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“There was a leaking sink ...



then a committee was formed! ... Jim Sorbie



Roger Merillat, project manager

Under Construction



KITCHEN RENOVATION

Changes in the kitchen are occurring daily! On January 20, Pat Smith, Barb Smith, Barb Foged, Melody Olin, Lidia Olin and I, spent the day painting the interior of the kitchen cupboards and drawers. While we were doing that, Bill Lyon and Roger Merillat were busy removing the laminate top on one of the last counters. Susan Davis and Geri Sorbie have done an outstanding job of painting the exterior cupboard doors and drawers. They will match the new cabinets making up the island. Tim Egeler has finished all the necessary drywall repair and painting of the kitchen walls has been completed. Roger Merillat is doing an OUTSTANDING job managing the kitchen remodel project. I am sure I am missing others who have participated, but OH MY GOSH, it is going to be GORGEOUS.

~ Sue Palmer



Church World Service BLANKET SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 9

Let's blanket the world with



love!

Handcrafted valentines are available at the display in the lobby. Pick out

special cards for your loved ones. The valentines are \$5 each and there are many to choose from.

Proceeds will go to **Church World Service's Blankets+ Program.**

EUMC's support of CWS Blanket Sunday began in 2004, with the

recommendation and direction of Mary Jo Meade, and it's in her memory that we continue this worthy mission. Through 2019 you have donated **\$7,325 for blankets.** Thank you for your generous support!



Mission of the Month

For FEBRUARY - EMPIRE AREA COMMUNITY CENTER Emergency Fund. As a charitable organization the Empire Area Community Center enhances the quality of life of those living in the greater Empire area through the promotion of community activities and involvement. They hold monthly concerts to raise funds for their Emergency Fund to assist people in need.

Funds collected will be dedicated on the last Sunday of the month



February 11 – 11:30 AM Meeting
2020 Mission Studies

United
Methodist
Women

Spiritual Growth Study: Finding Peace in an Anxious World

A Copy of "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" is in our
UMW Library.

Issue Study: Pushout - The Criminalization of Black Girls in

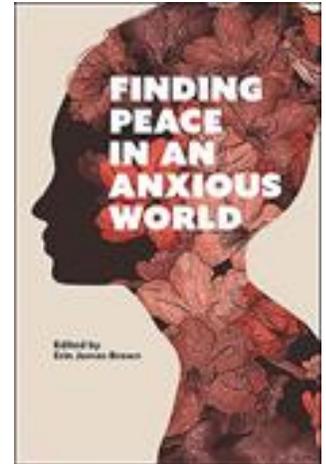
Schools

Special Publication: Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission

Each year, United Methodist Women members prepare for faithful living and action by studying mission studies. Mission studies are offered each year - a **geographical, topical, and spiritual growth** study. These studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.

Local leaders are trained to lead one of the three mission studies through the organization's **Mission u** program offered around the country. Those leaders, in turn, can lead mission studies in their local and district groups. Save the date for Mission u of the North at First UMC, Gaylord, October 19-20.

Next Meeting: MARCH 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM.



Guest Speaker on March 1

On March 1, Rev. Jan Beaderstadt, guest speaker, will share with us about Renaissance Outreach Ministries in eastern Uganda and Nepal. This ministry is also reaching out to other countries. Uganda is primarily a Christian country, but it has been under attack from Islam. To date, the country is only 12% Muslim, but neighboring countries like Saudi Arabia and Libya are setting up mosques and building Islamic schools in hopes of converting the nation to Islam. During coffee hour he will present a Power Point on the work of his outreach ministry.



**To Mike Hasselbeck
For creating
wheelchair/walker
accessibility in two pews!
Many thanks for your gift.**

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE TRAINED TO OPERATE THE AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM FOR WORSHIP SERVICES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING IN THIS ADVENTURE, CONTACT DENNY OLIN OR KAY COOMBS. FIRST TRAINING SESSION TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 19 AT 11:00 AM.



Ash Wednesday: The Beginning of Lent – February 26 6:00 PM Service

In Matthew's Gospel, God says of Jesus at his baptism, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (Matt 3:17). On Transfiguration Sunday, God announces from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" (Matt 17:5).

"All are from the dust,
and to dust all return."
Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



Ash Wednesday Service

The church season of Lent is marked by the bookends of Ash Wednesday on one side and Easter on the other. Lent gives Christians the opportunity to prepare for the gifts and glory of Easter by reflecting on our need for God's salvation and restoration. As humans created by God, we are finite and fallible; yet God loves, saves, and restores us. Recognizing the limitations of human existence alongside the amazing grace of God in Jesus Christ enhances the meaning and significance of Easter as the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

We begin this time of reflection by observing Ash Wednesday, which focuses on human mortality and sin and acknowledges our need for God's overwhelming grace. As we begin our journey to the cross of Good Friday, the empty grave, and the gift of new life on Easter morning, Ash Wednesday sets the tone for the spiritual challenges and practices of Lent. Join us at the Ash Wednesday Service on February 26 at 6:00 PM.



