

# GOD'S DREAM SEEKERS NEWS

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## WHAT IS YOUR MISSION STATEMENT?

Here we are, starting our third month together as a family in Christ, at Newaygo United Methodist Church. It still feels like I walked into the doors for the first time just yesterday. The nerves may have settled, but I seem to have found many different ways to keep myself distracted enough to avoid jumping into the knowledge of the church. Luckily, due to the awesome support team that has stepped up and surrounded me with your knowledge and wisdom, things seem to be running very smoothly.

Most of you know the Mission Statements of both our denomination, and our own church: “Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors”, and “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.” But, what is your Christian Mission Statement? I read a book a few years back, “Jesus, Life Coach”. The author, Laurie Beth Jones, challenged her readers to develop their own Christian Mission Statement. Laurie had a career of coaching many leaders, from CEO’s of major business’, to the leaders of the Naval Academy. The common factor was that even though these leaders could repeat the company mission statement without fail, they could not come up with one reflecting their own goals for themselves. As she started helping Christian organizations, she found the same troubles. As I have traveled around, I have not found any of my Christian brothers or sisters who have thought about their own Christian Mission Statement. I ask them, and I am going to ask you, to think about and create your own mission statement that you can use to describe your Christian goals. For example my Christian Mission Statement is, “To be the best Christian that I can be; to help those who need and want my help in finding the love of Jesus Christ, while praying for those who do not.”

My goal is to help you all discover your gifts, if you have not yet found them, and to achieve a Christian Mission Statement for yourselves to help you enter into your mission field. I am going to lift up a challenge for all of you, to think about what you want to accomplish as a Disciple of Jesus Christ. Create your own Christian Mission Statement that you can turn to for encouragement to keep moving towards Jesus’ ultimate goal for you. Good Luck! I am praying for you all!

Many Blessings,

Pastor Eric Magner,

*His will.  
His way.  
My Faith.*

JEREMIAH 29:11

My Christian mission?

My goals surrounding  
my faith?

Gods mission for me?

God’s goals for me?

God’s mission for us?

God’s goals for us?



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## UMW—Ladies Day Out @ The Shack, White Cloud MI

All women are invited!

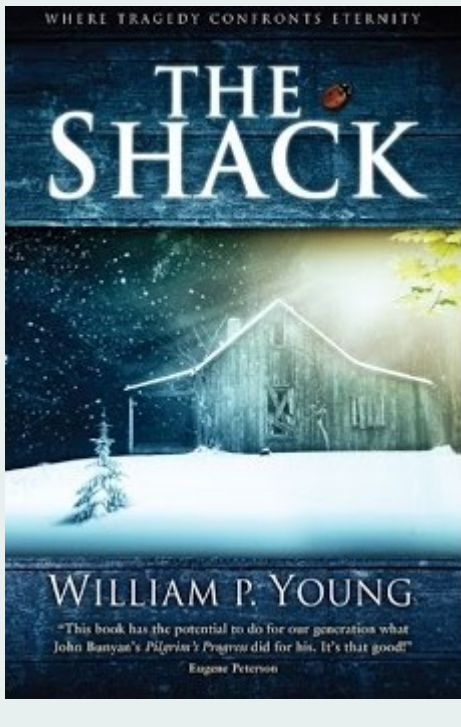
Saturday, September 30th

9am-2:30pm

Morning refreshments, music,  
movie, activity & discussion.

Lunch is provided and the cost for  
the day is \$12.00

We will be studying the movie  
“The Shack” this year. It is  
always great fun so please mark  
your calendars and join us.



If anything matters then everything matters.  
Because you are important, everything you do is  
important. Every time you forgive, the universe  
changes; every time you reach out and touch a  
heart or a life, the world changes; with every  
kindness and service, seen or unseen, my purposes  
are accomplished and nothing will be the same again.

The Shack | William Paul Young



*“Join us for fellowship,  
food and solving the  
world’s problems as we  
see them... We meet  
every Wednesday at  
8:30am at City Limits  
Restaurant – (next to  
McDonalds)*

## UMW-LADIES NIGHT

**Meets the second Tuesday of the  
month. Next meeting will be on  
Tuesday, September 12 @**

**6:00pm**—We will have a short

business meeting where we will plan

our annual “Day Apart” at the Shack and also our annual “Bakeless

Bake Sale” . We will also have a mini Chocolate & God Study—did I  
say Chocolate?



