



## **Newaygo United Methodist Church News**

*We are a caring and supportive community where all are welcome. We are God's Dreamseekers who seek to make disciples in ways that show love, respect and service to our community.*

### **Does God Say Thank You?**

Every year near the end of November we pay attention to the things we are thankful for. We do so by giving thanks to God and feasting out of our abundance. Thanksgiving is a time of good smells, tastes and sights (beautifully browned turkey, festive colored cranberries and mounds of whipped cream on pumpkin pie). Then there is always football on TV. We are a nation of blessed people and have much to give thanks for no matter what our circumstances in life. We think mostly about giving thanks to our Creator for the blessings of the past year especially. But I wonder how often we think about the possibility that God may be thanking us as well.

Sometimes we work hard at our faith. We come to church to worship with our congregation. We engage in mission giving and in doing things within our community that helps those who need help and builds good relationships with those around us. We pray and sing and seek stronger faith. We listen to and marvel at the stories of God's goodness and workings in each other's lives. We do it out of our love for each other and for God. It's what God wants us to do! So, does God give us thanks on Thanksgiving? If so, how does God do that?

When I wake up each morning, I am grateful to be alive. Could that be God's way of saying, "thank you for the way you greet each new day?" When I worship on Sunday morning I am energized and ready to begin the new week. Could that be God's way of saying, "thank you for worshipping?" When I eat a good meal, I am satisfied and content. Could that be God's way of saying, "thank you for appreciating my sustaining nurture?" When I pray and listen and know God's presence I am at peace. Could that be God's way of saying, "thank you for talking with me?" When I enjoy the companionship of friends and delight in being with them, I am filled with gratitude for their friendship. Could that be God's way of saying, "thank you for loving what I love?" When I celebrate the birth and resurrection of Jesus at Christmas and Easter, I am filled with awe and wonder that God could be so good to us. Could that be God's way of saying, "thank you for believing in my greatest gift to humankind?"

Maybe this thanksgiving we could not only say "thank you" to God in our celebrations, but also say "You are Welcome" as well. Have a Happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

*Pastor Kathy*



# Newaygo United Methodist Church Annual Conference

Sunday, November 18, 2012

@ NUMC @ 4:00pm

All have voice, church members may vote. Everyone's input is important so please plan to attend. This is where you will meet our new District Superintendent Bill Haggard and where you will vote on your leadership for the coming year and give direction to your church council as to what direction your church should be moving.

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## Christian Education

The children will begin practicing for the Christmas Play on November 4<sup>th</sup> during a portion of their Sunday School class. Please plan to have your children here each Sunday through December 16<sup>th</sup> as practice is important.

**Children's Christmas Play**  
**Sunday, December 16, 2012**  
**9:30am**

**Everyone is welcome!**

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## Soup's On !

Help is needed! The annual Christmas walk and our soup supper will take place on Nov. 30 this year. Helpers are needed to set up, prepare food, serve food, clean up during and after the supper. Serving time will be 5pm-7pm.

*Many hands make light work.*

If you are willing to help, contact Stan Fisher at 231-652-7447. Monies raised will go to the church repair/maintenance fund for future projects.



## Celebrate!!!

The furnace is paid for in full. The past 2 ½ years have been spent raising money to pay off this bill. Now we will have the pancake breakfasts to raise money for the repair/maintenance fund. There are many things in our church that need some care or replacement. The breakfast is one way that we can serve the community and help our church at the same time. There will not be a breakfast in Nov. or Dec. because the dates fall on the holiday weekends. They will resume in Jan. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of the month.



# UMW Meeting Dates

*All women are welcome at any of the following meeting. Join us when you are able.*

Longcore Circle – November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm meet at Dorothy Sibley's home and carpool to Northern Trails or meet at Northern Trails at 1:00pm

UMW-Ladies Night Out – November 13, 2012 @ 6:30pm at NUMC

Mary Martha Circle – Tuesday, November 20, 2012 @ 9:30am at NUMC

## Thanksgiving Baskets

November 13, 2012 @ 6:30pm



We will be stuffing shoe boxes for Samaritans Purse to send over seas. We will also be making Thanksgiving baskets to say thank you to several persons. Please bring any medium-large baskets you may have and also items to put in the baskets. **We will be filling a dozen baskets.** Please call Deb Prins at 231-335-8737 if you have any questions.

*Some suggestions are: soups, teas, jams, jellies, puzzles, puzzle books, body lotions, blank greeting cards, apples, oranges, homemade goodies, journal, nice pen, nuts, boxes of tissue, lip balm, chocolates, deck of cards, pot holder, dish towel, holiday potpourri, flavored coffee, hot cocoa, mug, book light, inspirational book etc.*



## SAVE YOUR ADULT SIZE SHOE BOXES

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## Christmas by Candle Light

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm



Small program including Christmas carols, music by Barry & Kathy Badge, Christmas story & poems. Everyone is invited to this wonderful night of fun and fellowship to kick off the Christmas Celebrations.

If you would like to decorate a table or are willing to provide a snack, please let Jen Larsen know ASAP.

