



# The Beacon

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## There Are No Volunteers Named “Somebody”

“We have all heard it and even done it. We stand up in front of the church and say, ‘We need *somebody* to volunteer for our mission project on Saturday.’ We just know that after church, folks will start coming to us to sign up. But all too often, we are shocked when no one volunteers. For the life of us, we cannot figure out what we did wrong. We clearly explained the mission project. We clearly explained the time commitment. The problem is that we asked for the mythical parishioner named “somebody” to sign up.”

By Doug Powe

Excerpt from Lewis Center for Church Leadership



What’s the answer to “*there are no volunteers named “Somebody?”* Don’t we have signup sheets for “Somebody” to fill in. On Sundays, don’t we ask for “Somebody” to volunteer for something? But the unintended consequence of using this language is everyone thinks you are talking to someone else. When we hear “*somebody*,” we often believe the announcement isn’t for us. Such a general plea typically misses the mark because no one hearing it pictures themselves as *somebody*.

**YOU** (sitting in the congregation on Sunday mornings; **YOU** at home watching the sermons on Facebook; or **YOU** reading the sermons and announcements on your email -- or reading the monthly THE BEACON newsletter ... **YOU** are the “somebody” we need to help, when and where **YOU** can. At present, we don’t have enough bodies to fill all the jobs that need to be undertaken and that may mean **YOU** might have to do “double duty” somewhere to help fill the void.

***We need to get out in the community – doing some small projects at first – and that’s where YOU come in. Thank You  
Pastor Melody***

## A Personal Invitation to **YOU** ...

On **Saturday, August 7, at 2:00 PM**, we’re launching

### *The Popsicle Project!*

Three or four people from EUMC, loaded with popsicles in coolers, will head to Empire beach and hand out popsicles until they’re gone [*on a hot day that won’t take long*]. Just smile, give the popsicle, and leave with “have a wonderful day.” Simple as that! Are you willing to work on an outreach project like this? Let me know!

*Pastor Melody*





## Administrative Council

The EUMC Administrative Council met on June 7 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was opened by Sandy Mallory, chair. Pastor Melody led us in prayer.

### PRESENT:

Pastor Melody and Denny Olin, Sandy Mallory, Roger & Beth Noonan, Jan Lyon, Aggie Wilson, Jean Peterson, Jim & Gerri Sorbie, Roy Pentilla

**Unfinished Business:** Sound System: We are still waiting for parts.

**Committees/Teams:** Sandy asked the **Chairs to please schedule 3rd quarter meetings** for Fall/Winter planning.

### TEAM REPORTS:

**Pastor:** Pastor Melody said that communion will continue to be pre-packaged. She said that there will be a worship team meeting tomorrow.

**Lay Leader:** Jan Lyon asked Pastor Melody if there was anything she needed and if there was any continuing education for her. Pastor Melody stated that she had just completed a week-long vacation and may take a two-week vacation in September. Roy asked if we give communion to homebound people. Pastor Melody said she has never done it. With covid restrictions lifted, she said that she would try to schedule visits. Sandy asked if there was any information about the annual Church Charge Conference. Denny said there is nothing official yet.

**Staff Pastor-Parish Relations:** Roger had nothing to report.

**Finance:** Roy gave the financial report. He said that the Endowment Fund is growing nicely. He asked if there would be a Swiss steak dinner this Fall, and consensus was that we are planning on it. Pastor Melody said that she has been paying for the cable service at the parsonage but said that the church is supposed to pay for it. Would the church consider paying this bill? The bill is bundled with church account. Consensus: church will reimburse her. Melody will get info to Roy.

**Trustees:** Jean Peterson said the trustees had met at 5:30 PM. Need to hire an exterminator as there has been signs of bats. Projects being considered from the Bates Memorial Fund are:

- Establish a Roofing Fund for Church/Parsonage. Jean will investigate roofing estimates;
- paving the parking lot;
- solar panels for church roof;
- Patio at the parsonage (Jan will investigate);
- Church front entrance: roof is leaking and causing ceiling damage in the Narthex, front entrance doors need refinishing.

### Worship & Nurture:

- Special Music is scheduled with Linda Hickok for 7/18 and 8/15; Wade and Kathy Roskam on 7/25.
- A person is needed to run the sound system. A tentative salary of \$40 for 2 hours for every service is being considered.