EUMC GIVING FOR 2020

The Missions Commission has selected the following for **monthly offerings**:

Empire Area Community Center, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Heifer International, UMCOR (undesignated to respond to disasters, fighting hunger, poverty and displaced people), Society of St. Andrews, Mobility Worldwide (P.E.T.), Area School Backpacks program, Leelanau Area Food Pantry.

Special Sunday Offerings will include: UMCOR Sunday, Native American Ministries Sunday, UMCOR (undesignated – response for disasters, to fight hunger, poverty, displaced people), Peace with Justice Sunday, and United Methodist Student Sunday; plus, our annual **ministry shares**. If you have any questions regarding these offerings or if you have suggestions for other projects, please contact Rod Meade, chair.



For the Prayer Chain

Sue Palmer is filling in for Laurie Taghon during the winter months. Please email Sue at Sioux.palmer@gmail.com with information for the prayer chain.

Thursday Bible Study @ 2:30 PM

"Psalms" - Tom Petersen, leader

"Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & Song of Songs" begins February 20

Study the entire books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs in this comprehensive 13-session study, beginning with a look at the springs of life in Proverbs and ending with the Song of Songs' declaration that love is as strong as death. This study will help readers strengthen their understanding and appreciation of the Bible by enabling them to engage the Scripture on three levels: 1. What does the Bible say? 2. What does the passage mean? 3. How does the Scripture relate to my life? The meaning of the selected passages is made clear by considering such aspects as ancient customs, locations of places, and the meanings of words. The simple format makes the study easy to use.

Everyone welcome!!!

EUMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL 2020



JANUARY 26, 2020

The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Melody and 11:00 a.m.

Present: Pastor Melody and Denny Olin, Sandy Mallory, Roger and Beth Noonan, Kay Coombs, Sandi Flack, Tom and Jean Peterson, Barb Smith, Bill and Jan Lyon, Jim and Gerri Sorbie, Roger and Carole Merillat, Sue Palmer, Meredith Goodrick, George Meyers, Tim Egeler, Pat Smith and Candy Hasselbeck.

Sandy Mallory reported the phonevite system is ready to go to notify people of weather cancellations and such. So far, we haven't needed it. Planning for the arts and crafts fair is underway. It will be held on May 16. Seven vendors have signed up. Door prizes/gift baskets are needed. The EUMC website and Facebook have been updated for 2020. Jim Sorbie will add that the church is handicap accessible.

Pastor Report: Pastor Melody said that she has begun plans for Easter. Lenten study will be starting on March 12. There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 pm, Feb. 26. Pastor Melody is looking into a study based on the Mister Roger's movie "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." It would begin sometime in April after Easter.

Hospitality: Jan Lyon's goal is to form a hospitality team and have at least one meeting before the next Ad Council meeting. Another goal is to have at least one new outreach activity such as a picnic or an open house (when the kitchen is done). She will be making calls soon to get people to help.

Worship Team: Kay Coombs reported that the worship team goals are to train more people on how to operate the sound system, to have the children participate in the worship service more and to have more skits.

Finance: Roy Pentilla was absent by left a monthly financial statement for us to look over. Gerri Sorbie reported that she is working on our individual giving statements for income tax purposes and hopes to mail them out this week. The Finance team is also working on a budget for the year. We have a new chair: Meredith Goodrick.

Trustees: Jean Peterson reported the pews have been made handicap accessible; we have new floor mats at entrances; and the kitchen remodel is moving along very well. She would like to see a deep cleaning done of the entire church when the remodel is completed. She said that we all need to keep our eyes, ears and hearts open to ideas on how we can use our kitchen to benefit the community. She also said that there is landscaping that will need to be done in the Spring and work that needs to be done at the parsonage.

Roger Merillat gave a report about the kitchen remodel. They are hoping to have it completed by the second Sunday in March. We are over budget, but money is available to complete this project.

Education: Pat Smith and Candy Hasselbeck reported that the education goals are to develop a curriculum, encourage helpers, and to also encourage Summer Camp. They are developing plans for a garden and may have Secret Pals.

Missions: Jean Peterson said that the loud offering for this month is going to Benzie Schools to pay off student lunch accounts. Next month it will go to the Empire Area Community Center Emergency Fund. Valentines are available now for \$5 each to fund CWS blankets; Blanket Sunday is Feb. 9. There has been a "Blessing Jar" available to put money in to go to Sandi Flack.

UMW: Meets on the second Tuesday of the month. The district will be giving \$500 toward camp scholarships.

DISCUSSION:

- Sandi Flack said it might be a good idea to educate people on what to do if someone has a seizure, heart attack, stroke, etc. while at church and elsewhere; also, instruction on the AED. The Lions Club is sponsoring a CPR class at no cost. It will be held at the Glen Arbor Fire Hall on February 15 from 8:00 to 3:00. Denny Olin said our Northern Waters District is sponsoring Disaster Training which is also being held on Feb. 15.
- Meredith Goodrick asked if it might be time to do another dinner theater. Pat Smith said it might be a possibility, but we would probably repeat one that we have already done.

