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Pastor Melody will be preaching a four-week Advent Sermon Series called “Come Home for Christmas” beginning on Nov. 28th (1st Sunday of Advent) and teaching a Small Group Study that goes along with the sermon for each Sunday in Advent.

The hour long, small group study will be held after worship at 11am in fellowship hall with a lunch of Soup/bread.

Join us for the last three weeks of Advent on

- Dec. 5 11am Soup & Study “The Fear of Home”
- Dec. 12 11am Soup & Study “The Joy of Home”
- Dec. 19 11am Soup & Study “The Blessing of Home”



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



December 24 at 5:00 PM



Administrative Council Meeting, Nov. 1



The EUMC Administrative Council met on November 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The meeting was called to order by Sandy Mallory, chair. Tom Petersen led us in prayer.

PRESENT:

Present: Roger & Beth Noonan, Roy Pentilla, Tom & Jean Petersen, Sandy Mallory, Aggie Wilson & Pat Smith

A **motion** was made by Jean Petersen, **second** by Pat Smith to approve the minutes of the Oct. 5, 2021 meeting. **APPROVED.**

Unfinished Business:

1. Sound System update: There was no report on the sound system
2. Swiss Steak Dinner: Income from the Swiss Steak Dinner was \$2123.00; Expenses - \$327.86 (includes 2 weeks AD in Leelanau Enterprise). Donations received were 75 lbs. of meat and \$109.24.
3. Annual Charge Conference: The Charge Conference will be held at the Keswick UMC in Suttons Bay on November 21, 2021. The EUMC Charge Conference will be at 2:00 with voting on budget, pastor benefits package and slate of leadership and other related church business. Members are asked to attend this meeting. A 3:00 p.m. worship service is planned for the gathering.

TEAM REPORTS:

Pastor: No report. Tom Petersen reported that the church now has a ZOOM license, and he will be the administrator.

Lay Leader: No report

Finance: Roy had no report as his computer is down.

Trustees: A motion to approve a generator for the parsonage has been tabled as estimates for a generator have not been received as yet. The parsonage has been power-washed. A spring on the garage door at the parsonage has been fixed. A new garage door has been ordered; delivery estimated to be in 14 weeks. Roger Merillat submitted estimates for new roofing for the parsonage and church.

Worship & Nurture: No report

Education: Pat Smith reported that very few children are attending church. She and Candy are planning to clean the Sunday School room. Everyone is enjoying learning a new bible verse every month. This will continue.

UM Women: Made 48 pasties and most are already sold although there are some in the freezer. They are planning the Christmas Luncheon and it will be held on December 7, 2021. The program theme is "Fortunately & Unfortunately." Jean Peterson also asked how we could better utilize the church building as it is only being used about 24 hours per week right now.

Memorials: Aggie had nothing to report.

Missions: The November "mission of the month" is the Mickie Barr Memorial Giving Tree. Please purchase Gift and Gas cards to donate for those in need at Christmas time. Donations will be appreciated.

Outreach: Caregivers meet every other week.

New Business: Jean Petersen suggested that since the time will be changing this weekend and it will be getting dark outside earlier it would be a good idea to start having our meetings after church. A **motion** was made by Jean Petersen and **second** by Roger Noonan to have Administrative Council meetings after church December 2021 through March 2022. **PASSED.** There will be no scheduled meeting in December (unless one is required).

The next meeting will be January 9, 2022, after worship. (Due to holiday weekend Jan. 1-2)

Adjournment: **Motion** by Roger Noonan, **second** by Beth Noonan to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Noonan
Recording Secretary



PLEASE NOTE:

Deadline for Giving Tree Gift Cards: **MON, NOV 28**

Deadline for Pastor/Staff Christmas Gift **FRI, DEC 10**

See appropriate ad for more information in this issue!

BIBLE STUDY Thursdays at 2:30 PM

The Books of Minor Prophets by Gene M. Tucker, Professor of Old Testament Studies at Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

This study is of all the Minor Prophets beginning with Hosea and moving through to Malachi and delves into the special message of each prophet. No class on 12/23; resumes 1/6/22.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Christmas Luncheon has been postponed!

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."

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE HELD

Covid conditions necessitated the suspension of in-person gatherings and our charge conference was held via ZOOM on November 21. Discussion centered on what was accomplished in 2021 and what goals have been established for 2022. The proposed slate for 2022 EUMC Leadership, Budget, Pastor Benefits package, and other EUMC church business was voted upon by EUMC church members at the Nov. 21 gathering.

The Northern Waters District Conference will be held in January. Plans for a "Super Saturday" are being made for that gathering.





DECEMBER – Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

The discretionary fund is administered by the pastor of the church. The funds are used primarily for those in need within our general area, or for those associated with our church. ❤️ Thank you for helping to make Christmas a

little more joyful for local families in need. ❤️

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.

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



At Christmas time, it is our annual custom to honor the Pastor and Staff (administrative assistant and music director) with a monetary gift to show our appreciation for all the work they do.

*If you wish to contribute, please mail your donation to EUMC, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 261, Empire, MI 49630; mark the memo with: **Staff Christmas Gift. The deadline is December 10.** A member of the Pastor Parish Team will also be at*

EUMC on Friday, Dec. 10 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM, to collect any last-minute donations.

Due to covid restrictions, please use a mask when attending church worship and events in the building until further notice!



MONTHLY CALENDAR

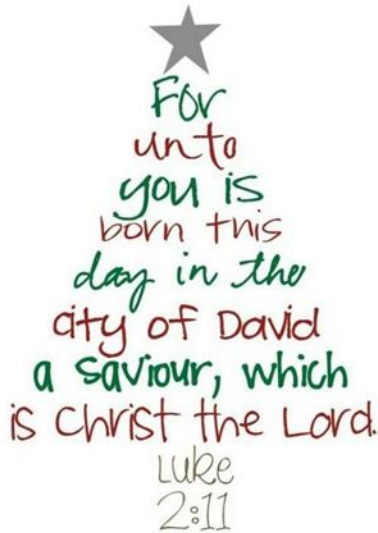
1ST Sunday of every month:

- 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.



- **1st Sunday of every month (Jan-Mar) After Worship**

(*unless otherwise noted)

*** Jan 9, 2022**

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Fellowship Hall *Your participation and service is appreciated!*

- **1st Monday 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



COUNTERS:

- DEC 5 Gerri Sorbie, Tom Petersen
- DEC 12 Jan Lyon, Beth Noonan
- DEC 19 Barb Smith, Sandy Mallory
- DEC 24 5:00 PM Candlelight Service
- DEC 26 Kay Wilcox, Meredith Goodrick

USHERS:

- Jim Sorbie & Sandy Mallory
- Jean & Tom Petersen
- Tim Egeler & Jim Dorsey
- Pete & Sandy Mallory
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Be an angel this Christmas – invite someone to church ...



“It is Christmas time, and there are many people who typically don’t go to church but are searching nonetheless for the “good news of great joy for all the people.” They’ve been searching at the mall, at their Christmas parties, even sitting in front of a decorated Christmas tree, but they still haven’t found Christmas. And they won’t find it, unless someone plays the part of the angel and invites them to come and see the child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

From Adam Hamilton’s The Journey – Walking the Road to Bethlehem.

Empire United Methodist Church - Vision Statement:

A community who goes out, serving in love, sharing Christ.

“Go, Serve. Share Christ.”

**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 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

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN

**CHECK YOUR EMAILS – FACEBOOK - WEBSITE
FOR CURRENT INFORMATION**



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