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Jim Dorsey Hits 100th Milestone!

Jim Dorsey, a long-time EUMC member, received birthday wishes from Pastor Melody and the Empire Parish on April 27 [Jim's birthday] after worship.



His family had already hosted a community-wide party for him at the Empire Town Hall the previous weekend. Congratulations, Jim! ...

EUMC Volunteers at Work



Volunteers: Donna Haiderer, Tom Haiderer, Pastor Melody, Roger Merillat, Gerri Sorbie, Jean Petersen





NEW PRAYER MINISTRY BEING FORMED

Want to have a powerful, positive impact on our community?

You are invited to join the new Empire UMC Prayer Ministry.

A Prayer Box has been installed in front of our church to collect Prayer Requests from the entire community. We need a dedicated Prayer Team to raise these requests on behalf of our neighbors.

Please consider the Spirit's call for you to participate in this ministry. There will be opportunities to either pray at church with others or to pray at home on your own.

If you are interested, please call! Donna Haiderer

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



United
Women
in Faith

EMPIRE UNIT – WESTERN WATERS DISTRICT

MAY 3 Western Waters UWF presents “Better Together”

9:30 am – 2:30 pm White Lake UMC, Montague

Retreat leader – Rev. Kim Bos

Ingathering: paper plates, bowls, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins for FSU Wesley House

Carpooling – meet at EUMC at 7:00 am

May 5 - Lions Club Dinner

Schedule: 9:00 AM Lemon Pies baking 11:00 AM Fellowship Hall set-up; short meeting
5:30 PM Kitchen volunteers; clean-up follows

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>

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.

Worship Services
SUNDAYS - In Person 10:00 AM
Sermons continue Online & Web Site

PAPER PANTRY UPDATE ...

ALL items on the Paper Pantry shopping list are needed to restock the shelves monthly.

Please bring or send your donation [\$\$ or purchased items] for the next **PAPER PANTRY – May 27, 5:00 TO 6:30 PM.**

And, don't forget to sign up to volunteer (4th Tuesday of the month).



Native American Ministries Month

This is a denomination-wide celebration designed to raise awareness and remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. A knowledge gap exists in The United Methodist Church, both in congregations and in other United Methodist entities, relative to comprehending concepts of Native American life, cultures, languages, spirit, values, contemporary issues, and such. We affirm the sacredness of indigenous people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world. Churches are encouraged to donate through their local churches or [give online](#).

Memorial Day, a federal holiday held the last Monday in May, is the nation's foremost annual day to mourn and honor its deceased service men and women. Originally called Decoration Day, it was formalized by a "Memorial Day Order" issued by Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan in 1868.





CARE GIVERS GROUP

Meets Every Other Wednesday at 11:00 AM

MAY 7 – MAY 21

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Barb Foged 231-633-3348 or

MINISTRIES

Kay Coombs

231-227-1051

EUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Public Welcome

Empire United Methodist Church - Vision Statement:

A community who goes out, serving in love, sharing Christ.

"Go, Serve. Share Christ."



BLANKET THE WORLD IN LOVE – Church World Service [International] #982810



Blanket the world in Love during May with your generous donation!

When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the **Church World Service (CWS) Blankets program** was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters.

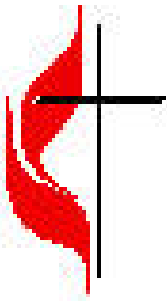
When neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way. Please be generous!

Make your donation by check payable to: Empire United Methodist Church, PO Box 261, Empire 49630 - memo: CWS #98210



**Get your “thinking caps” on!
You are invited to submit
ideas for the “2025 float” to be
entered in the July 17th
“Anchor Day” parade!**

**All suggestions will be considered!
... and Volunteers needed to create
it are needed!**



EUMC Administrative Council Notes:

Due to the Easter Holiday and related events, no official Council meeting took place. The following items were noted:

- On April 12, a dozen MSU students were EUMC guests overnight and were served breakfast Sunday morning before continuing their work project at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park.
- Many thanks to Kay Coombs, who quilted centerpieces for Fellowship Hall tables. Thanks for sharing your talent!
- Jean Petersen noted approximately 75 attended the free Community Dinner on Easter Day. Thanks to all who served that day!
- The Michigan Annual Conference will be held May 28 – June 1 at Grand Traverse Resort, in TC. Representatives from EUMC include Pastor Melody Olin, Denn Olin and Sandy Mallory, as lay delegate will be attending. Pulpit supply on 6/1: Rev. Kay Coombs
- The new website is up and running [Empire Michigan United Methodist Church.org](http://EmpireMichiganUnitedMethodistChurch.org). Mostly changes to look and feel, however, because it's hosted by the firm that provides our online giving program [ACS Tech] it's easily integrated into our online giving with a direct link for one time giving. Gerri set up the page to allow selection of funds available. ACS Tech charge 4.23% for collections; Stewardship & Giving - I've generated a QR code for the giving link. Per Jim Sorbie
- **Trustees :**
 - Look at the parking space on the west side of the building. Landscape timbers have been replaced; however, they are not anchored down and will easily spin if hit. They will be anchored soon. We discussed buying new bumpers.
 - The broken parking light at front sidewalk replaced.
 - Prayer Box installed on Michigan St [front side of church] installed.
 - Trash dumpster was moved off the concrete pad during the winter; moved back to the original location. Per Tom Haiderer

EASTER EGG HUNT – JOHNSON PARK APRIL 19, 2025



Free Community Easter Dinner – April 20, 2025



Free Community Easter Dinner at EUMC

Cherry Republic donated the Cherry Pie!

MENU

Ham, mashed potato with gravy, green bean
casserole, roll and dessert:

Cherry pie or NY Style Cheesecake



1ST Sunday of every month

Holy Communion *All are welcome!*

*"Take communion as often as you can.
It is food for the journey."*



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Fellowship Hall *Your participation and service are appreciated!*

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

- ❖ **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**

MAY 4
MAY 11
MAY 18
MAY 25

Kay Coombs
Sandi Flack
Jean Petersen
Meredith Goodrick

Gerri Sorbie, Barb Smith
Jan Lyon, Beth Noonan
Tom Petersen, Sandy Mallory
Kay Wilcox, Meredith Goodrick

**Serving as the Hands & Feet of Christ
141 Years in Empire
1884 – 2025**



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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."

SUNDAY

10:00 AM **Worship Service**
7:00 PM AA Group

MONDAY

9:00-1:00 **Church Office** **OPEN**

(4th TUESDAY of the month)

5:00-6:30 PM Paper Pantry

WEDNESDAY

9:00-1:00 **Church Office** **OPEN**
8:00 PM NA Group

THURSDAY

9:00-1:00 **Church Office** **CLOSED**
2:30 PM Bible Study
3:45 PM Choir Rehearsal

**CHECK EMAIL – FACEBOOK - WEBSITE
FOR CURRENT INFORMATION**



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