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## **“ZOOM” COFFEE CONNECTION – FRI 1:00 PM** *(Note: time change)*

**(via iPad, Cell Phone, Laptop, desktop computer)**

Contact Tom Petersen if you would like to be “connected” to keep in touch with fellow parishioners ... what’s happening and sharing with others

## **“ZOOM” BIBLE STUDY - THU 2:30 pm**

**(via iPad, Cell Phone, Laptop, desktop computer)**

Contact Tom Petersen to participate in the weekly Bible Study Class. Currently, we are studying *The Books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs*.

## **WHAT’S HAPPENING @ Church**

- Administrative Council – approved an application for SBA (Small Business Administration) grant to use for EUMC staff wages. Update (4/28): EUMC is in the que; may receive up to \$4,000.

## **Bishop advises local churches continue to refrain from in-person worship**

On Monday, March 23, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued an Executive Order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Based on recommendations from state health officials, the Governor has extended that order to May 15, 2020. The Executive Order continues to advise all faith communities to refrain from in-person worship and keep church buildings closed. **For this reason, Bishop David Bard is also recommending Michigan United Methodist Churches continue to follow these recommendations until at least May 15, 2020.**



## Mission of the Month

For MAY

### **UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF**

**UMCOR #999895 (Undesignated)**

***(For response to disasters, fight hunger,  
poverty, displaced people)***

United Methodists continue to live out our faith every day through acts of loving service. We are active in our communities, reaching out to neighbors in need. Through our global connection of congregations and agencies, we participate in ministries thousands of miles from where we live. In our doing good, we seek to be a blessing to all the families of the earth.

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 hundreds of projects each year.

# **CORONAVIRUS**

## **Cancellations, Closings & Postponements**



**MAY 4: LIONS CLUB DINNER – Cancelled**  
***(United Methodist Women)***

**MAY 10: POWER OF BOLD DAY @ EUMC – Cancelled**  
***(United Methodist Women District meeting)***

**MAY 16: EMPIRE ASPARAGUS FESTIVAL – Cancelled**

**MAY 16: EUMC ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR – Postponed**  
***(may try to hold in July, if possible)***



***Our Vision Statement:***  
 A community who goes out, serving in love, sharing Christ.  
 "Go, Serve. Share Christ."

## Worship Servers

**When we resume services, please sign up to serve!**

DATE	COUNTER	HOSTS	USHERS	READERS
	<b>Contact:</b> Gerri Sorbie	<b>Contact:</b> Jan Lyon	<b>Contact:</b> Pete Mallory	<b>Contact:</b> Pastor Melody
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Please continue to support the church by mailing your offerings to:  
 Empire United Methodist Church, PO Box 261, Empire 49630  
 or by contacting Roy Pentilla [[erpentilla@aol.com](mailto:erpentilla@aol.com)]  
 for on-line giving

**(we still need to pay for the utilities, staff and other bills to keep the church going).**

If you wish to contribute to the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**, or this month's Mission – **UMCOR #999895**, please make the notation on your check.

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136 Years in Empire  
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**  
10:00 AM      Worship Team

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

**THURSDAYS**

**9:00-1:00**      **Church Office open**  
10:00 AM      Worship Team

**CHECK YOUR EMAILS  
FOR UPDATED DATES & TIMES  
OR  
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