

# GOD'S DREAM SEEKERS NEWS

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## Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

### The Holy Word

I wonder how many of us really know the Bible! Many of us have heard some of the stories. Many of us have read bits and pieces of it, maybe some have even read it cover to cover. Certainly we gain much from reading it, studying it, praying with it. But how many of us know the mechanics of the Bible itself. How is it divided? How many books, chapters, verses does it contain? Why is it organized in its current form? Who decided what books would be contained in it when there are so many other writings of ancient prophets and scholars? Why were some books written at all? What is the history of the Bible? What does each book contain?

This fall we are going to begin a study of some of those very questions and take a look at just what this amazing book is. The Bible is still the number 1 selling book around the world. As new groups of Christians grow the Bible remains the number one source of inspiration for growing in faith. It's power as the living word of God is invaluable in changing hearts and minds, in transforming faith to a deeper, more mature level. One never knows what passage, story, verse will inspire anyone to deeper understanding and closer relationship with God. Unfortunately the Bible is also used to further human agendas and ideologies that can harm rather than build up the Kingdom of God. Many have pointed to pieces of scripture that seem to justify some pretty exclusionary behavior and ideas. So it is to our advantage in filtering out truth ideas to know as much as we can about this incredible book. When we know the history of God's people

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from the time of Adam to and through the time of Jesus' appearance on earth, we are better equipped to see truthful glimpses of what God intends for humanity and gain better guidance as to how we treat each other.

The Christian faith is being challenged in parts of the world. Christians are being persecuted and forced to leave their homes. Will we be challenged here in the United States? I believe that we are already being challenged by those who want to take anything faith based out of the public eye.

But more than having answers from the challenges we may face as Christians, the Bible helps us grow our faith and draws us ever closer to God and understanding and living God's way. The Bible informs us about Jesus and what it is he did and is doing in this world today. It is my hope that as many people as possible from our church can take this important study and learn more about the book we claim as our own. Please join us. The study will begin September 22, and you have a choice of afternoon (1:00pm) or evening of the same day (6:30pm) If anyone is not able to make it either time please let me know and we will arrange alternatives to getting the study to you. Hope to see you in class this fall.

## Fall Protection Information

Do you know how to protect yourself and your loved ones from falls in and around your home? Want more information regarding devices and programs available?

**Tuesday, September 16, 2014  
@ 6:00pm**

Charlie Johnson from True North will be here to talk with us about ways to be safer in our homes and also to give us information about programs they may have to help if you are considering something like "life alert" devices.



## Visits Needed

Please keep the following people in your prayers daily and if you are able to visit them please do so. They enjoy the company and it lifts their spirits.

Fern Glasspoole: At Home @ 782 West Brooks, Apt. 119 (Woodview Apartments)

Nancy Ferguson: Transitional Health - Fremont

Both of these ladies would love to see your smiling face even if it is only for a few minutes.

## 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.

- Friday, September 5 - 10am @ St. Joseph Catholic Church - **WHITE CLOUD**, Sponsored by Local Area Churches
- Saturday, Sept. 6 - 10am @ Pine Grove Comm. Church - **CROTON/HOWARD CITY**
- Saturday, Sept. 6 - 1pm @ Grant Wesleyan Church - **GRANT**, Call to pre-register 231-834-7222
- Wednesday, Sept. 10 - 5pm @ Weaver Park Pavilion – **HESPERIA**, Sponsored by local area churches
- Thursday, Sept. 11 - 3pm @ Amazing Grace Acres Church - **BROHMAN**
- Saturday, Sept. 13 - 9:30am @ First Christian Reformed Church, **FREMONT**
- Monday, Sept. 15 - 10am @ White Cloud Eagles - **WHITE CLOUD**
- Tuesday, Sept. 16 - 4:30pm @ Northland Church of Christ, **GRANT/NEWAYGO**
- Wednesday, Sept. 17 - 10am @ First Baptist Church of **WOODLAND PARK**
- Wednesday, Sept. 17 - 4:45pm @ All Saints Catholic Church - **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, Sept. 24 - 10am @ True North Community Services - **FREMONT**
- Wednesday, Sept. 24 - 5pm @ Weaver Park Pavilion – **HESPERIA**, Sponsored by Hesperia Masonic Lodge
- Tuesday, Sept. 30 5pm - River Valley Community Church - **NEWAYGO**

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

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## Sundae Celebration

Sunday, September 7  
Following Worship

Sundae's for the whole congregation.

Sunday, September 14

11:00am – First day of Sunday School Classes  
We have a Sunday school class for all ages so please plan on joining us.

## Choir Practice

Choir practice starts Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at the church. All are welcome to join us.

We make a joyful noise unto the Lord and have lots of fun and laughs while we do it. If you are interested just come on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and join the choir.



# United Methodist Women

- **Longcore Circle** – Tuesday, September 2 @ 2pm please watch the bulletin for meeting place. We will take a look at the life of Ruth. All are welcome.
- **UMW-Ladies Night Out** – Tuesday, September 9 @ 6:30pm. We will be studying The Queen of Sheba.
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, September 16 at 9:30am. We have a business meeting then a time of devotion and bible study. We will be looking at the life and ministry of Dorcas.



