

# GOD'S DREAM SEEKERS NEWS

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## Pastors Ponderings

By Pastor Kathleen Groff

### *Booms and Blooms*

SPRING is here! Spring IS here! Spring is HERE! SPRING IS HERE! Can you guess that I am excited? This is the time I watch with close observation the emerging of new growth, anticipate the warming of days and look forward to the shedding of winter coats and welcome the lengthening of daylight hours. It is a time of revival, a time of renewed hope, a time of beauty, a time of new activity. Easter has come and gone and through it we proclaimed the great and wonderful thing God did for us through Jesus. But nothing proclaims it better than the grandeur we find in nature's yearly revival. Spring is our divine proclamation of possibility and hope. Even before we see the first signs of new life in the budding and leafing out of trees, new life has already been at work behind the scenes. Sap has been running, cells have been dividing. The gears are working to bring new life to its visible levels of flowers, leaves and crawly insects.

That's kind of the way faith works. God is already busy working in the hearts of men and women to bring the seeds of faith to fruition. Much goes on inside us even before we proclaim the name of Jesus. God has been busy preparing us for the greatest proclamation we can offer, that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Many see a person come to belief almost on a dime, an instant recognition of what God is all about in Jesus. And that may happen in seemingly very sudden ways. But for the most part,

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God has been busy preparing the hearts of men and women in advance, readying them for the day when they can profess Jesus Christ. And sometimes we are part of that process. What we say and do matters when god is busy at work in another. The way we wear our faith can make a difference, can be a part of the equation in a person's coming into belief. What we do and say truly matters.

So I say as we proclaim the mysteries of life seen in the springtime, so we must proclaim through word and deed the certainty of Jesus in our lives. It matters in the life of one who is being prepared for coming into that certainty themselves. We cannot think that what we do and say doesn't matter. Just as much as we proclaim that Spring is here, so we must proclaim that Jesus lives!

*Pastor Kathy*

### *Information Update*

We are trying to update everyone's contact information. If you haven't filled out a yellow update form, please do so as soon as possible and put in offering plate or turn in to the church office. Thanks in advance for your help it updating our records.  
Deb Prins



Hard to believe it's May and our school year is coming to a close. The party is fast approaching. Weather probably won't be an issue this time. We can still have the party if there is liquid precipitation. It has been awhile since my last Kids Hope party and I'm not sure what to expect. There will be something to report for the June newsletter.

We have two students, Alanah and JJ who will be "graduating" out of Kids Hope. AJ will be moving up to the middle school and Zoey and Dawson will move to the upper elementary. These are big changes coming for students and mentors alike.

Summer can be an unsettling time for some of our students. The lack of routine is huge. I experience a little of that myself every year. They may also face upheavals in living arrangements and child care and other issues I can't imagine. There may be unexpected negative behaviors at this point and mentors may have to be patient and flexible as students come to grips with the end of the year.

Mentors also have a transition as they move to a visit less-week. We wonder and worry. "Will my student be ok over the summer? Who will be a positive support for them?" It's hard to say goodbye with so many unanswerable questions. This is a time of letting go and trusting God. It is also a time of hanging on and praying.

*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).

We welcomed snowbird Dwayne back and new member Dudley at our Wednesday morning get together at City Limits at 8:30. The conversation goes in many directions. I am having a mole problem in the yard and asked how you get rid of them. Of course I got advice. One man said you get a pitchfork, chair, find the mole mound and when the mound moves, you just stab it with the pitchfork! But the best one was and I won't give you his name, said, "you get your chair, shotgun, find the mole mound and when the mound moves blast the ground! That way you just put grass seed down, water it and let the grass grow."

Apparently his condo neighbors were a little worried. Sensible Ken and I just looked at each other, shook our heads and wondered how these guys made as far as they did in life without impaling themselves with a pitchfork or blowing off a foot with their shotgun! But that's what we do, we give advice on anything from fishing, to gardening, to car repair, to politics, to church happenings, to military. So men, come join us and get or give some advice. As for me and the mole, I think I'm going to ask a professional!!!

*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 May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm at Dorothy Sibley's home.
- **Ladies Night Out** –Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at **6:30pm** at NUMC. All women are welcome. We will have a short UMW meeting and start a new study.
- **Mary Martha Circle** – Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at the church. Please join us. All are welcome.

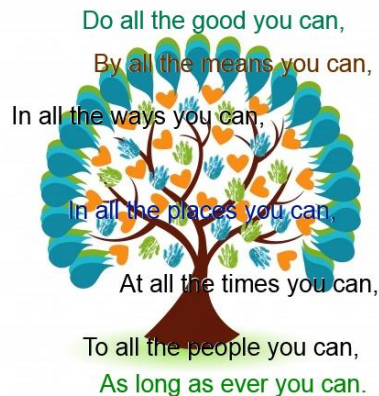


## Pastor's Resource List

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—Peace With Justice Sunday

TOGETHER, WE SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF PEACE AND ENCOURAGE COOPERATION LOCALLY,  
IN THE UNITED STATES AND GLOBALLY.

Our next noisy offering will be May 22!!!

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will.

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

Our congregation may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, our giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace. *When we give on Peace with Justice Sunday, our gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because we give:*

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad

These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because we give.

In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

Through your giving good news is proclaimed to—and experienced by—the poor.  
Thanks be to God!

