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Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

Enough Said?

I am sitting here on a gray day. Looks like it could rain. The trees are starting to look bare, in fact the ground looks less than bare, with a healthy coating of the leaves that fell. My foot hurts. I have too much to do. My computer keeps shutting off when I engage in a certain activity. This room is a mess. I know that the cold and snow of winter is not far away. There is too much traffic coming through this town. It's often hard to cross the street. It seems like there is never anything to eat in this house. There are far too many of those crazy bugs that like to hug the brick on the side of the house and find their way inside. The kitchen always seems to be a mess. I get a lot of junk email. I hate those endless political campaign ads on TV and now on my computer. Plus those robo calls are driving me nuts. I get stiff and sore when I sit too long. I hate getting old. The world news seems so dismal. Oh I could complain about a million things!

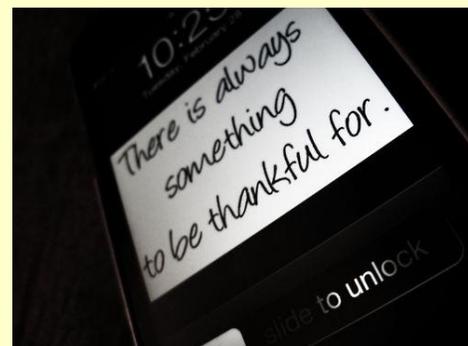
But wait a minute! I have a good doctor who says I am his favorite patient. I can bend down to pick up the occasional leaf that gets tracked in. I can get creative in finding something to eat. The house is warm when it's cold outside. I love the sound of the winter wind howling when I am cuddled under a blanket with a cup of hot chocolate. There is so much one can do with the computer these days. I have a great job! I have the ability to straighten up a messy room. There are some people who do stop

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for me when I cross the street. I see lots of smiles and warm greetings from others. I don't always have to answer the phone, especially when I see toll free numbers. My dog greets me with lots of enthusiasm. My husband is good and sometimes useful (jk Joe). I can go to the gym to work out. Occasionally I hear a news report that is uplifting. And when I read and pray, I find hope and encouragement about what God has created. I wonder at a caterpillar inching its way to who knows where, and I see and hear the incredible sound of geese flying south for the winter and know that I will be there soon. I have great people to work with and a great congregation to love and care for. And I am able to do what God has set for me to do and what I love doing—preaching!

Enough said? Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.



Tree's of Hope and Caring

“CHRISTMAS TREES”. Newaygo UMC will be having a display of Christmas trees during the Christmas Walk which will be Friday, December 5th. Organizations and churches from the Newaygo area will be decorating trees and displaying information regarding their organization. We will need your help with several things:

- Greeters/Host/Hostess on December 4th & 5th
- Persons to help during set up on December 3rd and tear down on December 6th
- Extension Cords, extension cords, extension cords (put a piece of tape or something to clearly mark your cord so it can be returned)
- We can still use some help with organizing the event also.
- There are sign up sheets in the coffee area at church or you can call the church office to sign up.

If you have any questions please contact Jan Fisher at 231-652-6581 or Deb Prins at 231-335-8737



Sunday School

For all ages every Sunday at 11am

Children's Christmas Play
December 21 @ 9:30am
Christmas Collage

The children will present Christmas from many points of view. If you have a favorite memory or poem etc. that you would like to share with them for use during the play, please see Brenda Huckins Bonter or Anne Henning ASAP!

Play practice will start on Sunday, November 1st. The children will have ½ hour of Sunday school and then ½ hour of play practice. Please try to have your child here as often as possible from now until the play.
Practice makes perfect!

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.

- Saturday, Nov. 1 - 10am @ Pine Grove Comm. Church - **CROTON/HOWARD CITY**
- Monday, Nov. 3 - 5pm @ Fremont United Methodist Church – **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, Nov. 5 - 5pm @ Grant Christian Reformed Church – **GRANT**
- Friday, Nov. 7 - 10am @ St Joseph Catholic Church - **WHITE CLOUD** - Sponsored by Local Area Churches
- Saturday, Nov. 8 - 9:30am @ First Christian Reformed Church - **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, Nov. 12 - 10am @ True North Community Services - **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, Nov. 12 - 5pm @ Hesperia Community Education – **HESPERIA** - Sponsored by Local Area Churches
- Thursday, Nov. 13 - 3pm @ Amazing Grace Acres Church
- Monday, Nov. 17 - 3pm @ Big Jackson Church of God - **PARIS**
- Tuesday, Nov. 18 - 4:30pm @ Northland Church of Christ - **GRANT/NEWAYGO**
- Wednesday, Nov. 19 - 10am @ First Baptist Church of **WOODLAND PARK**
- Wednesday, Nov. 19 - 5:30pm @ Church of the Living Christ – **FREMONT** - Call 231-924-4670 to Pre-Register
- Tuesday, Nov. 25 - 5pm @ River Valley Community Church - **NEWAYGO**

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

For all the saints

Lord we give you thanks for the precious persons who come into our lives for what ever time you allow them. We give you thanks for all they teach us and for all the ways they touch our lives. We give you thanks for giving us the knowledge and hope that through your son Jesus Christ we will again be with those loved ones in your house. Lord all honor and Glory is yours. Amen!

