VBS Jesus is the Light! July 31st – August 3rd at Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ. 6pm-8:30pm

All children ages preschool through 6th grade are welcome to join in the fun. Anyone 7th grade and up are welcome to come join the fun as helpers. Please see Ann Henning for more information. We would appreciate any helpers!

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 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING: August 7 @ 6:30pm @ Newaygo United Methodist Church

We will be looking at curriculum, classes and teachers for the fall for all ages. If you are on the Christian Education Committee please plan to attend. If you are not on the committee but would like to be involved in the Christian Education of our children and/or adults please feel free to attend. If you have any questions or concerns please see Anne Henning—Christian Education Director

WORSHIP HELPERS AUGUST 2017

August 6

Liturgist: Ben Lester
Inside Usher: Harriet Kiper & Jen Larsen
Outside Usher: Jean Reynhout & Dorothy Besemer
Acolyte: Blake Larsen
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Taylor Prins
Safety Team: Jean Reynhout & Jane Fowler

August 13

Liturgist: Anne Henning
Inside Usher: Ruth Merritt
Outside Usher: Jan Fisher & Sue Osborn
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Projector: Gabriella Brooks
Sound: Deb Prins
Safety Team: Dudley Irwin & Dorothy Besemer

August 20

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet
Inside Usher: Arlene Salacina & Dolores Cook
Outside Usher: Duane & Marilyn Witter
Acolyte: Morgan Pope
Projector: Jen Larsen
Sound: Need Volunteer
Safety Team: Patti Venneman & Joe Groff

August 27

Liturgist: Brenda Huckins Bonter
Inside Usher: Ron & Kay Pardonnet
Outside Usher: Ken & Kathy Cain
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Projector: Elizabeth Brooks
Sound: Taylor Prins
Safety Team: Rob Pope & Morgan Pope

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.

Mission Minutes

Our Mission: Support Kids Hope USA.

It's almost time for school to start again! The children have had a hot vacation this summer and they probably are not ready to go back to school. But some of the children are anxious to get back to their friends, new teachers and if they are in Kids Hope, they are probably looking forward to seeing their Kids Hope mentor.

If you are new to our congregation you probably don't know what Kids Hope is all about. It is a program that matches at risk children [in grades K-5] with a mentor who spends time with them for one hour each week at school. They work on anything that the teacher would like them to, or sometimes they spend that time playing games or doing activities that help the child to develop self-esteem, and sportsmanship. They develop a close relationship because usually they are matched with each other when the child is in Kindergarten or first grade and they stay together until the child completes fifth grade. Many of the children stay in touch with their mentors even after they graduate.

Our church has participated in this program for many years and we have a Kids Hope Director (Sherry Graham) who sets the program up each year, matches the children with an adult volunteer, trains the adult for the program and then advises and monitors the program. She does an excellent job of communicating with the schools, the families and the Kids Hope Organization. This program does have some expense involved to run it. Sherry receives a modest salary, there are a couple of parties during the year, and there are some expenses for materials, games, etc. So, this month, the rest of us can get involved by supporting this program and the children in our community. We are the only church in Newaygo who is participating in this program. Can we count on you?

Janet Fisher—Missions Chair

Social Group 2017



August: Sunday, August 6—Grand Lady Riverboat Cruise—carpool from the church at 12:30pm—Cruise 1pm to 3pm. Cost \$20 and includes picnic lunch. Drinks, snacks and ice cream sundae's are available for purchase on the boat. Sign up sheet is in the coffee area at church. If you have any questions please contact Marilyn Witter at 989-506-9512.

August: Saturday, August 19—We will start with a beach day at **Sterns Park - located in the city of Ludington.** *(The state park is further north and requires a state park sticker to get in.)* Sterns park has a beautiful sandy beach that stretches for 2 city blocks and has free access and parking. (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. If you do not want to spend your day at the beach but would still like to join the fun please feel free to meet at the campground for fellowship and food.



Kibby Creek Campground, 4900 West Deren Road, Ludington, MI, It's located just off Piere Marquette Highway. Kibby Creek Campground requires a \$3 fee per person to use the facilities (picnic/fire area, bathrooms, swimming pool). People will need to stop at the office and pay as they enter. They'll get a visitor's pass for each vehicle coming in the park. The fee is the same no matter what age. Please see Cathy Badge if you have any questions.

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
-Kids Hope USA*





Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Office Hours 6pm-8:30pm-Vacation Bible School @ NCUCC	2 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Office Hours 6pm-8:30pm-Vacation Bible School @ NCUCC	3 6pm-8:30pm-Vacation Bible School @ NCUCC—Community Picnic	4	5
6 9:30am – Worship 11:00am—Carpool from church for Grand Lady Riverboat Cruise Cruise 1pm-3pm	7 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Office Hours 6:30pm—Christian Ed Meeting	8 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Office Hours	9 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Office Hours 1:00pm—Worship Design Team Meeting	10	11	12
13 9:30am – Worship	14 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Office Hours	15 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Office Hours 9:30am—Mary Martha Circle @ Kathy Cain’s Home 6:30pm—Finance 7pm—Church Council	16 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits	17	18	19 BEACH DAY
20 9:30am – Worship	21 Pastor Eric out of office	22 Pastor Eric out of office 6pm—UMW @ Kathy Cain’s Home	23 Pastor Eric out of office 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits	24	25	26 8am-11am - 4 th Saturday Pancake Breakfast
27 Noisy Offering 9:30am – Worship	28 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Office Hours	29 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Office Hours	30 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Office Hours	31		

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.