**This is also the United Methodist Women’s meeting where we make  
decisions that affect the UMW as a whole. Please try to attend as  
often as you are able. Your input is important to us.**

## MARY MARTHA CIRCLE



**Meets the Third Tuesday of the  
Month. Next meeting: Tuesday,  
September 19, 2017 @ 9:30am –**  
at the church. Women gather together  
monthly to support each other, pray  
study the bible, have devotional time  
and discuss ways we can help with  
missions in the surrounding community  
and beyond.

We are currently studying the book “Living the Beatitudes” by John W.  
Fogal, Sr. For more information or for a book please contact Marilyn  
Witter at 989-506-9513



## MILITARY PRAYER CHAIN

Please keep all persons serving in the US military branches in your prayers every day. Below are persons currently serving in the military who are loved ones of your church members.

- Staff Sargent Mandy Hagan
- Staff Sargent Frank Arnold
- Spec. Kathleen Arnold
- Ashley Friend
- Clint Walls
- Elliott McBride
- Christopher Peterman
- Jacob Shain
- Jeremy Cook
- Tyler Friend



*Dear Lord,*

*Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the men and women who serve our country, and for the sacrifices their families make so that we can all enjoy the blessing of freedom. We praise you for calling them to help protect us, and for giving them the courage and ability to do their jobs well. Guide their choices and their actions, Lord. Help them to see you working in their daily lives, whether in the field, at home, or abroad. Surround them with your mighty angels; protect them in your mercy; cover them with your grace. Guard their hearts while they are far from loved ones, and bless them with moments to cherish when they are together. Hold these families close, Lord. May they look to You for the strength and peace that only You can give. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.*

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



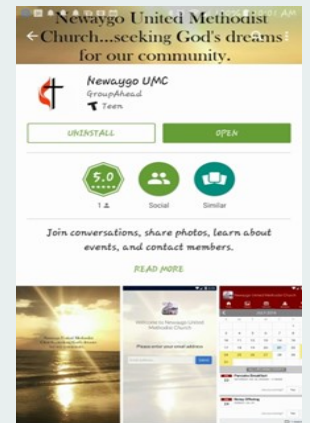
Samuel Magner—Amelia Stine—Doris Jacques—Edna Schilling—Fern Glasspoole—Jean Bumstead—June Wade—Susanne Geerdink—Barb Westbrook—Paula (Cancer-Hospice) - Unspoken Prayers—Military Service Persons—Peace in the World

If you have a loved one or a concern you would like added to the prayer list, please contact Deb Prins in the church office at 231-652-6581 or by email; [debprins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debprins@sbcglobal.net).

***When you have a prayer chain request please call Carline Knoll at 231-652-1147. If she is not available call Deb Prins at the church office at 231-652-6581 or cell 231-335-8737.***

## NEWAYGO UMC APP

(android or apple):  
SMART PHONE USERS – Go to your app store on your phone and search for “newaygo umc” and download our app. This is a great way to get connected and get updates and reminders. There is a current calendar that updates daily. If you need help please see Deb Prins.



## Coloring Contest

Look for the coloring page in this newsletter. Color the page and turn it in to Deb Prins in the church office for a special treat!

We may decorate using the pictures that are turned in so keep your eyes open throughout the church for your picture.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### Sundae's for Sunday School EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Sunday, September 10 following worship...Ice Cream Sundae's will be available for everyone to help celebrate the start of a new and exciting year of Christian Education.



#### FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 17  
10:30am to 11:15am—  
Children's Sunday School  
11:00am to 12pm—Adult  
Sunday School

#### Kitchen Notice

Because of our license to prepare and sell food to the public it is necessary for us to periodically clean out the refrigerator in the kitchen in the church basement. If you or your group uses the refrigerator or freezer for storage of food items please clearly mark them with your committee/group name and the date they were refrigerated/frozen so that we are sure not to throw away items that can/will be used by you. Thank you for your cooperation.



