

elements Worship

FINDING
OUR WAY
HOME

March 17, 2019

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

Pastor Louis Grettenberger

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The Order of Morning Worship

March 17, 2019

Elements Worship 10:30 a.m.

We Gather

An ****** invites you to stand as you are able. Please remember to silence your cell phone.
Nursery for children age 5 and under is available all morning.

Gathering Music

Gathering Song

"God of Wonders"

Byrd/Hindalong

Welcome

We Praise God

Invitation to Worship

*Hymn #139

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(red hymnal)

Time of Confession

O Lord, we feel that the journey on which we have embarked will demand too much of us. There are so many other things in our lives which claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes and fears. It is easy to be like Jerusalem, turning our backs on those whom you send. The world shouts its solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need. Forgive us for the many times in which we have strayed from your pathway of life; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others. Heal us, O Lord. Place us back on your path to Jerusalem, to life, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Children's Time

Children are invited to join us downstairs in the Hosanna Room for our "Children In Worship" program.

Announcements

Anthem

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

arr. Larson
Bells of Glory

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 27

p. 486

*Worship Song

"The Greatness of Our God"

Ingram/Morgan/Garrard

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:31-35

p. 73

Sermon

“On My Way Home”

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Time of Prayer & Meditation

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Respond to the Word

Offering

“*Jubilate*”

arr. Wiltse
Bells of Glory

Prayer of Dedication

We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts. Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey, providing what we need when we need it. Trusting you, we can share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together, today, in Jesus’ name, Amen.

We are Sent Forth

*Final Hymn #444

“*O Young and Fearless Prophet*”
(to an alternate tune)

(red hymnal)

*Benediction

*Parting Music

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Liturgists: 8:30 Bron Kram 10:30 Jan Stuart

Music: Bells of Glory

Acolytes: 8:30 Aaron & Leia Graegin 10:30 Cianna Nickett

Sound Board: 8:30 Don Woodward

Ushers: 8:30 Martin & Nancy Hillila, Margaret Cook, Katie Cole
10:30 Michele Dunlap, Sally Liebertz

Greeters: 8:30 Pam & Dale Zurakowski 10:30 Mary & Barry Huntington

Welcome Center: 8:30 Greg Kelly 10:30 Darlene Graska

Nursery: Kisa Weesies, Judy Hanson

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Liturgists: 8:30 Don Woodward 10:30 Greg Preston

Music: Kids' Choir

Acolytes: 8:30 Robert Bergstrom 10:30 Cianna Nickett

Sound Board: 8:30 Blair Miller 10:30 Don Woodward

Ushers: 8:30 Martin & Nancy Hillila, Margaret Cook, Katie Cole
10:30 Michele Dunlap, Sally Liebertz, Lynnda & Doug DeVries

Greeters: 8:30 Bonnie & Bruce Buckley 10:30 Val & Paul Martin

Welcome Center: 8:30 Dorothy Corradi 10:30 Joann Jarvi

Nursery: Michele McCracken, Kelly Grilley

Coffee Fellowship: Don & Ruth Woodward

CHURCH OF THE DUNES CORE PURPOSE: We are a family of faith who seeks to grow in God's grace and love, challenges and equips all members to be faithful disciples, to share the Good News and demonstrate and reflect the love of God.

CHURCH STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Ministers.....	All Members of the Congregation
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Covenant Missionaries.....	Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY	March 17, 2019	Family Promise Arrives
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Nursery Care – Nursery (<i>infant – young 5s</i>)	
8:30 AM	Traditions Worship – Sanctuary	
8:45 - 9:45 AM	Children In Worship – Hosanna Room (<i>room 8 lower level, grades K – 5</i>)	
9:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center	
9:30-10:30 AM	Lenten Study – Peter – Room 13/14	
9:45 - 10:20 AM	FaithLink Discussion Group “Reluctant Evangelists”– Room 4 lower level	
9:40 AM – 10:20 AM	Youth Sunday School – The Pit (<i>room 7 lower level, grades 6 – 12</i>)	
10:00 AM	Kids' Choir – Social Hall (<i>preK – grade 6</i>)	
10:30 AM	Elements Worship – Sanctuary	
10:45 - 11:45 AM	Children In Worship – Hosanna Room (<i>room 8 lower level, grades K - 5</i>)	
11:30AM - 12:20 PM	BBQ Book Discussion “Everything Happens for a Reason: and...” – Ryder Lounge	
11:30 AM – 12:20 PM	Lenten Study - Peter – Room 13/14 Lower Level	
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Youth Choir – Choir Room	
6:00 – 7:30PM	Youth Group – Youth Room, Social Hall, Wiltse Center (<i>grades 6 – 12</i>)	
6:00 PM	Children's Council – Ryder Lounge	
MONDAY	March 18, 2019	
9:30 - 10:30 AM	Kids and Parents Coffee & Playtime – Wiltse Center	
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread	
6:30 PM	Staff Parish Relations – Rooms 13/14	
7:00 PM	Bells of Glory – Choir Loft	
TUESDAY	March 19, 2019	
9:00 AM	ROMEOS – Rendezvous Restaurant	
9:30 AM	Women's Study – Ryder Lounge	
11:00 AM	Staff Meeting – Choir Room	
6:30 - 7:30 PM	Webelos 1 – Scout Room	
6:30 PM	Invitation & Welcome – Ryder Lounge	
7:30 PM	Stewardship – Conference Room	
WEDNESDAY	March 20, 2019	
8:30 AM	Communion - Sanctuary	
9:00 AM	Morning Coffee – Russ'	
9:30 AM	Covenant Bible Study – Ryder Lounge	
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Kids' Connection – Wiltse Center (<i>grades K – 5</i>)	
5:15 - 6:00 PM	Supper - Social Hall – Menu: Spaghetti	
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Youth Small Group – Youth Room (<i>grades 6 – 12</i>)	
6:00 PM	Knitters – Conference Room	
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Lenten Study – “Embracing the Uncertain” - Ryder Lounge	
6:00-6:30 PM	Chimers - Choir Loft	
6:30-7:00 PM	Singers – Choir Room	
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir – Choir Loft	
THURSDAY	March 21, 2019	
9:30 AM	Weight Watchers – Social Hall	
1:00 PM	Thursday Friends – Ryder Lounge	
7:00 PM	Creativity, the Arts & God – Social Hall	
FRIDAY	March 22, 2019	
	Pastor Lou's Day Off	
3:30 PM	UMCD serves at Supper House	
7:00 PM	Pinewood Derby registration – Wiltse Center	
SATURDAY	March 23, 2019	
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Pinewood Derby – Wiltse Center	
3:00 PM	Reserved for Party – Wiltse Center	