**Missions:** Jim will schedule a meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter meeting. The July missions offering will go to Society of St. Andrew and the August offering will go to Glen Lake Schools Student Assistance Fund.

**Hospitality:** Jan would like people/hosts to get involved. Sandy Mallory asked if we would like to start coffee hour again. Discussion was held about whether to have coffee before worship as well as after. If someone arrives early, they can make coffee for before worship. If someone wants to bring snacks they may do so.

**Outreach:** Pastor Melody gave examples of things other churches are doing, such as: Kingsley meets on Monday evening for games, crafts, food, etc. Discussion was held about handing out free hot dogs, popsicles, and such at the beach. Or maybe a meal once a month at the church. (continued on next page)

- **The Popsicles Project** at the beach will be held on **August 7th at 2:00 PM**. Sandy suggested that the navy aprons we have on hand be embroidered with the church name/logo and that we wear them for this project. Jean and Sandy will check prices on the popsicles at Sam's and Costco. Jean, Sandy, Melody and Aggie volunteered to pass out the popsicles.

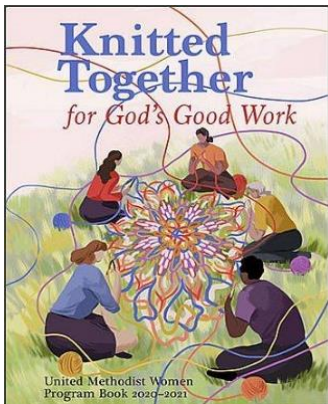
**DISCUSSION:** Free plane rides are being offered for children 8-17 at the Empire Airport on Saturday, July 18. Jim Sorbie asked if he could rent the tables from the church for the event. Consensus was that he is welcome to use the tables at no charge.

Motion to adjourn made by Jan Lyon, second by Beth Noonan - adjourned at 7:50.

**Next Meeting: August 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Noonan, Secretary

**Worship Services**  
**SUNDAYS - In Person 10:00 AM**  
**Sermons continue Online & Web Site**



**EMPIRE UNIT**

**August 10, 2021 Meeting at 11:00 am**  
**Program: "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" Lesson 3**  
**Business Meeting**

"Finding Peace in an Anxious World," is one of the required study books for **Mission u**. It is based on "The Serenity Prayer" by St. Ignatius of Loyola. The book is being circulated for reading or you can find the study online as noted below:

- The study for *Finding Peace* was recorded last year and can be accessed now at:  
<http://www.umwmichiganconference.org/MissionVideos.html>  
(4 sessions at 45 minutes in length which you can listen to at your leisure).

There are two remaining lessons for this study, and they will be presented (video) at the August 10 and September 13 meetings.

*The purpose of the United Methodist Women "shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global ministries of the church."*

# HOW TO RECOGNIZE A STROKE

*It only takes a minute to read this ...*

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours, he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke ...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

