

GOD'S DREAM SEEKERS NEWS

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Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

The Problem With June

Every month has its high points. During those long cold winter months, December, January, February, we have holidays to celebrate that mask, for a while, the long, cold, dark days that create misery for many. Christmas, Super Bowl, Presidents Day with its day off, Valentine's day are all ways that create a break from the tediousness of being cooped up inside. And there are those who take advantage of the snow and know how to play, skiing, sledding, making snow men. March, April, and May bring the anticipation of new growth, of watching the emerging greening of the land.

Oh, but now we come to June. Now June seems like a perfect month. The beauty of the season is beyond anything we can create. Days are their longest. Warmth, for the most part has arrived. Graduations, weddings, and parties abound. But there is a problem with June. It is during that month that we reach the most daylight of the year, then the inevitable happens. The length of daylight hours begins to diminish. It marks the march toward shorter days that will culminate in December. For me June 21 marks a sad point in an otherwise perfect month. I know where we are headed after that date. That doesn't mean that I will not enjoy the rest of summer, but it does remind me that these beautiful days do not last forever. And I feel the pressure to make the most of the good days left until the darkness begins to overtake things. After all, God created the seasons for a purpose. If we always had lengthy sunlight days, then the earth would not find its much needed rest after a productive growing

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season. In God's infinite wisdom he has created a sustainable world, one that refreshes itself, repairs itself, and recycles itself into new life year after year. So, instead of lamenting the loss of even a single minute of daylight, I remember that this earth was created with purpose and I see God's hand in creation itself. What a good earth we have! What a good God we have! And I rejoice!

Pastor Kathy



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Saturday, July 23, 2016

Serving 8am-11am

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, American fries, fruit & drink.

Cost is by donation.

If you are able to help or donate items needed please let the church office know as soon as possible. A list of needed items is on the table in the coffee area at church.



Goodbye school, hello summer. No more books and math problems. It will be so nice to turn off the alarm and focus on the garden. I am ready for sandals, popsicles and bonfires. This year has gone by so quickly I am sure I will spend a few days missing all the activity. It has been an eventful year for us as a church and Kids Hope as well.

We've had graduations and loss. Deb and I had high school graduates. All of our Kids Hope kids graduated to the next grade. Carline and Harriet had their kids graduate to 6th grade.

Congratulations kids as you mature and grow to be the amazing people you are meant to be. This is Carline's last year as a mentor. All jobs have a lifetime and now it is time for her to focus on other things. We will miss Barb and do our best to carry on.

Sherry

New Mailing Addresses:

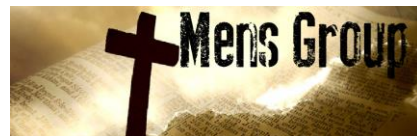
Nancy Clark

782 W. Brooks Apt. 218
Newaygo, MI 49337

Doris Jacques

6153 Division St.
Newaygo MI 49337
(all mail will be delivered to Newaygo Medical Care Facility for Doris)

PVT Friend, Ashley, T
MATSG-23 AMS-1 BKS H
211 Farrar Rd.
Pensacola, FL 32508



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

Prior to our vacation in Florida, I had the privilege of meeting Ken Cain's brother who lives in Australia at one of our men's group meetings. We really enjoyed having him there but one of the best pieces of advice he gave us was....ready ladies? Apparently he helps his wife dust by using the leaf blower! He says it really gets the dust bunnies out from under the beds and furniture! You just have to be careful you don't have loose papers or fragile knick-knacks about. So for father's day ladies I suggest if you want your man to help you dust, just buy him a new and bigger leaf blower! And guys if you want to get more new housework ideas, just come to one of our men's groups on Wednesday morning at 8:30 am at the City Limits. No telling what you will learn!

Joe Groff

United Methodist Women's Meetings

Each meeting is open to all women. Please join us for which ever one you are able to attend. You are always welcome.

- **Longcore Circle** – We will meet on June 7th and July 5th at 2pm at Dorothy Sibley's home.
- **Ladies Night Out** –Tuesday, June 14th and July 12th at **6:30pm** at NUMC. All women are welcome. We will have a short UMW meeting and bible study in June **and July will be an all church picnic! Sponsored by UMW**
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, June 21st and July 19th at 9:30am at the church. Please join us. All are welcome.

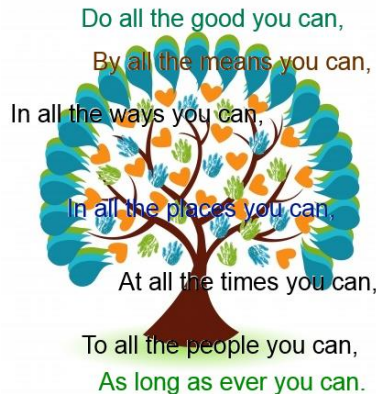


Pastor's Resource List

We all love our Pastor and would love to keep her as long as possible. One way to do this is to give her all the help we can. We all know that we are an important part of the ministry of the church of Love. The Pastor cannot be expected to do it all. Here is one way we can help: We can become part of a resource team to help our Pastor minister to those in need.

