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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we continue the marathon known as COVID, I wanted to share with you about our **Virtual District Conference on January 23, 2021**. Like many things, not only the timing but the format will be different this year. There are some business items we need to care for, but the desire has been to offer resourcing and encouragement for ministry as well. We still hope to do that this year, even though the District Leadership Team and I agree that it is unwise to attempt to gather in person. We are grateful to Petoskey UMC for “hosting” the Virtual District Conference 2020/2021. **Start time is at 10:00 a.m. A link to this meeting will be forwarded to all.**

On the agenda: District Conference Business and Voting Results

As we have journeyed through the last months, I have found myself drawing on the encouragement from Hebrews 12 time and again. The other day I went back and read chapter 11, a narrative of many of the Biblical witnesses to our faith. I encourage you to also look at this chapter and maybe add the names and stories of those who have been a part of your faith journey. I continue to hold each of you, as well as your witnesses in your communities, in prayer.

Blessings,

Jodie R. Flessner, Northern Waters District Superintendent

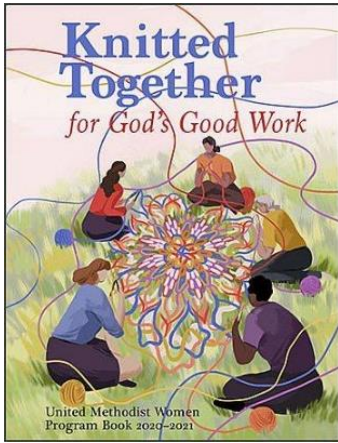
Thank You 

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

100% in Ministry Shares paid in 2020

The 2020 Micki Barr Memorial Giving Tree - Staff Gifts

And ... to all who made phone calls, sent cards, email messages to those on our Prayer Chain, to the Glen Lake Community Schools employees, as part of our outreach, and for the many other kindnesses you provided in 2020.



UMW MEETS JAN. 12

The United Methodist Women - Empire unit will gather in Fellowship Hall (with masks, social distancing) for their January meeting at **11:00 AM**. The program planned is "Knitted Together and Reaching Out – Our Pledge to Mission Service 2021." Discover how our pledge dollars can transform the world.

Bring a bag lunch! Let's eat together after the meeting. We'll catch up on "what's been happening" and share possible fundraising ideas for 2021.



Our Vision Statement:

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



BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS

2:30 pm

Resume Jan. 7

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

We will begin study of the Books of Jeremiah and



Lamentations. Contact Tom Petersen if you would like to participate in the weekly ZOOM Bible Study Class.



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PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY - SPECIAL OFFERING

Make your donation by check payable to: Empire United Methodist Church [PO Box 261, Empire 49630] with note: Pastor's Discretionary Fund and/or Special Offering. Thank you for your consideration.

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.

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All Team/Committee Members in full membership are a part of the Administrative Council

- **Each chairperson** shall be present to give a report at the monthly Administrative Council meeting. **If you cannot be present**, please submit a written report to the Administrative Council Chair before the meeting.
- **All within the Congregation** are encouraged to attend and have a voice in the Administrative Council meetings.

Thank You for Serving!



If you served on a team in 2020, please consider staying on it and serving in 2021. We need you!

Scripture Readings to Begin the New Year ...



Friday, January 1
Saturday, January 2
Sunday, January 3
Monday, January 4

Romans 12:2; Jeremiah 29:11
Psalm 105:4; Luke 10:39-42
Psalm 31:19-20 NASB; John 16:33 AMP
Psalm 63:21; Isaiah 40:10,11;
Psalm 139:7-10

Come to Me
Relax in My Healing Presence
Refresh Yourself
Learn a New Habit

Tuesday, January 5
Wednesday, January 6

Psalm 34:17-18; 2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV
Ephesians 3:30-31; Romans 8:6;
Isaiah 40:30-31 NKJV; Revelation 5L13

Victorious Life
I Am Able

Thursday, January 7

Psalm 22:3 KJV; Psalm 146:1-2;
1 Thessalonians 5:18

*It's Impossible to Praise or Thank
God Too Much*

Suggested by Sarah Young, "Jesus Calling"



Praise to the Lord



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 Special Offering – Human Relations Day, please make the notation on your check or on the envelope.

**Serving as the Hands & Feet of Christ
137 Years in Empire
1884 - 2021**

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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
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FOR CURRENT INFORMATION**



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