#### Ways You Can Help

- Updated Technology—With a generous donation we have been able to update the technology in all but one of the children's Sunday School rooms. We are in need of one more flat screen TV & wall mount and HDMI cords. If you would like to donate towards new equipment and technology for the children's Sunday school. Please mark your check Christian Education and put it in the offering plate. Thank you in advance.
- Snacks—We are also looking for persons to donate healthy snacks for the children.
- Nursery—We are looking for a couple more nursery volunteers for during worship on Sunday Mornings.
- Children's Worship—We need volunteers to provide Children's Worship downstairs after children's time in regular worship once a month or if we get enough volunteers once every other month.

**Please contact Anne Henning (Christian Education Director) at 652-6191 or [annehenning1@comcast.net](mailto:annehenning1@comcast.net) if you have any questions or would like to help.**



#### Messy Church -Children's Over Nighter @ NUMC

October 20 @ 5:30pm—October 21 @  
10am

#### KIDS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Keep your eyes peeled for more information regarding activities and ways you can help.



## Mission Minutes

### World Communion - Sept. 24th

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

As a small child Mary labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed the deaconess to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty.

Will you give generously to help equip gifted and qualified students around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be?

*Janet Fisher—Missions Chair*



### CROP WALK

It's that time of year again!

The annual Newaygo –Grant Crop Walk will take place at our church on Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Activities will start with the soup lunch at 12 noon followed by the walk at about 12:30. We will walk from the church down to the river area and back to the church.

The money raised will be split with 75% going to Church World Service to help in other countries, 12.5% to LOVE INC Food Pantry, and 12.5% to Newaygo Seniors Meals on Wheels Program. It would be wonderful if we could have 20 walkers from our church. Pledge envelopes will be available on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> after the church service.

Please come walk with us and help us feed the world.

### Social Group 2017



*September—No activity scheduled—If you have an idea and would like to plan an outing please check the calendar and see what you can come up with.*

*October—Sunday, October 15th - following Sunday School at 12pm—Heritage Farm Market Day, 1858 S. Maple Island Road, Fremont, MI, 49412 . Heritage Market has a fresh vegetable/fruit store, apple cider making, bakery, farm animals, corn maze, pumpkin picking & I spy hayride. Something for everyone. Stay tuned for more information regarding cost and activities available.*

*Please continue to pray for our Kids Hope USA children and their families as they begin their new routines of school. Please keep the teachers in your prayers as they finish testing and help us get ready to begin Kids Hope USA mentoring.*

*Sherry Graham  
-Kids Hope USA  
Director*





# Newaygo United Methodist Church Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 9:30am – Worship	<b>4</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b> 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours	<b>6</b> 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30am – Worship Sunday School Kick off Sundaes following worship	<b>11</b> 9am-12pm— Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours 1:00pm—Wired Word Bible Study	<b>12</b> 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours 6pm—UMW Ladies Night Out	<b>13</b> 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours  6:30pm—SPR Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am— Children’s Sunday School 11:00am—Adult Sunday School	<b>18</b> 9am-12pm— Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours 1:00pm—Wired Word Bible Study	<b>19</b> 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours 9:30am—Mary Martha Circle Meeting 6pm—Safety Team Meeting	<b>20</b> 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours  7pm—Choir Practice	<b>21</b> 6pm—UMW District meeting in Lowell	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8am-11am - 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Pancake Breakfast
<b>24 Noisy Offering</b> 9:30am – Worship 10:30am— Children’s Sunday School 11:00am—Adult Sunday School	<b>25</b> 9am-12pm— Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours 1:00pm—Wired Word Bible Study	<b>26</b> 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours 1pm—Worship Design Team	<b>27</b> 9am-12pm—Pastor Eric Magner Office Hours  7pm—Choir Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9am-2:30pm— The Shack @ the Shack— United Methodist Women Gathering

If you have something you would like added to the church calendar, please let the church office know as soon as possible. If you are planning an activity please check the large wall calendar in the church office or call the church office at 231-652-6581 to be sure the date is available for church use. Dates and times are subject to change so check the calendar often.