Welcome to Church of the Dunes

We are glad you are here today and hope you feel God's love. You are invited for refreshments in the Wiltse Center fellowship area during the time between the two worship services. Refreshments are also available after the 10:30 a.m. service. You are welcome to participate in the activities, events, and classes offered here. If you have questions or need directions to locations in the church, please ask a volunteer at the Welcome Center, our pastor, or an usher; they are happy to assist. Thank you for being here today. We hope to see you again soon. *Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors. The People of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes*

Announcements

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND SERVE: Would you like to volunteer at Church of the Dunes? There are opportunities in several areas, including soundboard operators, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Welcome Center hosts, greeters, ushers, occasional projects in the church office, local mission ministries, and more. For information, contact the church office at (616) 842-7980 or office@umcdunes.org

EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY DONATIONS REQUESTED: Church of the Dunes Children's Ministry is planning an Easter Egg Hunt event on April 13 (watch for details). Candy in individually wrapped pieces is needed; donations are welcome. There is a donation basket outside the Children's Ministry office on the lower level of the church, across from room 4.

FAMILY PROMISE ARRIVES TODAY: This week, Church of the Dunes will be hosting families from Family Promise of the Lakeshore. Currently there are four families (5 parents, 3 teenagers and 2 children) who will be at our church for evening meals, overnight stays, then leave at 5:30 a.m. to return to the day center to catch school buses. There is a list of volunteer and supply needs on the Family Promise bulletin board located in the hallway near the Wiltse Center fellowship area. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

PERSONAL COMPUTER (PC) FORUM: We'll discuss the basics of personal computing. This class will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday March 20 in Ryder Lounge. Come to listen and learn, and if you have hints and tips to share, your input is welcome! If there is interest in additional classes, we will discuss preferred days of the week, times of day, and meeting frequency. Dale Zurakowski is the PC Forum facilitator.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN STUDY FOR ADULTS: Please join us as we discuss [Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times](#) by Magrey R DeVega. This book explores many current topics including the environment, faith divisions, national, world and social issues, and more. This class meets on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge. Ruth Woodward and Jan Stuart are the facilitators. Books are available at the class; drop-ins are always welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY is Mission Sunday and Hunger Sunday. During each worship service, a representative from International Aid will speak briefly about the organization's work. We will also collect an offering to support an organization that serves the hungry. If you wish to contribute to these, please make checks payable to Church of the Dunes and note where you would like the gift designated in the memo line of your check.

IT'S TIME FOR TRIVIA: Please join us for trivia-playing fun on Sunday, March 24 from 3 – 5 p.m. at Church of the Dunes. Snacks are provided and silly prizes and awards will be given to winners. Rick Clapp and Adult Council are hosting; all ages are invited to attend. Please join us!

MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meets on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. This month we will discuss the book is [When Breath Becomes Air](#) by Paul Kalanithi. This group meets on the fourth Monday of each month and discusses a different book each time. All are welcome and invited.

UMCOR SUNDAY IS MARCH 31: This is a United Methodist Church special Sunday offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). When we donate to this special offering, we are insuring that UMCOR can keep working and respond when disasters strike. This UMCOR Sunday offering, which is collected at United Methodist Churches all over the world, provides the funds needed to keep the lights on at UMCOR. With these expenses covered, all donated funds for disasters are directed entirely to those needs. In the past, this Sunday was known as One Great Hour of Sharing.

