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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 3



Present: Pastor Melody & Denny Olin, Roger & Beth Noonan, Jean Petersen, Aggie Wilson, Laurie Taghon, Roy Pentilla, Sandy Mallory, Shirley Solem, Kay Wilcox, Pat Smith, Kay Coombs, Jan Lyon

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer by Pastor Melody. We met outside in the parking lot with everyone

wearing masks and social distancing.

Sandy Mallory spoke about the past few months of coping with the pandemic and trying to keep everyone updated on what is happening in the church. If anyone has questions about anything please call or email Christine, Sandy, or Pastor Melody. Make the effort to get your questions answered, also periodically check the church website, Facebook page and email messages from EUMC.

Financial Report: Roy Pentilla stated that everything looks good at this point. He asked if we should apply for equitable compensation. Pastor Melody and Denny both said that they do not think we will be eligible for it. Roy will investigate. He said that some members have suggested that the church should get a credit card to be used especially for on-line ordering of church supplies. Roy did apply for one and got it but asked if we should keep it. After discussion, a **Motion** to keep the credit card was made by Roger Noonan; **second** by Jean Petersen. **Passed.**

Trustees: Jean made many calls trying to find someone to do lawncare for the parsonage and church grounds. Sandy Mallory contacted The Cottage Pros and Laurie Taghon contacted Harriger Outdoors; both companies submitted bids. After discussion, a **Motion** was made by Jean Petersen to hire Harriger Outdoors to do our lawn maintenance; **Second** by Roy Pentilla. **Passed.** We have received \$750 in donations for landscaping. Thank you to Pat and Laurie Taghon for mowing and cleaning up around the church grounds. Pastor Melody and Tom and Jean Petersen come to the church occasionally and run the water. This is to avoid Legionnaire's disease and other issues.

Safety Team: Communion packets were ordered and used, and they worked fine. The Bishop says that we need to follow the state guidelines concerning COVID-19.

Other Business:

- If anyone has a new email address, home address or phone number please let Christine know.
- Pastor Melody shared information on the church charge conference. It will be held on **November 17 at Frankfort UMC**. Only church leaders/committee chairs will be allowed to attend. Staff-Pastor Parish

Relations Committee meets with the District Superintendent at 6:30 p.m.; the charge conference follows. The meeting can be attended via ZOOM.

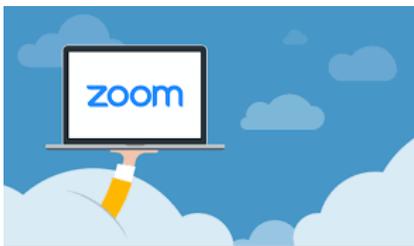
- Denny asked Kay Coombs to send a thank you to the Lions Club for allowing us to use Johnson Park for worship.

Kay made a motion to adjourn, second by Roger. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Noonan
Recording Secretary

UPDATE: On 8.17.2020, the Worship Team recommended that EUMC make a \$200 donation to the Empire Lions Club for use of Johnson Park [Sundays - 10 AM worship]. It was approved unanimously by email vote on 8.21.2020.
Sandy Mallory, chair – Administrative Council

UPDATE: Harrigers restored the flower beds and mulched garden areas around the church on 8.7.20; began biweekly mowing at the church and parsonage on 8.17.20. Sandy Mallory, chair – Administrative Council



**“ZOOM”
BIBLE STUDY –
THURSDAYS
2:30 pm
(via iPad, Cell**

Phone, Laptop, desktop computer)

Classes will resume September 10. Contact Tom Petersen

to participate in the weekly Bible Study Class. Currently, we are studying *The Book of Isaiah*.



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



For SEPTEMBER:

Monetary donations will be collected for back to school supplies for local classrooms. Please send your check (payable to EUMC) c/o Treasurer, Empire United Methodist Church, PO Box 261, Empire, MI 49630; memo: **Back to School Supplies**. Thank you for your support! Donations will be forwarded to local schools.



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.

Praise to the Lord

we are grateful for our faithful servants ...



- Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for your love and mercy. Thank you for walking with us every step of the way. Thank you for the rest and peace you give us. Heavenly Father teach us to slow down and rest in you. Teach us how to honor the Sabbath and honor you with our time. It is so easy to want to jam pack our Sunday and justify why we need to put one more thing in our day, yet you are calling to us, come spend time with me. Come rest in me. Come delight in knowing me.

Heavenly Father we pray we will always seek your face on this journey. We pray we will be known for our hearts and actions. We pray that all of us will stand before you and will hear the words in Matthew 25:23 spoken to us "Well done, good and faithful servant"

Thank you for walking this journey with us. We lift this prayer as an offering of praise. We ask all of this in Jesus name. AMEN

As of 8/31, we've received **\$875 in donations** to pay for the restoration of flower beds and landscaping at EUMC. Thank you for your support! It is greatly appreciated. The cost for this work is \$910. If you wish to contribute to this project, please send your check to EUMC, c/o treasurer, memo: Landscaping Project. Thanks!

Sandy Mallory, chair
Administrative Council



Cans and bottles can be dropped off at Laurie's big red barn at 11282 Park St. For more information, please contact Laurie at ... 231-835-0059 [cell]."

Keep up the good work!



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: Back to School Supplies**, please make the notation on your check.

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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

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UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
CHECK YOUR EMAILS
FOR CURRENT INFORMATION**



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