



The Beacon

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“EUMC - An Anchor in the Community Since 1884”

ANCHOR DAY – JULY 19

Join us to build the "Anchor Day Float" on Saturday, July 19 at 10 AM in the EUMC parking lot.

We need theme ideas to gather props. Consider a Circuit Rider or John Wesley theme requiring 1880s costumes: flannel shirts, coveralls or denim pants with suspenders, straw hats for men, bonnets and calico for women, and lumberjack outfits to represent the local lumber industry. We need 2-5 riders on the float.



We will distribute “icy pops” along the parade route and will need a couple of volunteers for that! Sign up sheet on table in fellowship hall.

Empire Area Thanks First Responders

On June 14, 2025, the Empire community celebrated first responders with an event at Johnson Park, featuring a free pig roast catered by Mark's Pig Roast of Cadillac. The gathering allowed residents to thank Leelanau County's first responders, including the Sheriff's Department, Glen Lake Fire Department, EMTs, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park Rangers, and DNR Rangers.

“First responders are the backbone of our community’s safety,” said Pastor Melody Olin. “This celebration is a token of our gratitude for their service, especially during crises.” She added, “our church supports the first responders and their families, believing in the power of community and giving back.”

First Responders Appreciation Day

Johnson Park, Empire June 14

Local businesses, organizations and individuals supporting the event included: Arts Tavern,

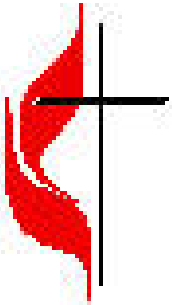


Northwoods Hardware, The Empire Blue House, Shipwreck Café, Jim & Claudia Bomersback, Harriger Construction, Storm Hill HOA, Empire Family Dental, Glen Lake Marina, The Cherry Republic, The Miser's Hoard, Empire Chamber of Commerce, Empire Area Community Center, Empire Lions Club, St. Philip Neri, Hometown Pharmacy, Empire United Methodist Church.

The Event Planning Team included Pastor Melody, Denny Olin, Donna Haiderer, Sandy Mallory, Tom Petersen, Jim Bomersback, Jim Sorbie, Meredith Goodrick, and Shirley Solem from EUMC, along with representatives Diane Hammersmith - Empire Lions Club; Jeanette

Stepanik – EACC; and Laura Meldrum - St. Philip Neri Catholic Church.





ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 8, 2025

PRESENT - Pastor Melody & Denny Olin, Sandy Mallory, Roger & Beth Noonan, Meredith Goodrick, Candy Hasselbeck, Jim & Gerri Sobie, Kay Wilcox, Aggie Wilson, Roger & Carole Merillat, Roy Pentilla

Pastor Melody opened the meeting with a prayer

Pastor's Report - Pastor Melody attended Annual Conference and said it went well. She will be taking some vacation time in June and July.

FINANCE - Meredith Goodrick gave the treasurer's report.

STAFF/PASTOR PARISH COMMITTEE: Per email from Tom Petersen – no report

TRUSTEES: Jean Peterson (per email) reported that new computers have been purchased. New printers will be bought next, and the maintenance contracts on the old printers will be canceled.

- Check out the parking lot improvements by Tom & Donna Haiderer, who secured free cement bumpers from the city. Thank you!
- The trustees are arranging a mulch delivery from Deering's.
- The fellowship hall was used on 5/31/25 for a family reunion.
- The parking lot will be used on June 20 & 21 for "Celebration of Life for Diane Clark" at her home.

We might be off the beaten path, but we are becoming an integral part of this community. This is the goal of the Ministry and Programs Committee. Thank you all for your participation.

WORSHIP & NURTURE - Meeting tomorrow, June 9. Worship team will not meet in July.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH - Will be going to Bohemian Lavender Farm on July 24. There will be a picnic lunch from Shipwreck. RSVP by July 20.

- **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - Those helping with the First Responders Pig Roast 6/14 need to arrive at 10:00.
 - Jim Sorbie said there will **be free plane rides for kids ages 8-17 at the Empire Airport on June 21**. He asked if he could borrow a few tables and chairs for this event. There will also be a pancake breakfast held at this event to benefit a scholarship fund.
 - Candy Hasselbeck is going to start **cleaning out the nursery** as it is needed for storage. She will keep us posted on the exact date and time when she will be doing it.

Next Meeting - July 13, after worship

ADJOURN - 11:37 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Beth Noonan, secretary





Empire Area Community Center

EACC sponsors the Empire Area Community Emergency Fund to financially assist an individual or a family that has fallen upon challenging times. This is done on a one-time basis through the payment of a known expense such as medical, housing or utility bill. Funds are collected and administered through the Empire Area Community Center,

a Michigan Registered 501(c) 3 Public Charity. Donations will go to their general fund to cover events [i.e. Anchor days, Halloween trunk-or-treat, Christmas Potluck gathering], **Please be generous!** **Mail your donation to: Empire UM Church,**

PO Box 261, Empire 49630 Attn: EACC General Fund

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways. Through your support, and our church, we fund many projects each year.

