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## Pentecost Sunday – June 8 *A Sound Like a Strong Wind*

*Acts 2:1-31 from The Message - the Bible in Contemporary Language by Eugene H. Peterson*

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force – no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages, as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans?" How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues? ... They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

Others joked "They're drunk on cheap wine."

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### **Peter Speaks Up**

That's when Peter stood up and backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk – it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below. Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous; and whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."

Fellow Israelites, listen carefully to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man thoroughly accredited by God to you – the miracles and wonders and signs that God did through him are common knowledge – this Jesus, following the deliberate and well-thought-out plan of God, was betrayed by men who took the law into their own hands, and was handed over to you. And you pinned him to a cross and killed him. But God untied the death ropes and raised him up. Death was no match for him. David said it all ...



## **NEW PRAYER MINISTRY OPEN TO COMMUNITY**

***Operating now for all to use!***

**The Prayer Box** at Empire United Methodist Church is open for community prayer requests. The Prayer Team meets three times weekly to pray for our neighbors.

This ministry offers intercessory prayer for those without a church family, those attending a church without a prayer ministry, or those seeking anonymity. and neighbors in the community.

***"Fill out a prayer request form [small pencil attached] found on the prayer box and place it in the locked mailbox."***

*For immediate support, call Pastor Melody at [989] 560-1667*

*The prayer of a righteous person  
is powerful and effective.  
James 5:16*

# SAVE THE DATE! June 14, 2025

Leelanau County First Responders Appreciation Day will be held on June 14th from 12N -2:00 PM at Johnson Park [Lions Club] in Empire. The event will feature a **free** pig roast to honor local first responders and their families. The Empire community is invited to share a meal and personally meet those who serve Leelanau County around the clock, throughout the year.

For further information, please contact: Empire United Methodist Church at (231) 326-5510. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors, too!

To volunteer for this event, please sign up on form in Fellowship hall!



## 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Appreciation Community Pig Roast

**Saturday, June 14, 2025  
12 – 2pm**

**James R Johnson Park**

*Empire Lion's Club Park, 11698 Reynolds St., Empire*

**Area Residents: Join us in thanking our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders  
for all they do to keep us safe.**

For information or looking to volunteer, contact  
Empire United Methodist Church (231) 326-5510

**FREE  
event**



United  
Women  
in Faith

## EMPIRE UNIT – WESTERN WATERS DISTRICT

**JUNE 2 11:00 AM Planning for July outing and lunch!**  
*All women of the church are invited!*

**The Purpose of United Women in Faith**  
*"shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global ministries of the church."*

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/northernwatersumw>

**Michigan Conference site:** <https://www.umwmichiganconference.org/> **National site:** <https://uwfaith.org/>

**Reading Program:** <https://uwfaith.org/resources/2022-reading-program>



## PAPER PANTRY UPDATE...

**ALL** items on the Paper Pantry shopping list are needed to restock the shelves monthly. In May, 12 families were served.

Please bring or send your donation [\$\$ or purchased items] for the next **PAPER PANTRY – June 24, 5:00 TO 6:30 PM.**

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

## Worship Services

**SUNDAYS - In Person 10:00 AM**

**Sermons continue Online & Web Site**

## June 15 – Trinity Sunday

The United Methodist Church believes in the Triune God, the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit; God the Father/Creator, who brings creation into existence, upholds and reveals the ways of life that make for peace and wholeness, and ever works to heal and transform life through the power of love.



## ***“EUMC - An Anchor in the Community Since 1884”***

*Let’s celebrate with the Empire community at the **Anchor Day Parade on Saturday, July 17.***

***Our float** will be entered, and we invite you to help build it! Decorating material will be on hand – all we need is **YOU!***



**Submit your ideas for the “2025 float” to enter in the “Anchor Day” parade!**

All suggestions will be considered! ... and Volunteers are needed: for truck/wagon to tow float; people to decorate and ride the float! People to distribute icy pops to kids in the crowd! Be @ EUMC parking lot Saturday, July 17 – 10:00 AM

**Contact: Pastor Melody**

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## **CARE GIVERS GROUP**

*Meets Every Other Wednesday at 11:00 AM*

**JUNE 11 – JUNE 25**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

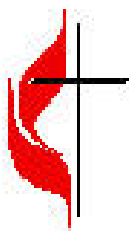
**Barb Foged 231-633-3348 or**

**Kay Coombs 231-227-1051**

**EUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Public Welcome**

**MINISTRIES**



**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Sunday, June 8**  
**After Worship**



**In Mt. Pleasant, Wesley at Central Michigan University seeks to be “a young adult Christian community committed to building God’s beloved community on earth.”**

**The hope is that “all people would know themselves as God’s beloved and get to be in love with the world.” Their campus activities and events are supported through your donations. Please place donations in collection pails at the back of the sanctuary or make your donation by check payable to: Empire United Methodist Church, PO Box 261, Empire 49630 - memo: Wesley@CMU #3042**

*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.*

**Welcome back!**

**Summer Families & Friends!**

√ CHECK Scheduled EVENTS √

Website: EmpireMiUmc@gmail.com

Facebook: EMPIRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1<sup>st</sup> Responder Appreciation Day – June 14 @ Johnson Park, Empire 12N – 2:00 PM  
Anchor Day Parade – July 19      Treats for Beach Kids – August TBD



# JUNE

## 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of the month

Holy Communion      *All are welcome!*  
*"Take communion as often as you can.*  
*. . . It is food for the journey."*



### 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

**(\*unless otherwise noted)**

Worship Team  
United Women of Faith

10:00 AM  
11:00 AM

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

JUN 1  
JUN 8  
JUN 15  
JUN 22  
JUN 29

Kay Coombs  
Sandi Flack  
Jean Petersen  
Meredith Goodrick  
Kay Coombs

Gerri Sorbie, Tom Haiderer  
Jan Lyon, Beth Noonan  
Tom Petersen, Sandy Mallory  
Kay Wilcox, Meredith Goodrick  
Kay Coombs, Gerri Sorbie

*Thank you for serving!*



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### ***EUMC Mission Statement***

*"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."*



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