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## Prayer Shawls

**Knitters and people who can crochet wanted – knit at home or join us at Vera's House on Wednesday's at 8:30am. Some yarn has been donated for our shawls. See Dolores Cook, Jackie Pederson or Millie Stine.**



**The prayer shawls are given to persons who are struggling with something in their life. They provide a bit of comfort to let them know someone cares and is praying for them.**

## 2012 Mission Giving

Benevolence	\$ 855.00
Christian Education	\$ 84.75
Church Scholarship Fund	\$ 200.00
Coats for Kids	\$ 959.00
Community House	\$ 100.00
CROP Walk	\$3,442.00
Dresses for Africa	\$ 525.00
Emma Graham Scholarship	\$ 100.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 124.00
Haiti School Kits	\$ 264.00
Haiti School Kits- shipping	\$ 50.00
Hearts to support cancer patients	\$ 120.00
Hoovers	\$ 71.50
Human Relations	\$ 87.50
LOVE - food pantry	\$ 725.50
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 191.15
Peace with Justice	\$ 56.55
Mel Trotter Ministries	\$ 119.00
Native American Ministry	\$ 93.50
Samaritan Christmas Boxes	\$ 100.00
Team Kegan Chest	\$ 250.00
UMCOR- tornado relief	\$ 102.51
UMC Camps	\$ 89.78
World Communion	\$ 75.00

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\$8,785.74

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

***Shopping Days Till  
 Christmas as of November  
 4<sup>th</sup>.***

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## Crop Walk

On Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, walkers from Newaygo and Grant churches gathered at our church to lunch together and then walk. While we don't know the exact figures for the entire Newaygo\Grant walk, our church donated \$3,442.00. (This is double what we donated last year!) Twenty five percent of the money raised will stay locally for the LOVE INC food pantry. That portion will be matched by the Fremont Foundation. The rest of the monies will go to CROP/ Church World Service to help fight hunger around the world. There were 30 people who walked representing our church and many who sponsored those who did walk. Thank you to those who stayed and helped clean up the fellowship halls and dishes. **This was a job well done by all.** Thank you!

**“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above.” James 1:17a**



### Future Mission Concerns

Nov. 11- Collection for Vera House  
 Nov. 25- Noisy offering-Christmas

*A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him, into the presence of the great.*

### LOVE INC

*Last month our congregation gave a total of \$88.63 to LOVE INC., which will be matched by the Fremont Foundation **Thank you** for your generosity and concern for others.*



## Coats for Kids

Our "Coats for Kids" campaign was very successful. We were able to collect 137 coats including infant/toddler, youth, and adult sizes. A big thank you goes to those who donated. Our community will be much warmer this winter thanks to your efforts.

## Thanksgiving dinners

Our collection for Mel Trotter Ministries amounted to \$119.00 which will feed 62 people. This congregation has consistently reached out in compassion, caring and loving ways to show God's love. May God continue to bless you.



## Christmas Boxes



We are going to do something new this year for Christmas. Instead of providing Christmas for one family, we are going to prepare shoe boxes with items for children in the elementary school here in Newaygo. Our giving tree in the narthex will have ornaments that will list what we need for the boxes. You may purchase the listed item, bring it in and volunteers will pack and wrap the boxes for giving. The recipients are children whose parents are struggling with various economic situations. If you would like to help with the packing and wrapping, please see Jan Fisher.

### November Anniversaries

- 11/4 Dale & Dianna Weaver
- 11/10 Vern & Carolyn Boose



# Happy Anniversary

### November Birthdays

- 11/1 Vern Boose
- 11/2 Jackie Pederson
- 11/4 Kathy Belew
- 11/13 Colby Brooks
- 11/17 Lois VanDyke
- 11/21 Ray Webb
- 11/26 Arlene Salacina
- 11/26 Jacqueline Wright
- 11/27 Joe Ryan
- 11/28 Steve Bonter

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Worship Helpers for November

### November 4

Liturgist: Kay Pardonnet  
Acolyte: Colby Brooks  
Inside Ushers: Harriet Kiper & Carline Knoll  
Outside Ushers: Anne Henning & Jen Larsen  
Projector: Elijah Brooks  
Sound: Deb Prins

### November 11

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet  
Acolyte: Taylor Prins  
Inside Ushers: Ruth Merritt & Dianna Weaver  
Outside Ushers: Joan Faulkner & Dolores Cook  
Projector: Taylor Prins  
Sound: Deb Prins

### November 18

Liturgist: Nancy Clark  
Acolyte: Elijah Brooks  
Inside Ushers: Sue Osborn & Jackie Pederson  
Outside Ushers: LeeAnn Hesse & Jane Fowler  
Projector: Elijah Brooks  
Sound: Deb Prins

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers and cards! I feel very lucky to be a part of such a caring group of people! I am starting to get out of the house on small outings, and as soon as I am O'Ked to do stairs, I will be to church. Thanks again!

Love,

MaryJane Cook

### November 25

Liturgist: Carline Knoll  
Acolyte: Elizabeth Brooks  
Inside Ushers: Ron & Kay Pardonnet  
Outside Ushers: Al & Karen Winchel  
Projector: Taylor Prins  
Sound: Deb Prins

### Cherished Memories

The church will be presenting a display of our precious collections. If you would like to display one of yours let us know. If you have questions, see Carline Knoll or call her at 652-1147. The collections will be displayed on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 9pm during the Christmas Walk.