United Methodist Women

- **Longcore Circle** – Tuesday, November 4th @ 2pm @ Dorothy Sibley's home. All are welcome.
- **UMW-Ladies Night Out** – Tuesday, November 11th – we will be decorating and filling our thanksgiving gift bags and getting them ready for delivery. Even if you can't come and are willing to make some visits please let Deb Prins know.
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, November 18th at 9:30am. We have a business meeting then a time of devotion and bible study.



Take time to be thankful for what you have. You can always have more...but you could also have less.



Join us in putting together bags for persons from the congregation who could use a visit this Thanksgiving season.
TUESDAY, November 11th at 6:30pm at the church.
Donations box in coffee area!

United Methodist Women November 11, 2014 @ 6:30pm Gift Bags of Blessings

We will be making gift bags for Thanksgiving and delivering them to persons who are not able to get out easily. Please start collecting items to put in the gift bags. Suggestions include:

Small bottles of lotion

Single serve coffee

Single serve tea

Hot cocoa

Puzzle books

Mugs

Slippers

Magnifying glass

Small fleece blankets

Toothpaste

Cards with envelopes

Stamps

Homemade cookies

Pens

Mints

Chap stick

Powder

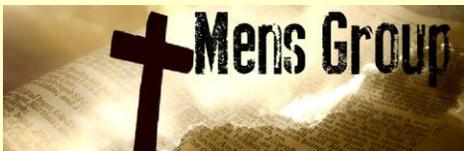
Dried fruit

Small candy bars

Any item you would like to receive would be welcomed too! Use your imagination and have some fun with this!

There is a box in the Coffee area to leave your donations.

Enjoy collecting then join us for the fun of putting the items together on November 11, 2014. We will be decorating the bags and writing out cards for each person. If you have someone you would like added to the list to receive a bag and a visit please let Deb Prins know ASAP.



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

NCIS hits Newaygo!!

We have NCIS, NCIS LA, NCIS New Orleans and we now have NCIS Newaygo! One of our Navy vets just doesn't trust his fellow men's group members. He needs to get a magnifying glass to check out every picture he gets from his friends and goes over it several times. He checks the buildings, the trees and the size of the frying pan. We just don't understand it! Then he talks about submarine chasing. I wonder if that is how he courted Carolyn by asking her to watch submarine races!!! And what about Ron?? Anybody notice what hats he is wearing lately and which ones he isn't wearing anymore? It is always a challenge at men's group! So join us every Wednesday at City Limits at 8:30. You become a regular when the waitress knows what you drink and eat!!!

Joe Groff

Mission Minutes



2014 Mission Giving

Accident Victims Fund	\$ 192.09
African Dresses	\$ 906.00
Bible School gift bags	\$ 100.00
Camp Scholarship	\$ 100.00
Camp Sunday	\$ 91.50
Christmas Family	\$ 200.00
Coats for Kids	\$ 421.00
CROP Walk	\$2, 04.00
Day in the Park	\$ 801.56
G. R. Tornado Relief	\$ 250.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 173.00
Hoovers	\$ 101.50
Human Relations	\$ 90.00
Love Food Pantry	\$ 292.93
Native American	\$ 92.00
No More Malaria	\$ 198.29
One Hour of Sharing	\$ 76.50
Peace with Justice	\$ 66.50
Scholarship Fund	\$ 100.00
School Kits	\$ 326.47
Toys for Tots	\$ 200.00
UMCOR for U.S.	\$ 200.00

\$ 7,480.34

Upcoming Mission Concerns

Nov. 9 - Love Food Pantry

Nov. 23 –Heifer International

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



We are so blessed to have so many members who will walk for CROP. Our church was able to bring in \$2,504 for the hungry and thirsty people in our world. Thank you!

God loves a cheerful giver!

LOVE FOOD Pantry

Don't forget to bring in items like toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. for the Love food pantry. If you forget, we will have a donation jar available in the narthex for your donations on Nov.9th.