# Treasurer's Report

Prayerfully consider how you can help support the ministries of Newaygo United Methodist Church

Contributions through August 31, 2017 -	\$ 7,181.71
Expenses through August 31, 2017 -	\$ 7,756.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (575.27)</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. Thank you for being faithful to the financial obligations of Newaygo United Methodist Church. You are a blessing to many.



## September Birthdays

- 9/1 Jessica Bainbridge
- 9/6 Mercedes Gort
- 9/8 Darlene Jones
- 9/8 Melanie Gray
- 9/17 Jean Reynhout
- 9/18 Wayne Bumstead
- 9/21 Rick Stacey
- 9/23 Clara Burris
- 9/26 Sharon Wright
- 9/28 Don Simington



## Safety Team Update

**Safety Teams in place for Sunday mornings during worship service.**

*Current Safety Team Members are: Rob Pope, Morgan Pope, Jane Bode Fowler, Dorothy Besemer, Jean Reynhout, Jim Bode, Jo Bode, Deb Prins, Dudley Irwin, Patti Venneman*

*If you have any questions or concerns you would like to have considered please contact a Safety Team Member or contact the church office at 231-652-6581.*

*Next Safety Team meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19 @ 6:00pm.*



## September Anniversaries

- 9/4 John & Joyce Dreyer
- 9/5 Bert & Susanne Geerdink
- 9/18 Eric & Amy Magner
- 9/19 Kenneth & Joan Faulkner

*If your birthday or anniversary date is missing, please contact Deb Prins at 231-652-6581 and update your information.*



## 4th Saturday Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Serving 8am-11am

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, American fries, fruit & drink. Invite your friends and neighbors for breakfast. Cost is by donation.

If you are willing and able to help cook or serve at the breakfast, please let Stan Fisher know as soon as possible.

**September 3**

Liturgist: Ben Lester  
Inside Usher: Dolores Cook & Carline Knoll  
Outside Usher: Duane & Marilyn Witter  
Acolyte: Rachel Larsen  
Projector: Stan Fisher  
Sound: Need Volunteer  
Nursery: Harriet Kiper  
Safety Team: Jean Reynhout & Jane Bode Fowler

**September 10**

Liturgist: Marilyn Witter  
Inside Usher: Jean Reynhout & Dorothy Besemer  
Outside Usher: Sue Osborn & Janet Fisher  
Acolyte: Saria Brooks  
Projector: Taylor Prins  
Sound: Deb Prins  
Nursery: Jane Bode Fowler  
Safety Team: Patti Venneman & Dorothy Besemer

**September 17**

Liturgist: Brenda Hukins Bonter  
Inside Usher: Ruth Merritt & Harriet Kiper  
Outside Usher: Ken & Kathy Cain  
Acolyte: Morgan Pope  
Projector: Elizabeth Brooks  
Sound: Deb Prins  
Nursery: Taylor Prins  
Children's Worship: Anne Henning  
Safety Team: Jim & Jo Bode & Dudley Irwin

**September 24**

Liturgist: Ron Pardonnet  
Inside Usher: Vern & Carolyn Boose  
Outside Usher: Joan Faulkner & Jane Bode Fowler  
Acolyte: Blake Larsen  
Projector: Deb Prins  
Sound: Taylor Prins  
Nursery: Amy Magner  
Children's Worship: Jen Larsen  
Safety Team: Rob & Morgan Pope

If you would like to help with worship on Sunday morning please contact the office at 231-652-6581 ore [debprins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debprins@sbcglobal.net) and we will put you on our list for worship helpers.

**THANK YOU**

Dear United Methodist Church family,

I wanted to thank all of you for your generous donations and contributions to the pop can drive. I had an amazing time in Europe and couldn't have gotten there without all of your help and support.

Playing and touring throughout Europe with the Michigan Music Ambassadors truly was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I appreciate everyone that helped make it happen for me.

Not only did I get to play and experience different European cultures, but I also got to make a ton of new friends and improve my musical potential, which made my trip that much better. Thank you all again for all the support and love.

