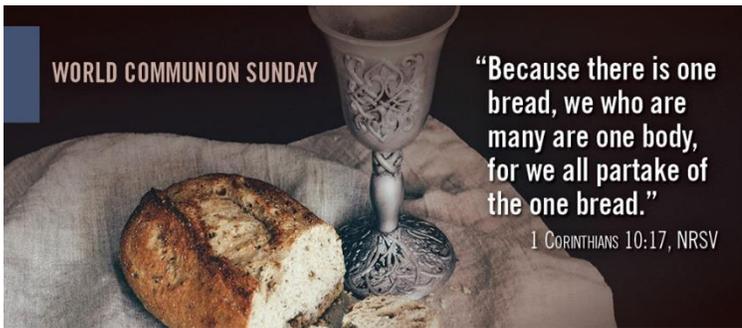




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Oct. 4, 2020

Celebrated the first Sunday in October, this Special Sunday with offering focuses our attention on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. We look forward to this celebration annually when we partake of Holy Communion together and share our gifts to support racial-ethnic students and others in their quest to become leaders who embody the mission of The United Methodist Church.

Often, United Methodist pastors are burdened with debt resulting from loans to complete seminary. Or worse, they are prevented from answering their call to ministry because they aren't equipped to face what may seem an overwhelming financial obligation. On Oct. 4, our congregation will address this concern through our World Communion Sunday special offering.

The spirit of World Communion Sunday is to come together in Christian unity around the breaking bread and sharing the cup. In our Wesleyan tradition, we extend this practice through our special offering. Please give generously on Oct. 4.

You are encouraged to contribute by sending your offering to EUMC Treasurer, PO Box 261, Empire 49630 [make check payable to EUMC, Memo: World Communion offering] or you can contribute online to World Communion Sunday at UMC.org/SSGive!



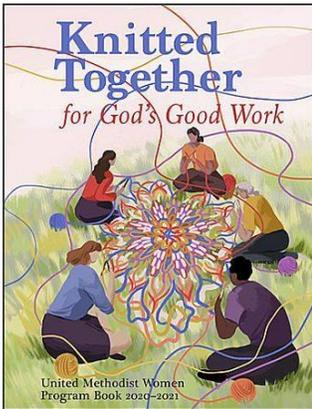
Thank you for your generous gifts.



Worship at Johnson Park Continues

EUMC will continue Sunday worship at Johnson Park at 10 AM until further notice. If weather conditions do not permit, a phone/email message 8:00 AM cancelling will be relayed to all on Sunday mornings.

The Safety Team continues to work on protocol to return to the church building. They will be calling upon volunteers soon for special tasks (cleaning, sanitizing, etc.) and ask for your support. Please contact Sandy Mallory if you can assist.



UMW MEETS OCT. 13

The United Methodist Women - Empire unit will gather in Fellowship Hall (with masks, social distancing) for their October meeting at **10:00 AM**. **Please note time change for this meeting only.** The “Knitted Together for God's Good Work” themed programs for 2020-21 will explore how we as children of God are joined and linked together into the whole body of Christ. Even at times when social distancing or other obstacles may keep us physically apart, we are knit together in community to transform the world. Gwen Denny will present the October program; a business meeting will follow.

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
1 John 4:7*



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NOTES

UPDATES

- Please make a note on your calendar that the **Annual church conference is scheduled on November 17 at Frankfort UMC**. The Pastor Parish Relations team will meet with the District Superintendent at 6:30 PM; the charge conference will follow.

All chairpersons Please contact Pastor Melody for the forms that are to be completed before the November charge conference.

- Jodie Flessner, Northern Waters District Superintendent, joined us for worship on Sunday, Sept. 27.
- **October quarterly team meetings** Chairs for *Staff Pastor-Parish, Finance, Trustees, Worship & Nurture, Education, Memorial, Nominations & Leadership, Missions*: please schedule as soon as possible. Vacancies need to be filled and goals for 2021 need to be generated.

REPORTS

Safety Team: Team members continue to periodically check building conditions and working on plans for returning to full use of the building. The “10 people per gathering (mask and social distancing required) in the church” restriction is still in place.

Trustees: The trustees completed the annual parsonage inspection on September 28.

Treasurer's Report as of August 2020

(Please note: To date, \$12,216 has been paid in ministry for 2020)

	JAN-AUG 2020	JAN-AUG 2019
INCOME Income for 2020 includes: Member contributions, equitable compensation, US Gov grant, other Misc income	\$87,392.00	\$74,549.00
EXPENSES Expenses for 2020 include: church programs, clergy expenses, outside services, office expenses, insurance, apportionments (ministry shares paid \$12,216)	\$82,177.00	\$85,768.00
Net Income	\$5,214.00	(\$11,219.00)

Our Vision Statement:

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



**“ZOOM”
BIBLE STUDY –
THURSDAYS**

2:30 pm
(via iPad, Cell

Phone, Laptop, desktop computer)

We are studying the Book of Isaiah. Contact Tom

Petersen if you would like to participate in the weekly Bible Study Class.



For OCTOBER



**Mission
of the
Month**

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – Special Offering (see front page)

LEELANAU FOOD PANTRY (loud offering)

Financial donations are always welcome!

Please consider volunteering to work at the Pantry.

Contact Elaine Pentilla to sign up!

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.



Thanks, Laurie & Pat!

Thanks for initiating the can & bottle drive and raising \$1,164.70 for church ministry. Awesome Job!



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]

for on-line giving

(we still need to pay for 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: Leelanau Food Pantry, please make the notation

on your check or on the envelope.

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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

**THE CHURCH BUILDING IS CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
CHECK YOUR EMAILS
FOR CURRENT INFORMATION**



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