PAPER PANTRY UPDATE ...



ALL items on the Paper Pantry shopping list are needed to restock the shelves monthly. In JUNE 11 people were served.

Please bring or send your donation [\$\$ or purchased items] for the next **PAPER PANTRY – JULY 22, 5:00 TO 6:30 PM.**

And, don't forget to sign up to distribute paper pantry items to community families (4th Tuesday of the month). Thanks!

Worship Services

SUNDAYS - In Person 10:00 AM

Sermons continue Online & Web Site

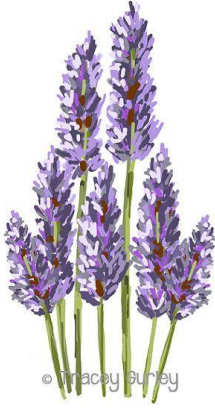


United
Women
in Faith

Summer Outing for Empire Unit
[No Meeting]

Ladies, You are invited . . .

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Empire United Women in Faith is hosting a special **Summer Outing** on **July 24, from 11 AM to 2 PM**, at **Bohemian Lavender Farm**, located 1.5 miles outside of Maple City, at 8181 South Shimek Road.

Gathering: Participants are requested to meet at the EUMC parking lot at **11 AM** for carpooling arrangements.

Lunch: A sack lunch and beverage will be provided. Please **RSVP to Sandy Mallory by July 20.**

What to Expect: As we proceed towards the lavender fields, attendees will be greeted by the stunning beauty and fragrance of thousands of lavender plants, with U-pick options available. Available products include lavender oil, hydrosol, culinary buds, homemade jams, lavender crafts, soaps, candles, and more. Lavender cookies with lemon frosting are a popular treat. Guests can stroll the grounds and observe artists capturing the beauty of lavender from various perspectives.

We look forward to a delightful outing filled with relaxation and enjoyment amid the scenic lavender fields. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Empire United Methodist Church - Vision Statement:

A community who goes out, serving in love, sharing Christ.
"Go, Serve. Share Christ."



MINISTRIES

CARE GIVERS GROUP

Meets Every Other Wednesday at 11:00 AM

JULY 9 – JULY 23

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Barb Foged 231-633-3348 or

Kay Coombs

231-227-1051

EUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Public Welcome



1ST Sunday of the month

HOLY COMMUNION served

"Take communion as often as you can.

... It is food for the journey."

ALL ARE WELCOME!



1st Monday of the month

(*unless otherwise noted)

Worship Team

10:00 AM

United Women of Faith

11:00 AM

2nd Sunday of every month

Food Pantry collection

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Fellowship Hall Your participation and service are appreciated!

- ❖ **Leelanau Area Food Pantry Collection - Donations** of canned goods and packaged food are collected for the Leelanau Area Food Pantry. The pantry is always in need of volunteers. Please contact Elaine Pentilla for more information.

4th Tuesday of every month:

EMPIRE PAPER PANTRY

5:00-6:30 PM

Year-round Mission Giving – Check out the Lighted “Giving Tree” in the Lobby!

- ❖ Do not forget the Socks Box for the TC homeless! Thanks for your support to “Safe Harbor.”
- ❖ Paper Pantry products! Your donations are appreciated.

MISSION OF THE MONTH Offering – Throughout the month, currency and coins may be placed in the tin buckets on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. The “**Mission of the Month**” offering helps a wide variety of charities and the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund (for local families in need). Global, Conference and local charities are selected throughout the year for this offering. If you have any suggestions or questions about selections, please contact Jim Sorbie, chair of the Missions Team.

Be the church! You are needed now! Sing in the choir, usher,

host, work with the tech team, or find another way to serve. Ask the pastor how you can help, such as sending cards or making phone calls to those on the church prayer list.

Don't wait; offer your God-given gifts and talents in service.



**Worship
Servers**

JUL 6

Kay Coombs

Gerri Sorbie, Tom Haiderer

JUL 13

Sandi Flack

Jan Lyon, Beth Noonan

JUL 20

Jean Petersen

Tom Petersen, Sandy Mallory

JUL 27

Meredith Goodrick

Kay Wilcox, Meredith Goodrick

Thank you for serving!



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"To live out a faith in Jesus Christ through our efforts to hear others, share in God's truths, join in worship, and celebrate in the Joy of God's grace."

SUNDAYS	10:00 AM – Worship Service	7:00 PM AA Group
MONDAYS	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Church Office open	
WEDNESDAYS	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Church Office open	
	11:00 AM – Care Givers Group every other week	
	12:30 PM – 12-Step Women's Group	8:00 PM – NA Group
THURSDAYS	Church Office closed	2:00 PM – Bible Study RESUMES in SEP 3:45 PM – Choir Rehearsal



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