

EMPIRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Kristi Hintz, Dist. Superintendent

As of July 1, 2026, Empire United Methodist Church is part of the Northern Skies District, led by District Superintendent Rev. Kristi Hintz; email khintz@michiganumc.org. The district includes EUMC and 89 other churches across the Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula.

Northern Skies District is located at 927 W. Fair, Marquette, MI 49855; Executive Assistant Diana Byar, dbyar@michiganumc.org 906-228-4644.

The 2026 Church & District Conference schedule is now available. EUMC's conference will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, location and time to be determined.

Administrative Board to meet August 11



The Empire United Methodist Church Administrative Board will meet Tuesday, August 11, at 6:00 PM for its third-quarter meeting. Committee chairs and congregation members are encouraged to attend. The agenda includes planning for the 2026 Church & District Conference, filling vacant positions, and reviewing required conference forms with committee chairs.

A Joyful Celebration of Music in August



The EUMC Choir will present “Our God is an Awesome God” during the worship service on Sunday, August 9. Guest soloist is Amanda Olin.



AUG 4: 10 AM - Staff/Pastor – Parish Relations Committee meeting

AUG 11: 1:00 PM - 2027 Compensation Form Training scheduled. Alternate meeting is scheduled for August 12 at 7:00 PM.



AUGUST - BENZIE AREA CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS –

KINship [Kids in Need] Program

Growing up is difficult, especially without a safe, stable home. Youth homelessness affects rural Michigan, although it often goes unseen. The **KINship [Kids in Need] Program** restores dignity and hope by providing hygiene products and other essentials. It also helps unhoused student-athletes share post-game meals with their teammates—offering not just food, but inclusion, belonging, and a valued place on the team.

You may place donations in the collection pails at the back of the sanctuary or mail a check payable to Empire United Methodist Church, PO Box 261, Empire, MI 49630, with KINship Program noted at the memo line.

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.

LCN's Samaritans' Closet 11840 S. Lacore Rd. (M-22) – Empire

*"Thoughtfully selected clothing collection,
household goods and unique finds"*

**Donation Hours: Tuesday through Friday
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Proceeds from the Empire store will remain in the county to support **Leelanau Christian Neighbors'** core programs, including financial assistance as well as food and baby pantries.

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CARE GIVERS GROUP

Meets Every Other Wednesday at 11:00 AM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Barb Foged 231-633-3348 or Kay Coombs 231-227-1051

The Public is Welcome!

Empire United Methodist Church - Vision Statement:

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



EMPIRE AREA PAPER PANTRY

4TH TUESDAY - AUGUST 25 - 5:00 – 6:30 PM

We currently serve 15 families. A list of needed Paper Pantry items is posted on the church office door. Donations are appreciated—thank you!



United
Women
in Faith

EMPIRE UNIT – WESTERN WATERS DISTRICT

Monday, August 3 - 11:00 AM

On the agenda, Fall & Winter events

Planning . . . Jean Petersen

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."

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Thursdays at 2:00 PM

"SIMON PETER – Flawed But Faithful Disciple

By Adam Hamilton

Bible Study resumes August 6 at 2:00 PM – Chapter 3.

For more information, contact Tom Petersen.



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Worship Services

SUNDAYS - In Person 10:00 AM

Sermons continue Online & Web Site



The Glen Lake Summer Singers in Concert

"Americana: A Celebration in Song"

Tuesday, August 11, 7pm

Glen Lake Community Church

4002 W MacFarlane Rd - Glen Arbor, MI

Join us as we unite our voices in a gift of song!

Free will offering welcomed at the door.

1st Sunday of every month

Holy Communion is served

All are welcome!

“Take communion as often as you can. It is food for the journey.”

- **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.

1st Monday of the month

- **Worship Team** 10:00 AM (unless otherwise noted)
- **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

- ❖ *Do not forget the Socks Box in the Lobby for the TC homeless! We will continue to collect socks throughout the year!*
- ❖ **MISSION OF THE MONTH Offering** –During 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!

Whatever your passion or interest is, get involved! Join the choir, greet guests, help as an usher, host events, support the tech team, or serve in any other way. Reach out to the pastor to find out how you can help—by sending cards or calling those on the church prayer list. Don't wait for an invitation; use your unique gifts and talents to make a difference.



Worship Team meets Monday, August 3 at 9:00 AM –

Fall worship services planning

DATE

AUG 2

AUG 9

AUG 16

AUG 23

AUG 30

HOST

Kay Coombs

Sandi Flack

Jean Petersen

Meredith Goodrick

Sandy Mallory

COUNTERS

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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Our 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.”

SUNDAYS	10:00 AM <i>Worship Service</i>	7:00 PM <i>AA Group</i>
MONDAYS	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM <i>Church Office open</i>	
WEDNESDAYS	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM <i>Church Office open</i>	
	11:00 AM - <i>Care Givers Group every other week</i>	
	12:30 PM - <i>12 Step Women’s Group</i>	8:00 PM - <i>NA Group</i>
THURSDAYS	Church Office Closed	2:00 PM - <i>Bible Study</i> 3:45 PM – <i>Choir rehearsal</i>



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