*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

## May Birthday's

5/2 Saria Brooks  
 5/4 Chris Bainbridge  
 5/5 Matthew Brooks  
 5/11 Blake Larsen  
 5/15 Cathy Badge  
 5/15 Lynne Cutler  
 5/15 Ken Cain  
 5/18 Brenda Huckins Bonter  
 5/20 Paul Wright  
 5/25 Keith Johnson  
 5/28 Dawn Carr  
 5/29 Sue Osborn  
 5/30 Ellen Fisher  
 5/31 Al Winchel  
 5/31 Jen Larsen



## May Anniversaries

5/11 Tim & Debra Prins  
 5/19 Dave & Connie VanderHyde

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](mailto:debprins@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for your help in updating our information.



## Treasurer's Report

*Giving was down significantly in April. Please prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church in 2016.*

Contributions through	
April 28, 2016 -	\$ 7,734.49
Expenses through	
April 28, 2016 -	\$ 8,958.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$(1,224.40)</b>

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.



Sunday School for all ages  
 at 11:00am  
 (following Sunday Worship)

**Watch for date and time of next meeting we will be planning Vacation Bible School for this summer!**

**We will be hosting another 3 day Ecumenical VBS with other local churches. Watch for more details.**



## 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.



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 – Dinner and talent show sponsored by the kids.
- Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Progressive Dinner – Dorothy Besemer
- **July** — BBQ @ Jean Reynhout's home - Jean Reynhout, Joe & Kathy Groff
- **August** – White Caps Baseball Game – August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Deadline to sign up is July 17<sup>th</sup> – 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.*

## Memorial Weekend Rummage Sale

Sponsored by Mary Martha Circle  
United Methodist Women  
Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-6pm  
Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 8am-12pm

### We need your help:

- Donate items—when spring cleaning please save your household and other items and donate them for the sale. (No clothing please! You are encouraged to donate your clothing to Love INC). However - Children's clothing from infant to size 6X will be accepted.
- Plants—We sell repotted or excess plants from our yards. As you start your spring plantings, please plan to donate plants to the plant sale. We take any plants and you can repot, recreate (upcycle) planters or just bring in extra plants you have dug out of your yard. This is a huge hit during the sale.
  - Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am until done – Set up rummage & plant sale – sign up in the coffee area at church.
  - Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> – Need persons to work the sale. Sign up in the coffee area at church.
  - Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – 12pm until done – need persons to help clean up rummage and plant sale. Please sign up in the coffee area at church.





## May 1

**Liturgist:** Tyler Friend  
**Acolyte:** Blake Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Vern & Carolyn Boose  
**Outside Ushers:** Millie Stine & Dolores Cook  
**Projector:** Jen Larsen  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

## May 8

**Liturgist:** Carline Knoll  
**Acolyte:** Gabriella Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Ruth Merritt & Jean Reynhout  
**Outside Ushers:** Taylor Prins & Joan Faulkner  
**Projector:** Deb Prins  
**Sound:** Taylor Prins

## May 15

**Liturgist:** Ron Pardonnet  
**Acolyte:** Saria Brooks  
**Inside Ushers:** Jane Fowler & Jen Larsen  
**Outside Ushers:** Carline Knoll & Janet Fisher  
**Projector:** Tyler Friend  
**Sound:** Stan Fisher

## MI Blood – Blood Drive

We need individuals willing to donate blood. It takes about 45 minutes to an hour and helps save the lives of many. There currently is a shortage of blood in Michigan, so much so that they have had to lower the number for when blood can be used for patients. PLEASE consider this life giving gift! The blood drive is Thursday, May 5 from 3pm-7pm at First Reformed Church, 348 E. Main Street, Fremont. Appointments can be made online or by contacting Pat or MaryJo in the church office, ph. 231-924-4950. Walk-Ins are also welcome!

## May 22

**Liturgist:** Brenda Huckins Bonter  
**Acolyte:** Morgan Pope  
**Inside Ushers:** Ron & Kay Pardonnet  
**Outside Ushers:** Ruth Merritt & Dianna Weaver  
**Projector:** Deb Prins  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

## May 29

**Liturgist:** Marilyn Witter  
**Acolyte:** Rachel Larsen  
**Inside Ushers:** Anne Henning & Dorothy Besemer  
**Outside Ushers:** Ron & Kay Pardonnet  
**Projector:** Jen Larsen  
**Sound:** Need Volunteer

If you would like to be included in helping with; liturgist; ushering; acolyte; sound or computer on Sunday mornings, please let Deb Prins know and we will work you into the schedule.



## Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 28, 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 see Jean Reynhout as soon as possible. A list of needed items is on the table in the coffee area at church.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 2pm – Longcore Circle	<b>4</b> 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 9am -12pm Pastor Kathy Office Hours 7pm – Choir Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School For All Ages	<b>9</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation 1pm – Wired Word	<b>10</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation  6pm– Ladies Night Out	<b>11</b> 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits Pastor Kathy Vacation 7pm – Choir Practice	<b>12</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation	<b>13</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation	<b>14</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation
<b>15</b> 9:30am – Worship 11am – Sunday School For All Ages Pastor Kathy Vacation	<b>16</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation	<b>17</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation 9:30am – Mary Martha Circle	<b>18</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation 8:30am – Men’s Group @ City Limits 7pm – Choir Practice	<b>19</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation	<b>20</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation	<b>21</b> Pastor Kathy Vacation
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<b>29</b> 9:30am – Worship	<b>30</b> Church Office Closed Memorial Day	<b>31</b>				

## Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities -2016

*There may be groups or individuals using the church space that are not included on this 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*



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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.*

*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.

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