Budget and Attendance Update

<u>2019 Weekly Offering</u>	Received	Weekly Average
For Operating Expenses		
March 3	\$21,333	
March 10	\$13,116	\$11,796
<u>Weekly Attendance</u>		
Sunday Morning Worship	Last Week: 228	Last Year: 261

Worship at Church of the Dunes

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Traditions
traditional worship and music

10:30 a.m. Elements
traditional & modern worship and music

Third Wednesday of the Month Communion

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

a hymn or two, time for prayer, a short message, and communion

Sunday Mornings

You are invited and welcome! Stop by these classes and activities every week or drop in when you can.

ADULT CLASSES AND DISCUSSION GROUPS:

FaithLink meets to discuss a timely issue, 9:45 – 10:20 a.m., Room 4, lower level. Please see the calendar section of this bulletin for today's discussion topic.

BBQ (Basic Beliefs & Questions): Today, we will begin discussing the book Everything Happens for a Reason; and Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler. Please join us from 11:35 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., Ryder Lounge.

Lenten DVD Bible Study: Simon Peter, The Flawed but Faithful Disciple This special DVD series by pastor and writer Adam Hamilton explores the life and faith of Peter. Discover why his faith became a rock on which the church was built. 11:30 – 12:20, Room 13/14 lower level. Attend every week or drop in when you can.

YOUTH:

Youth Sunday School for grades 6 – 12 meets from 9:40 – 10:20 a.m. in "The Pit" (room 7) classroom on the lower level.

Youth Choir practices in the Choir Room, located behind the front of the worship space, from 11:30 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.

CHILDREN:

Children in Worship (CIW) Sunday School for grades K - 5 takes place during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, beginning right after the Children's Message and ending at 9:45 and 11:45 respectively. Children In Worship meets in the Hosanna room (room 8), on the lower level of the church. Please pick up your children at the classroom.

Kids' Choir for children pre-K through grade 6 meets from 10:00 – 10:25 a.m. in the Social Hall on the lower level (beneath sanctuary).

NURSERY is available for infants through young 5s. The nursery is located on the main floor of the church.

*There are classes, discussion groups, and activities for all ages during the week too.
Please see the calendar and announcements sections of this bulletin for more information.*

Joys and Concerns

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" If there are Joys and Concerns you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Tuesday before 3:00 p.m. (616) 842-7980 or e-mail office@umcdunes.org.

Please, let the church office know if you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or is homebound and would like a visit. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family. In order to respect confidentiality, we need you to keep us up to date. We would like to be supportive, and we appreciate your help. Thank you.

This Week's Praises

THANK YOU: The days between March 3 and 10 were busy for the United Methodist Women, who hosted 2 events in one week. We would like to send our thanks out to everyone who helped prepare and those who attended the Ash Wednesday Breakfast and the Pancake Tuesday on Sunday event. Both were well attended. We believe these community events are so important to the life of our faith family. Getting to know those with whom you worship is a very important step in creating and maintaining a loving, caring community of faith.

SUPPER HOUSE THANK YOU: Last month our church hosted at Supper House and served 120 guests. The volunteers were Elizabeth Dales, Dorothi Corradi, Christine Kieft, Jim and Mary Merritt, Debbie and Dan Starkey, Gail and Harold Merz, Jo and Jerry Harvey. Special thanks to those who made the tasty desserts. Elizabeth gave a warm hat and scarf to a special guest recovering from a stroke. The next time we serve is Friday March 22. Some regular volunteers are not available that night; if you've been thinking you would like to try it, this month is a good time. Call Kris Mestrom (616) 268-7940 if you are interested.

WE ARE GRATEFUL for the life and presence of Hazel Snyder in our congregation. Hazel passed away on March 9, 2019. Please remember her loved ones in your prayers.

PLEASE JOIN WITH OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR Dumas Community Center, Mobile, AL and Richard Ramos, Missionary.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Mar 15	Jake Cook
Mar 18	Jeanne Fett, John Zevalkink
Mar 20	Jackie Laughlin, Alyssa Vander Stel
Mar 21	Rodney Zellman
Mar 22	David Parsons
Mar 24	Emma Steury (14)

Information

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment.

DEADLINES: Weekly worship bulletin, Tuesdays at 3 p.m.; Dunes Digest newsletter, 15th of the month prior.

ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE: To sign up, contact the church office or online at www.umcdunes.org

IMPORTANT NOTES ON TAKING PICTURES: You are welcome to take pictures or video of your children during a musical performance in our worship services or other church activities; however, please refrain from posting any videos or photos to public places, such as Facebook or YouTube, as the musical performances are copyright protected and some parents may not have consented to public use of images.

THE WORSHIP SERVICES ARE VIDEO-RECORDED and sermons are posted for later viewing on our church website. Every effort is made to focus the camera only on the scripture readers and the pastor. On rare occasions, those seated near the front of the church may appear in a sermon video. If you wish to avoid inadvertently appearing in a sermon video that will be posted online, please find seats toward the back of the sanctuary.

WEATHER CLOSING POLICY: When Grand Haven Area Public Schools has a weather-related closing, Church of the Dunes is closed too, and all meetings and events are cancelled.