## RECOGNIZING A STROKE

**S ... T ... R ... Read and Learn!**

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

**S** \*Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

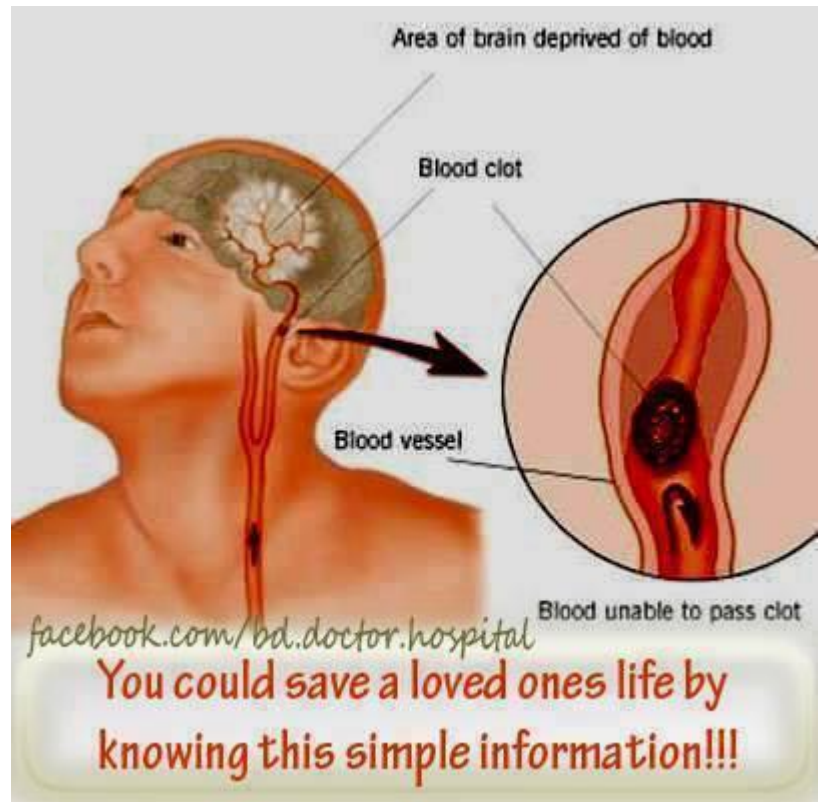
**T** \*Ask the person to **TALK** and **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** (Coherently)

**R** \*Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

**New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue**

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked' [if it goes to one side or the other] that is also an indication of a stroke.



*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.*



## Glen Lake Schools Student Assistance Program

The Glen Lake Community Schools Student Assistance Program

is used for all manner of needs for students. As an example, a teen who wanted to run cross country track but whose family could not afford running shoes, the program provided the shoes. The program also pays the lunch bills for kids whose families fall

behind. When forwarding your donation, please note: Glen Lake Community Schools Student Assistance Fund on the memo line. Make your donation by check payable to:

Empire United Methodist Church    Attn: Treasurer  
PO Box 261    Empire 49630



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month:

Holy Communion served – “Take communion as often as you can. It is 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.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month

**6:30 PM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL Fellowship Hall**  
*Your participation and service is appreciated!*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

**11:00 AM United Methodist Women Fellowship Hall**

**MISSION OF THE MONTH Offering** – Throughout the month, currency and coins may be placed in the tin pails on the tables at back of the sanctuary. The “**Mission of the Month**” offering helps a wide variety of charities and the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund (for local families in need). Global, Conference and local charities are selected throughout the year for this offering. If you have any suggestions or questions regarding selections, please contact Jim Sorbie, chair of the Missions Team.



**USHERS: Need Volunteers Sign Up Sheets on table in Fellowship Hall HOST: Need Volunteers**

#### COUNTERS:

AUG 1 Gerri Sorbie, Sandy Mallory  
AUG 8 Jan Lyon, Beth Noonan  
AUG 15 Barb Smith, Sandy Mallory  
AUG 22 Kay Wilcox, Meredith Goodrick  
AUG 29 TBA

#### USHERS:

AUG 1 Jim Sorbie & Sandy Mallory  
AUG 8 Jean & Tom Petersen  
AUG 15 Tim Egeler & Jim Dorsey  
AUG 22 Pete Mallory & Sandy Mallory  
AUG 29 TBA

### **Empire United Methodist Church - Vision Statement:**

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

# Fun Stuff

## Things to Do this Summer in the Empire/Glen Lake Area



### **The Popsicles Project**      **Sat., August 7**      **2:00 PM**

***If you would like to distribute popsicles at the Empire Beach (until we run out), contact Pastor Melody for more information!***



### **Fitness. Exercise. Strengthening. & Balance.**

Teacher: Karen Baja

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Fridays 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Empire Township Hall

Suggested Donation: \$5

*The Empire Area Community Center enhances the quality of life of those in the greater Empire area through the promotion of community activities and involvement. (A Michigan Registered 501 (C) 3 Public Charity)*

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## **Goals**

[Ephesians 4:1-16](#)

*"... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."*

*(Ephesians 4:12-16, NRSV)*

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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 NOT open**  
10:00 AM      Worship Team

**WEDNESDAYS**

**9:00-1:00**      **Church Office NOT open**  
8:00 PM      NA Group

**THURSDAYS**

**9:00-1:00**      **Church Office NOT open**  
10:00 AM      Worship Team  
2:30 PM      Bible Study – will resume in the Fall

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