Sincerely, Dylan White



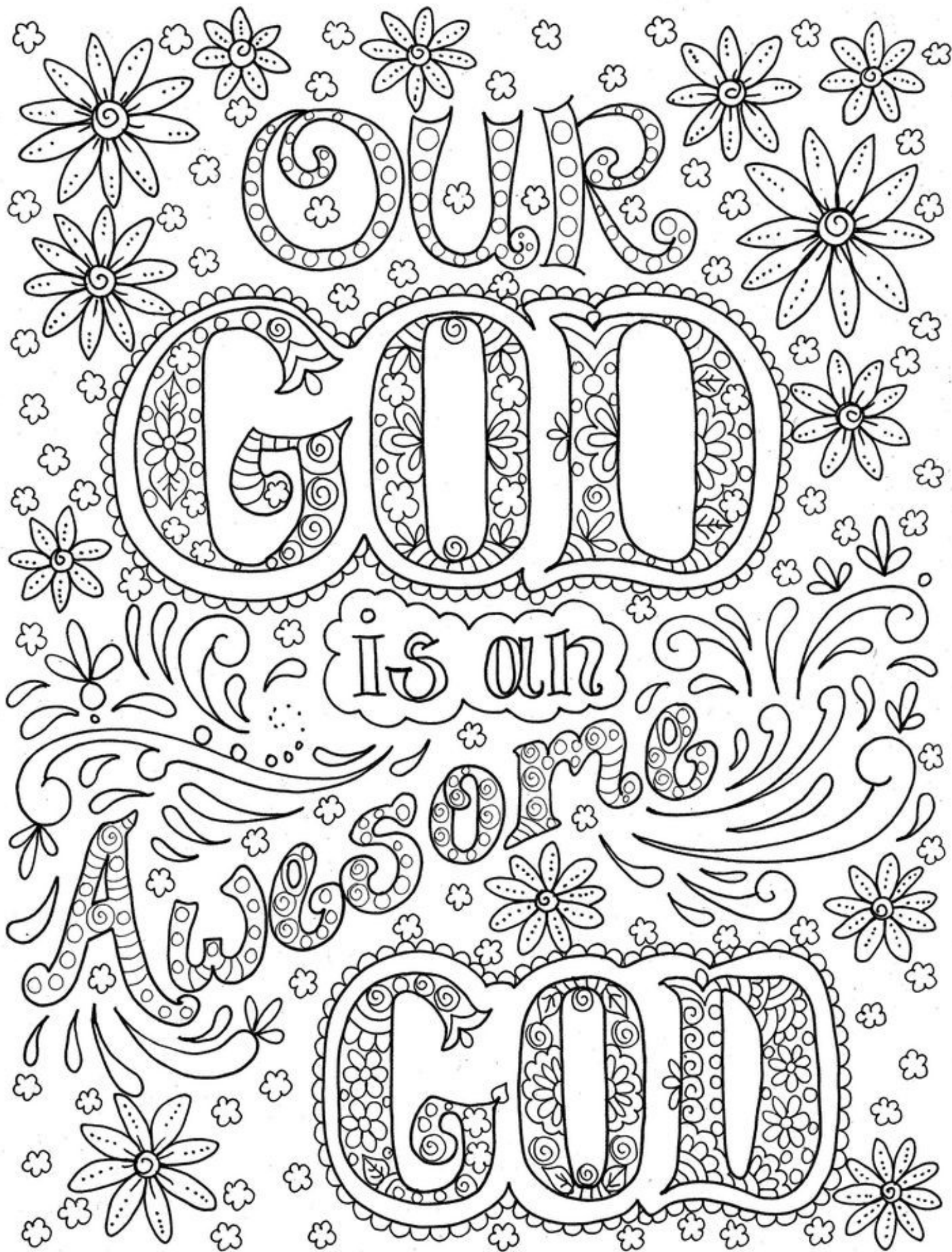
**CHRISTmas WALK**



**GASP!** Yes it is time to start thinking about the Newwaygo Christmas Walk which will be held on Friday, December 1, 2017.

- Ideas—We need your ideas by September 10th for what kind of display you think NUMC should have for 2017. (2018 we will be doing another quilt show) Please contact the church office at 231-652-6581 or [debprins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debprins@sbcglobal.net) with your ideas.
- Volunteers—we need a couple of people who are willing to take on the planning of the display for 2017 with guidance from those that have planned the past displays.





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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.



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