We will need persons to provide cookies to serve and we will need persons to serve as host & hostess. A sign up sheet will be in the fellowship area beginning Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Church Staff

**Pastor:** Kathy Groff

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

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## Community Events

First Sunday Dinner  
November 4, 2012

VFW Post 4249  
Newaygo, MI  
Public Welcome

Serving 12 noon till gone.

Featuring Country Pot Roast, Potatoes and Gravy,  
Veggie and Salad, Roll and Butter with Dessert  
and Coffee: \$7.00

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**Save the date:** Friday, April 26, 2013  
Spring Christian Music Event

@ Fremont High School – Brand new building!

Previous Concerts: Bid Daddy Weave,  
Sonicflood, 33miles, Barlow Girl, Sidewalk  
Prophets

<http://www.facebook.com/cureusonline>

Sponsored by: NCureus and Love INC

## Fourth Saturday Pancake Breakfast

Next one will be Saturday, January 26, 2013

Serving 8am-11am

All You Can Eat!

Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, fruit & drink

Free Will Offering

Open to the public

Invite your friends & neighbors

*If you can help cook or serve at the pancake breakfast please contact Jean Reynhout  
at 231-652-3110 or leave a message at the church office at 231-652-6581.*



## Kids Hope USA

Thank you to all of our mentors and prayer partners! You should all be ready to start or have already started. Please welcome our new mentors: *Dan Coby, Ardie Coby, Jan Richardson and Shelby Hesse*. You will make a wonderful difference in the life of a child. One church, one child, one hour makes a difference.

THANK YOU!!!!



## Treasurers Report

November is a time of Thanksgiving. Thank you for being such a giving and generous church. Each month we are able to meet the needs of the church and we are also on track to pay 100% of our Ministry Shares again this year. THANKS BE TO GOD!

Contributions through October 31, 2012 -		\$9866.82		
Expenses through October 31, 2012 -		\$8426.88		
<b>Total Overage</b>	-		<b>\$ 1,439.94</b>	

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.

## KIDS PAGE

**But Whom Do You Say That I AM?**

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Alpha and Omega  
Amen  
Apostle  
Beloved Son  
Bishop  
Branch  
Bread  
Captain  
Carpenter  
Chosen  
Christ  
Consolation  
Cornerstone  
Counselor  
Day Star  
Deliverer

Door  
Emmanuel  
Everlasting  
Faithful and True  
First and Last  
Forerunner  
Foundation  
Governor  
Head  
High Priest  
Holy and Just One  
Horn of Salvation  
I AM  
Jesus  
Judge  
King  
King of Kings  
Lamb of God

Lawgiver  
Life  
Light  
Lion of Judah  
Lord  
Lord of Lords  
Master  
Master  
Mediator  
Messiah  
Mighty God  
Morning Star  
Nazarene  
Only Begotten Son  
Passover  
Priest  
Prince of Peace  
Prophet

Redeemer  
Resurrection  
Rock  
Savior  
Servant  
Shepherd  
Son of David  
Son of God  
Son of Man  
Vine  
Way  
Wonderful  
Word

# Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities

## November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pastor Kathy Off	2	3
<b>4 Daylight Savings Time</b> 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages – Play Practice	5 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	6	7 Pastor Kathy & Joe Vacation 1:00pm Longcore circle @ Northern Trails on M82	8 Pastor Kathy & Joe Vacation	9 Pastor Kathy & Joe Vacation	10 Pastor Kathy & Joe Vacation
<b>11 Veterans Day</b> 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages – Play Practice LOVE INC OFFERING	12 Pastor Kathy & Joe Vacation 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	13 Pastor Kathy & Joe Vacation 6:30pm – Ladies Night Out	14 Pastor Kathy & Joe Vacation	15 Pastor Kathy & Joe Vacation	16 Pastor Kathy & Joe Vacation	17
<b>18</b> 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages – Play Practice 4:00pm – NUMC Annual Church Conference	19 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	20 9:30am – Mary Martha Circle	21	22 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24
<b>25</b> 9:30am – Worship 11:00am – Sunday School for All Ages – Play Practice NOISY OFFERING	26 1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study	27 6:30pm – Finance Meeting 7:00pm – Church Council Meeting	28	29 Pastor Kathy Off	30 4:00pm-9:00pm – Cherished Memories Display 5pm-7pm – Soup Supper 6:00pm – Christmas Walk Begins	

If you have questions, concerns or an activity to add to the calendar, please call the church office at 231-652-6581 or email Deb Prins at [debprins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debprins@sbcglobal.net).





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Join us for worship on Sunday morning at 9:30 am with fellowship following.

Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am

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*Deadline for articles is 4:00PM on the 20<sup>th</sup> day  
of each month in the church office.*

The Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space.



**SEEKING**  
God's Will

**STRIVING**  
To Make  
Disciples

**SERVING**  
Our Community  
With Love