There are many ways you can help. Please check the signup sheet in the coffee area at church or call the church office at 231-652-6581.

John Wesley's philosophy is "DO GOOD". Here is our chance to do good. We can become part of our **Pastor's Resource List**. Look for volunteer signup sheets at coffee hour on Sunday Mornings.



Mission Minutes–Disaster Response

How is the United Methodist Church present during a disaster? This is a question that many people have asked, and the answer is simple – YOU, THE LOCAL CHURCH, are present! The UMC has a local presence in nearly every community in the United States. This CONNECTION allows us to be present any time a need for response or recovery arises.

The prepared local church, working with and through the United Methodist Committee on Relief is one of the ways that we as United Methodists are present during a disaster. UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. UMCOR's work on behalf of United Methodists is global and includes countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Caribbean. UMCOR serves in long-term disaster recovery in the US.

When disaster strikes, the local church usually provides the first response. This basic understanding – that disaster response is local – helps form a foundation for UMCOR's national training and response. First and foremost, UMCOR is a resource for the local response. Specific resources UMCOR provides include:

- *Training
- *Mentors
- *Case Management
- *Volunteers
- *Relief Supplies
- *Finances

UMCOR always works to enable those affected by disasters to take responsibility for relief and recovery work. Wherever possible, UMCOR forms partnerships with other religious and secular organizations to pool resources and avoid duplicating efforts. UMCOR provides long-term recovery as well as immediate relief. Recognizing that disasters cause disruptions that can last for years and often create permanent changes in people's lives, UMCOR works within a community to address the long-term effects of a disaster and assist people in rebuilding and adjusting to change.

Our next noisy offering will be for UMCOR. We know there will be disasters, let's pray and thank God for what we can do.

Joe Groff-Missions Chair



Doris Jacques
Marne Salacina
Edna Schilling
Fern Glasspoole
Gladys Kroll
Nancy Ferguson
Jean Bumstead
Freda Corrigan
June Wade
Chuck Suess
Ashley Friend
Mike Richardson Family
Unspoken prayers
Military Service Persons
Peace in the World



**All Church Picnic
Hosted by UMW
Tuesday, July 12, 2016
6:30pm**

We are still working on planning the picnic but would like you to mark your calendars and plan to attend.

It will be at the church to help us avoid the dreaded bugs outside and to make sure it is handicap accessible it will be held up stairs.

Last year's picnic was great fun so don't miss it. Good food and great fellowship will be enjoyed by all.

The Wired Word Bible Study

Monday's at 1:00pm
At Newaygo United Methodist Church

Join us for a discussion and biblical look at current events happening in our world. Each week is a different study so please come whenever you are able.



Treasurer's Report

May is bringing new spring growth and with that is a growth in worship attendance and in giving. Bless you and your family. Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church in 2016.

Contributions through	
April 28, 2016 -	\$ 12,208.85
Expenses through	
April 28, 2016 -	\$ 11,040.74
Total	\$ 1,168.11

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.



All Church Family Picnic
Hosted by Sunday School
June 26th Following Worship

*Meat & Drink Provided
Bring a Dish to Pass
Bring your swim suit!*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Vacation Bible School

August 10th, 11th & 14th
Mark Your Calendars

We will be hosting another 3 day Ecumenical VBS with other local churches. Watch for more details and ways you may be able to help.



Social Club

Below you will find a schedule of what we have planned. Notice some months are open for a host/hostess to sign up. The idea is to do at least 1 fun gathering a month and try to stay within a 2 hour drive from Newaygo. Most activities are family friendly but may have some cost involved. If you have any questions please see Joe Groff. All are welcome to join the fun!

- **June** – Sunday, June 5th @ 5:30 – Dinner and talent show sponsored by the kids.
- Saturday, June 25th at 5:00pm – Progressive Dinner – Dorothy Besemer
- **July** — Saturday, July 16th at 1pm, BBQ @ Jean Reynhout's home - Jean Reynhout, Joe & Kathy Groff
- **August** – White Caps Baseball Game – August 14th at 1:00pm. Deadline to sign up is July 17th – sign up sheet is in the coffee area at church – Paul & Melanie Grey
- **September** – Shrine of the Pines, Jones Ice Cream, possible jazz in the park behind Joan's – Ken & Kathy Cain
- **October** -
- **November** - Potluck & game night – Carline Knoll & Jen Larsen
- **December** -



If you have any questions please see Joe Groff or Deb Prins or contact the person listed for each planned event. If you have other ideas or would like to plan something please let us know that also.

June Birthday's

6/8	Candace Kroll
6/9	David Brooks
6/11	Dorothy Sibley
6/18	Mary Jane Cook
6/19	Gladys Kroll
6/20	Jona Bumstead
6/29	Olivia Robeck
6/30	Don Shain



June Anniversaries

6/4	Jon & Sherry Graham
6/9	Stanley & Janet Fisher
6/15	Norm & Alicia Pedelty
6/21	Jeff & Julie Berwald
6/26	Steve & Brenda Huckins Bonter

If your birthday or anniversary are not listed we apologize. Please send Deb Prins your updated information. You can call 231-652-9581 or send an email to debprins@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your help in updating our information.