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 Newaygo United Methodist Church



Contributions through August 23, 2017 -	\$ 8,429.90
Expenses through August 23, 2017 -	\$ 8,766.90
Total	\$ (337)

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. Please keep in mind while looking at the financial health of the church for this month that there is one more Sunday of giving to be added. Thank you for being faithful to the financial obligations of Newaygo United Methodist Church. You are a blessing to many.

August Birthdays

- 8/1 Kathryn Pope
- 8/2 Robert Pope
- 8/3 Carline Knoll
- 8/4 Melissa Webb
- 8/5 Jean Bumstead
- 8/8 John Cook
- 8/8 Sally Mouthaan
- 8/10 Mark Wright
- 8/11 Sherry Graham
- 8/12 Lynn Suess
- 8/15 Denisen Gort
- 8/16 Rachel Larsen
- 8/16 Kate McKenna
- 8/17 Lois Henning
- 8/19 Carolyn Boose
- 8/18 Jan Ricardson
- 8/21 Linda Lester
- 8/25 Kenneth Faulkner
- 8/25 Dudley Irwin
- 8/27 Dave Geddes
- 8/28 Barry Badge



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 Reinhout, Jim Bode, Jo Bode, Deb Prins, Dudley Irwin, Patti Venneman

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.

August Anniversaries

- 8/2 John & Mary Jane Cook
 - 8/2 Dudley & Sue Irwin
 - 8/7 Don & Karen Simington
 - 8/13 Andy & Kathy Belew
 - 8/14 Dave & Linda Geddes
 - 8/26 Wayne & Jean Bumstead
 - 8/27 Erik & Jen Larsen
- 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, August 26, 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.



I'm waiting for my favorite Meijer commercial to come on tv. The one where the kid is playing in the sand at the water's edge and a pencil rolls up, then a ruler and he has a somewhat puzzled look on his face, then the teacher washes up. It is classic and timeless. I really feel for that kid. I'm having a great time being outside and thinking about every other thing in the world; then the calendar interrupts and it's back to school. It's time to focus on all things academic. Welcome back to school and Kids Hope.

Kids Hope USA is national mentoring organization. One child one hour one church one school is their mission statement. The difference between Kids Hope and the others is the power of the prayer partner. We've been a part of it since 2001 I think. I'm not fully in back to school mode, bear with me.

However long it's been it has been a perfect fit. We are a church of educators. Our church loves our town and our church loves our kids. I am the third director of KH for our church, I started as a mentor and I'm sure I get more out of it than anyone. I believe our entire congregation is a prayer partner for our students and mentors.

This year will be exciting with all of the changes in our buildings. Velma Matson will be very different this year. The renovations are well under way and I'm looking forward to a new building that will consolidate the current ones. There are six pairs of students, prayer partners and mentors, and most of them are at Velma Matson. Harriet Kiper will mentor with us once again, welcome back Harriet. I am looking for a new prayer partner, as Joe has moved on to retirement life in Lansing and Florida. Brenda Bonter will have a student at Vera Wilsie. Any member of the church that would like to mentor is welcome to join. Mentors must be members, receive training and pass a background check; that is the Kid Hope rule. If you are interested, see me at church I'm usually there on Sunday. You can also call 231-689-5011 or email jgrahamfam@gmail.com.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, take time to think about every other thing in the world. Be refreshed and ready to take on all the challenges we will face. Prayer partners pray for us as we enter a new exciting year.

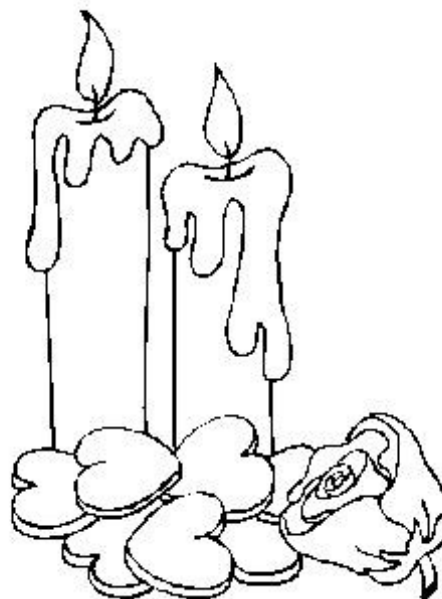


Child of God Word Search

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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
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Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm.



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