

New Community Church Newaygo

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God is Faithful..... In April, our congregation extended a call to Rev. Benjamin Oliveira to be our next pastor. He has accepted. Rev. Oliveira and his wife, Lindsay, along with their two children, Adelline and Brody will be joining us, Lord willing, mid-September. Praise the Lord! Pastor Ben will be moving his family from New Hampshire.

Following Pastor Case VanWyk's retirement from our church, we had the privilege of being led by Brian Tebben. Pastor Brian was hired to be our interim pastor for three months but remained with us a total of six months. Pastor Brian accepted a call to the First Salt Lake City CRC in Utah. His farewell from us took place Sunday, May 30th. We thank God for the time we've had together. Our ways are not always what God wants for us. We must be obedient to His will. May our Lord bless Pastor Brian's ministry as he joins a new congregation of believers.

This summer, for ten weeks, we'll have Andrew Hanson, a Calvin Seminary Student, leading our worship service and instructional classes for kids. Pastor Andy and his wife, Gail, and their two children, Noah and Sebastian, live in the Grand Rapids area and are active at Oakdale Park CRC. **Pray for us during this transition time.**

Profession of Faith. Heather, a young lady, age 12, from our congregation, was Baptized and made public Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ, on Sunday, May 30th. Pray for Heather that she continues to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ; in today's world there are many distractions. Following the service there was a reception welcoming Heather to our church family.



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Our, Adopt-A-Highway, road crew work to clean-up our churches, two mile stretch, on M-82, three times a year. The first pick-up was a beautiful, Saturday, morning, in April. The next scheduled pick-up is July 10. Honk if you see them on the road; you'll get a friendly wave back.

Newaygo is a great little community. It's actually a pleasant drive from Grand Rapids or Muskegon. Come on the second Friday of the month, starting in July, and find our booth at the Newaygo Farmer's Market, in Brook's Park. Our baked goods are on sale; but our main goal is to be a witness for our love for Jesus Christ. Why not take a Sunday morning drive and attend our worship service? Services start at 11:00 a.m. Stay for coffee and refreshments after the service, you will find a friendly welcome here. We are thankful to all who support us through prayer and financial assistance. We are blessed by you. It would be a privilege for us to greet you in person to say "Thank You." This church building used to be a Buffing Shop. Long before that, God saw a church planted here. This building now houses a body of believers who gather in worship, praising God with singing and being taught from His Word. People from the community when they drive by remember the Buff Shop and are curious about the cross hanging on the front of the building. They recognize some of the people, as they enter, and remember back in the days. It's different now. The building and the people have changed. It's now a place of new beginnings.

Praise God for the support of Home Missions, Classis G.R., North Classis Muskegon, Trinity CRC, Hillcrest CRC, First CRC Fremont, Noordeloos CRC, Grant CRC, Mayfair CRC, and Hope CRC Grandville. We thank each and every one of you. Continue to pray for us.