Heifer International

We will be taking a collection for Heifer International. Money will go to purchase farm animals, honey bees, or tree seedlings. All of these items allow the families to raise their own herds to provide food for them and others in their villages. After the herd is established, the family also donates one animal to another family to pay it forward.



Coats for Kids (and adults)

We were able to collect 52 winter coats and some snow pants for children in our community who are in need of coats this winter. Thank you for donating.



Can you help us?

We are preparing for the Christmas Walk on Dec. 5th. We are in need of extension cords in order to exhibit the trees that community organizations and churches will be bringing in. If you have cords that you are willing to loan for our display, please let Jan Fisher know. (Please put your name on the cords so we can return them after the event.) Thank you.

Treasurer's Report

To date we have paid 80% of our ministry shares and are on track to pay 100% for 2014. Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church. 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	
October 31, 2014 -	\$ 8,577
Expenses through	
October 31, 2014 -	\$ 8,916
Total	(\$339)
	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$



Nancy Ferguson
 Jean Bumstead
 Wayne Bumstead
 Bill & Freda Corrigan
 June Wade
 Al Winchel
 Marilyn Dawson
 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.

Psalm 41:3

The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness.

**HAPPY
 THANKSGIVING DAY**



PUZZLE
Praying hands

One way to show our thankfulness is to bow our heads, fold our hands and pray to God.

Directions: Complete Colossians 4:2 (NIV) by selecting one word on the left hand, then one on the right and so on. Go back and forth, using the word blanks as a guide.

LEFT: to, Devote, being, Colossians, Pure, watchful
 RIGHT: 4:2, Praises, thankful, prayer

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Answer: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2, NIV



Letter To Kids Hope Mentors

Hi...welcome back to another year of kids hope...hope everyone is having a good year so far....we ...as kids hope have been invited to decorate a Christmas tree for the Christmas walk December 5...we have accepted this invitation & are very excited to get kids hope awareness out there....I'm pretty sure we all have favorite Christmas decorations to make with your kids, if not we can help you come up with something &/or supplies...December 3 evening we will make arrangements to meet down at church to decorate our tree. I'm going to print up info/ permission slips for our kids to be a part of the decorating. Let me know if you have any questions LeeAnn Hesse at 2312252973

Worship Helpers

November 2

Liturgist: Carline Knoll
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Inside Ushers: Jen Larsen & Ruth Merritt
Outside Ushers: Ardis Tanis & Dolores Cook
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Need Volunteer

November 9

Liturgist: Kay Pardonnet
Acolyte: Blake Larsen
Inside Ushers: Dianna Weaver & Janet Fisher
Outside Ushers: Carline Knoll & Jean Reynhout
Projector: Jen Larsen
Sound: Need Volunteer

November 16

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet
Acolyte: Morgan Pope
Inside Ushers: Harriet Kiper & Anne Henning
Outside Ushers: Vern & Carolyn Boose
Projector: Elizabeth Brooks
Sound: Need Volunteer

November 23

Liturgist: Brenda Huckins Bonter
Acolyte: Gabriella Brooks
Inside Ushers: Joan Faulkner & Ruth Merritt
Outside Ushers: Dolores Cook & Millie Stine
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Need Volunteer

November 30

Liturgist: Joe Groff
Acolyte: Elizabeth Brooks
Inside Ushers: Ron & Kay Pardonnet
Outside Ushers: Deb Prins & Taylor Prins
Projector: Jen Larsen
Sound: Need Volunteer



November Birthday's

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



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

May God bless you and your family on this day and every day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am-2pm – Ladies Day @ the Shack
2 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings – Fall Back 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for all ages – play practice	3 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study 6:30pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study	4 2pm– Longcore Circle @ Dorothy Sibley’s Home	5 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 7pm – Choir Practice	6 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	7	8
9 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for all ages – play practice LOVE INC OFFERING	10 Pastor Kathy - Florida 1:00pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study 6:30pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study	11 Pastor Kathy - Florida 6:30pm – Ladies Night Out – UMW meeting – filling gift bags	12 Pastor Kathy - Florida 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 7pm – Choir Practice	13 Pastor Kathy - Florida	14 Pastor Kathy - Florida	15 Pastor Kathy - Florida
16 Pastor Kathy - Florida 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for all ages – play practice	17 Pastor Kathy - Florida 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study 6:30pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study	18 Pastor Kathy - Florida 9:30am – Mary Martha Circle	19 Pastor Kathy - Florida 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 7pm – Choir Practice	20 Pastor Kathy - Florida	21 Pastor Kathy - Florida	22 Pastor Kathy - Florida
23 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School for all ages – play practice Heifer International Offering	24 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours 1:00pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study 6:30pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	28	29
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Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities –2014



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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.

We're on the Web!

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