*Ruth: Her name means "Friendship" Generous, loyal and loving, she is strong and serene, able to take unusual risks, dealing actively with life circumstances.*  
**Join us at Mary Longcore Circle to learn more.**



*Dorcas - Her name means "Gazelle", "Tabitha" is its Hebrew equivalent - she belonged to one of the earliest Christian congregations. Known for her practical works of mercy*  
**Come to Mary Martha Circle in September to learn more.**



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

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

Was great having Steve Cain, son of Ken and Kathy Cain, attend one of the men's breakfast! At the same time, it is sad that one of our members will be moving on. Dennis will be moving at the end of the month and he and his family will really be missed! They all will be in our prayers and thoughts. So what did we discuss, well Ron's encounter with "Peppie LaPeau" the world's famous skunk, motion sickness when many were in the military, a little politics, (not too much) and what is going on in our church family. Lots of laughs and in depth thoughts. Well more laughs than deep thoughts so come on men and join us on Wednesday mornings. You never know what the discussions will be!

*Joe Groff*

## Fall Bible Study

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

1:00pm or 6:30pm

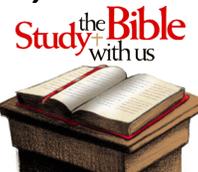
**Are you interested in a new bible study?**

**"Getting to Know the Bible Better"**

Please join us at one of the above times to learn more about the book we claim as our own.

If you are not able to make it one of these times, please let Pastor Kathy know so arrangements can be made to get the study to you.

*Hope to see you in class this fall.*



Nancy Ferguson  
 Jean Bumstead  
 Bill & Freda Corrigan  
 June Wade  
 Al Winchel  
 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.*

*Heavenly Father we pray that you will lay your hands on all who are sick. We ask that you have compassion for all who are suffering or hurting so that they may be delivered from their terrible circumstances. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

# 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 |
| Day in the Park        | \$801.56 |
| G. R. Tornado Relief   | \$250.00 |
| Habitat for Humanity   | \$173.00 |
| School Kits            | \$326.47 |
| Hoovers                | \$101.50 |
| Human Relations        | \$ 90.00 |
| Love Food Pantry       | \$263.07 |
| Native American        | \$ 92.00 |
| One Hour of Sharing    | \$ 76.50 |
| Peace with Justice     | \$ 66.50 |
| Scholarship Fund       | \$100.00 |

**\$3,727.19**

*God Loves a Cheerful Giver Thank you!*

## Upcoming Mission Concerns

Sept. 14- Love Food Pantry

Sept. 28- World Communion

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



One of the greatest mission minded things we can do right from where we are is to pray for peace around the world. Remember to pray daily for peace for all who are in the areas where fighting and persecution are happening. YOU have the power to help change the world around you and it begins with prayer.

## Mission is everywhere

The word "mission" often implies traveling to another country to teach and work. The work done in foreign missions is important, of course, but we can't all make the trip. What we can do, however, is be faithful servants where we live. Mission is about putting the face and name of Jesus in front of those who don't know him. We can do that in many ways — any place and any day.

## 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 Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.



## World Communion Sunday

Have you wondered what World Communion Sunday is all about? The United Methodist Church is very involved in helping people to achieve an education. The money from this collection goes for Crusade scholarships, ethnic scholarships and ethnic in service training programs.

## A Day In the Park

Thanks to many helping hands, your donations of food and clothing, and local growers donations; the people in the Newaygo area who needed help to prepare for school were blessed wonderfully. The report was that most everything that was donated was taken and anything that was left, was donated to Love. God's love was demonstrated in this community to many who were in need.

## Tree's of Hope and Caring

Yes that's right I said "CHRISTMAS TREES". Newaygo UMC will be having a display of Christmas trees during the Christmas Walk which will be Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to ask many of the nonprofit organizations in Newaygo County to decorate a tree for display. We may also ask the schools and other businesses. Still in the planning stage. We are in need of a few people who would like to be on a committee to make some decision about how this would work and also to help with coordinating the display. If you are willing to help please see Janet Fisher or Deb Prins as soon as possible.



## Treasurer's Report

We are on track to pay 100% of our ministry shares for 2014. There is still one more Sunday in August that is not included in the contributions and Expenses below. Please keep this in mind when you prayerfully consider your giving. 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.

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|---|-------------------|
| Contributions through August 29, 2014 - | \$ 9,829.00       |
| Expenses through August 29, 2014 -      | \$8,612.00        |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$1,217.00</b> |



## 4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, September 27, 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!



## Newaygo United Methodist Church Conference

Sunday, October 19  
Following Worship

NUMC Annual Church conference is the place where we gather together to celebrate the previous year and make decisions for the upcoming year regarding our leaders, pastor's salary and other important items. Every person has a voice and members of NUMC may vote. Your voice is important so please mark your calendars today and plan to attend.