Next meeting is February 23.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Noonan, Recording Secretary

- **All within the Congregation are encouraged to attend and have a voice in the Administrative Council meetings.**

***We meet the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM
Thank You for Serving!***

FEBRUARY



MONTHLY CALENDAR

1ST Sunday of every month:

Holy Communion served – “Take communion as often as you can. It’s food for the journey.” **All are welcome.**

- 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.

- Men’s Breakfast – 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM
- United Methodist Women meet – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM
- **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** – 4th Sunday after worship - Your participation and service is appreciated!

Mission of the Month – donations are collected every Sunday for a wide variety of ministries and the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund (for local families in need). Just look for the “pails.”



Our Vision Statement:

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

Worship Servers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTERS</u>	<u>HOSTS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
2.02	B Lyon S Mallory	Please check sign-up sheets		J Lyon J Dorsey
2.09	J Lyon B Noonan		J Sorbie D Giddis	
2.16	T Petersen G Sorbie		B Lyon T Egeler	
2.23	R Meade		P Mallory D Davis	



“THE COFFEE CONNECTION”

COFFEE SHOP

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY

9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

“A Community Gathering Place”

FREE Leelanau Roasting Co. Coffee & Wi-Fi

**EMPIRE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 10500 MICHIGAN ST – EMPIRE**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF THE COFFEE SHOP – PLEASE SIGN UP!

2020 EMPIRE UMC LAY LEADERSHIP

ADMINISTRATION

Ad Board Chair - Sandy Mallory*
Recording Secretary – Beth Noonan*
Treasurer – Roy Pentilla*
Finance Chair – Meredith Goodrick*
Financial Secretary – Gerri Sorbie*
Membership Secretary – Gwen Denny*
UMW President – Jean Petersen*
Men’s Group – Jim Sorbie*
Lay Leader – Jan Lyon*
Lay Member to Annual Conf. – Roy Pentilla*
Pastor Melody Olin (non-officio member)

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

2020 Kay Coombs, *Barb Foged
2021 *Sue Palmer, *Tom Petersen
2022 *Roger Noonan (chair), *Kay Wilcox
*Roy Pentilla (lay member to Annual Conference)
*Jan Lyon (lay leader)
Pastor Melody Olin (non-officio member)

Finance/Stewardship

*Meredith Goodrick (Chair)
*Roy Pentilla (Treasurer)
*Gerri Sorbie (Financial Secretary)
*Jean Petersen (Trustee Representative)
*Sandy Mallory (Ad Board Chair)

*Roy Pentilla (lay member to Annual Conference)
*Jan Lyon (lay leader)
Pastor Melody Olin (non-officio member)

Trustees

2020 *Gwen Denny, Tim Egeler
*Candy Hasselbeck
2021 *Roger Merillat, Dan Davis
2022 *Jean Petersen (Chair), Jerry Solem
*Heather Stoddard (Church Custodian)
Pastor Melody Olin (non-officio member)

*denotes member

Those names in red are new on the committee
Those highlighted in yellow need replacements

Worship & Nurture

Kay Coombs - chair
Worship Team Members: *Sandy Mallory, *Carole Merillat,
*Jean Petersen, *Gerri Sorbie,
*Jan Lyon, Pastor Melody Olin
*Gwen Denny – Music Director
Communion Stewards: *Shirley Solem (summer)
*Jan & *Bill Lyons, (winter)
Head Usher: *Pete Mallory

Education

*Pat Smith & *Candy Hasselbeck (co-chairs)
Team Members: *Bill Lyon, *Genni Blitzer, *Barb Foged,
Sara Guffey
VBS Leaders: *Gwen Denny, *Laurie Taghon

Memorial

Aggie Wilson (Chair)
Team Members: *Marcella Bodoh
Pastor Melody Olin (non-officio member)

Nominations & Leadership Development

2020 *Bill Lyon
2021 *Pat Smith
2022 *Roger Merillat, *Elaine Pentilla
*Jan Lyon (Lay Leader)
Pastor Melody Olin (Chair)

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Hospitality/Welcome

*Jan Lyon, Pastor Melody Olin (non-officio member)
(working on getting a team together)

Outreach Team

*Rod Meade – Mission Chair
*Laurie Taghon – Prayer Chain (summer)
*Sue Palmer – Prayer Chain (winter)
Dan Davis – Adopt -a- Highway
*Elaine Pentilla – Empire Area Food Pantry
*Shirley Solem – Compassionate Care Chair
Kay Coombs – Native American Representative
*Jim Sorbie – Website coordinator
*Sandy Mallory – Facebook coordinator
Pastor Melody Olin (non-officio member)

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1884 – 2020**

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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.”

SUNDAYS

10:00 AM Worship Service
8:00 PM AA Group

MONDAYS

9:00-1:00 Church Office open
“The Coffee Connection”
10:00 AM Worship Team

WEDNESDAYS

9:00-1:00 Church Office open
“The Coffee Connection”
8:00 PM NA Group

THURSDAYS

9:00-1:00 Church Office open
“The Coffee Connection”
10:00 AM Worship Team
2:30 PM Bible Study – Rev. Tom Petersen



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