July Birthday's

7/1	Karen Winchel
7/2	Ruth Merritt
7/8	Shelby Hesse
7/10	Duane Witter
7/11	Scott Cutler
7/13	Kay Pardonnet
7/14	Bill VanDyke
7/16	Dianna Weaver
7/16	Harriet Kiper
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



July Anniversaries

7/11	Paul & Sharon Wright
7/22	Matt & Crystal Brooks

Worship Helpers

June 5

Liturgist: Joe Groff
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Inside Ushers: Ruth Merritt & Jen Larsen
Outside Ushers: Jane Bode Fowler & Harriet Kiper
Projector: Stan Fisher
Sound: Need Volunteer

June 12

Liturgist: Brenda Huckins Bonter
Acolyte: Morgan Pope
Inside Ushers: Carline Knoll & Anne Henning
Outside Ushers: Dolores Cook & Millie Stine
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Taylor Prins

June 19

Liturgist: Carline Knoll
Acolyte: Blake Larsen
Inside Ushers: Ron & Kay Pardonnet
Outside Ushers: Sue Osborn & Dorothy Besemer
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Deb Prins

June 26

Liturgist: Tyler Friend
Acolyte: Rachel Larsen
Inside Ushers: Ken & Kathy Cain
Outside Ushers: Jo Bode & Arlene Salacina
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Taylor Prins

There may be groups or individuals using the church space that are not included on the calendar of Church Events. Please check the large wall calendar in the office or the printed calendar on the desk in the office for a full list of building use. If you have any questions please call the church at 652-6581. Thank you.

Deb

July 3

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet
Acolyte: Elizabeth Brooks
Inside Ushers: Vern & Carolyn Boose
Outside Ushers: Janet Fisher & Jean Reynhout
Projector: Jen Larsen
Sound: Need Volunteer

July 10

Liturgist: Anne Henning
Acolyte: Gabriella Brooks
Inside Ushers: Duane & Marilyn Witter
Outside Ushers: Dudley Irwin & Joan Faulkner
Projector: Joe Groff
Sound: Need Volunteer

July 17

Liturgist: Marilyn Witter
Acolyte: Saria Brooks
Inside Ushers: Carline Knoll & Deb Prins
Outside Ushers: Jan Richardson & Kate McKenna
Projector: Deb Prins
Sound: Taylor Prins

July 24

Liturgist: Ben Lester
Acolyte: Morgan Pope
Inside Ushers: Joan Faulkner & Ruth Merritt
Outside Ushers: Deb & Taylor Prins
Projector: Tyler Friend
Sound:

July 31

Liturgist: Kay Pardonnet
Acolyte: Blake Larsen
Inside Ushers: Ken & Kathy Cain
Outside Ushers: Sue Osborn & Janet Fisher
Projector: Taylor Prins
Sound: Deb Prins

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			1 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours	2 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	3	4
5 9:30am – Worship 5pm – Children’s Dinner Theater	6 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 1pm – Wired Word	7 2pm-Longcore Circle Meeting	8 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours	9 Pastor Kathy & Harriet Kiper @ Annual Conference	10 Pastor Kathy & Harriet Kiper @ Annual Conference	11 Pastor Kathy & Harriet Kiper @ Annual Conference 12pm-3pm – Kids Day @ Brooks Park
12 9:30am – Worship Pastor Kathy & Harriet Kiper @ Annual Conference	13 Pastor Kathy & Harriet Kiper @ Annual Conference	14 6pm– Ladies Night Out-UMW Meeting	15 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours	16 Pastor Kathy’s Day Off	17	18
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Reflective Address Marker

Signs \$10.00

Posts \$5.00

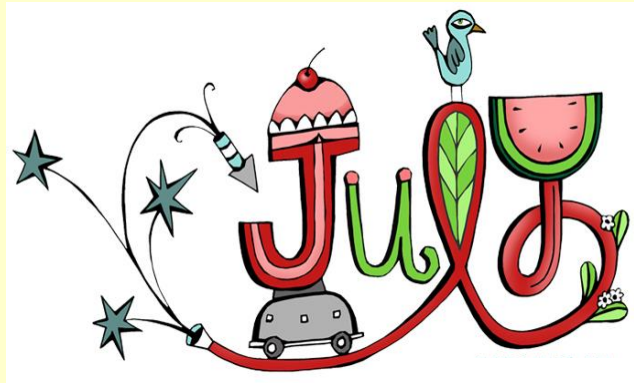
Newaygo Fire Department is selling reflective address marker signs. These signs make it easier for emergency help to find your home.

Horizontal or vertical signs available. If you are interested there are forms in the coffee area at church and you can fill one out and give it to either Rob or Kathy Pope.



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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.

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.

We're on the Web!

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