***SPR – you will meet with DS at 8:30am.***



## United Methodist Women present our first ever **BAKELESS** bake sale!

You are invited to **NOT** bake a cake, pie, cookies or brownies. You do **NOT** have to shop for the ingredients. You do **NOT** have to mix. You do **NOT** have to cook. You do **NOT** have to cut. You do **NOT** have to wrap. You do **NOT** have to wash dishes. You do **NOT** have to clean up your kitchen. You do **NOT** have to deliver your baked product. You do **NOT** have to stand all day selling your baked product. All you have to **DO** is write a check or count out the cash you would have spent on ingredients and then on buying someone else's goodie (don't forget the time savings too) and bring it to church on **Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** or **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** and put it in the pans that will be waiting your "ingredients" in the coffee area at the church. All money raised will be used for local and global mission projects.

**Make checks payable to:** Newaygo UMW



Remember to bring your donation in by Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.



**September 7**

**Liturgist:** Nancy Clark  
**Acolyte:** Saria Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Vern & Carolyn Boose  
**Outside Ushers:** Harriet Kiper & Anne Henning  
**Projector:** Deb Prins  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

**September 14**

**Liturgist:** Ron Pardonnet  
**Acolyte:** Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Jean Reynhout & Ruth Merritt  
**Outside Ushers:** Steve & Liz Moore  
**Projector:** Taylor Prins  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

**September 21**

**Liturgist:** Brenda Huckins Bonter  
**Acolyte:** Gabriella Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Dolores Cook & Millie Stine  
**Outside Ushers:** Carline Knoll & Janet Fisher  
**Projector:** Taylor Prins  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

**September 28**

**Liturgist:** Carline Knoll  
**Acolyte:** Morgan Pope  
**Inside Ushers:** Andy & Kathy Belew  
**Outside Ushers:** Joan Faulkner & Ardis Tanis  
**Projector:** Deb Prins  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

**September Birthday's**

- 9/1 Jessica Bainbridge
- 9/2 Laura Weaver
- 9/6 Mercedes Venneman
- 9/8 Darlene Jones
- 9/17 Jean Reynhout
- 9/18 Wayne Bumstead
- 9/21 Rick Stacey
- 9/26 Sharon Wright
- 9/28 Don Simington



- 9/4 John & Joyce Dryer
- 9/5 Bert & Susanne Geerdink
- 9/19 Kenneth & Joan Faulkner

*May God bless you and your family every day.*

**Lay Servant-Lay Speaking Classes – Fall 2014**

If you are currently a lay speaker or would like to become a lay speaker, classes are available this fall for both beginner and advanced lay speakers. Basic Class instructors will be Don William/Jody Pratt and the cost is \$25 which includes all materials. Advance Class will be “Spiritual Gifts” and Suzanne Hewitt will be the instructor. The cost will also be \$25 which includes all materails. Classes will be held on Thursday’s in October (10/2, 10/9, 10/16 & 10/23) from 7 – 8:30pm @ Church of the Dunes (717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417). You must attend all classes in a session to get your certification. If you are interested, please let Deb Prins know by September 15<sup>th</sup> so we can get registered and arrange carpooling.

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                     | Friday                       | Saturday  |
|--|---|--|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|  | 1<br><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>  | 2<br>2pm- Longcore Circle – place TBA  | 3 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits<br>9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours<br>7pm – Choir Practice     | 4 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off     | 5                            | 6   |
| 7<br>9:30am – Worship<br>10:30 – Ice Cream Sundae’s for everyone                             | 8<br>Pastor Kathy @ Branson<br>1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study  | 9<br>Pastor Kathy @ Branson<br><br>6:30pm – Ladies Night Out                     | 10<br>Pastor Kathy @ Branson<br>8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits<br>7pm – Choir Practice                | 11<br>Pastor Kathy @ Branson | 12<br>Pastor Kathy @ Branson | 13<br>Pastor Kathy @ Branson                                |
| 14<br>9:30am – Worship<br>11am – Sunday School for all ages<br><b>LOVE INC OFFERING</b>      | 15<br>9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours<br>1:00pm – Wired Word Bible Study                                      | 16<br>9:30am – Mary Martha Circle<br>6:00pm – Fall Prevention Information @ NUMC | 17<br>8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits<br>9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours<br>7pm – Choir Practice | 18<br>Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 19                           | 20<br>11am-4pm – A Day In The Park                          |
| 21<br>9:30am – Worship<br>11am – Sunday School for all ages                                  | 22<br>9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours<br>1:00pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study<br>6:30pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study | 23   | 24<br>8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits<br>9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours<br>7pm – Choir Practice | 25<br>Pastor Kathy’s Day Off | 26                           | 27<br>8am-11am – 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast |
| 28<br>9:30am – Worship<br>11am – Sunday School for all ages<br><b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> | 29<br>9am -12pm Pastor Kathy’s Office Hours<br>1:00pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study<br>6:30pm – Baby Boomer Bible Study | 30   |   |                              |                              |   |

## 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.**

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