

TRADITIONS Worship

SECOND CHANCES



ISAIAH 55:1-9

LUKE 13:1-9

March 24, 2019

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

Pastor Louis Grettenberger

616-842-7980 | www.umcdunes.org

The Order of Morning Worship

March 24, 2019

Traditions Worship 8:30 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

Introit

"Here I am to Worship"

arr. Bettcher
Chimers

Welcome & Announcements

We Praise God

Litany

*Hymn #451

"Be Thou My Vision"

(red hymnal)

Call to Confession

Song

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

Foote
Singers

Time of Confession

Dear God, it is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn't going our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us. Please give us another chance. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Children's Time

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

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Isaiah 55:1-9

p. 650

Hymn #357

"Just As I Am"

(red hymnal)

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:1-9

p. 72

Sermon

“Second Chances”

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

Response #2130

“*The Summons*”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Prayer of Dedication

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy God, may we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times – the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable – yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

We are Sent Forth

*Final Hymn #454

“*Open My Eyes, That I May See*”

(red hymnal)

*Benediction

*Parting Music

Sunday, March 24, 2019

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

Music: Kids' Choir

Acolytes: 8:30 Ian Clapp 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, Pam & Dale Zurakowski

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Liturgists: 8:30 Don Reis 10:30 Jan Lipfert

Music: Chancel Choir

Acolytes: 8:30 Robert Bergstrom 10:30 Analicia Palomo, Cianna Nickett

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

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

Greeters: 8:30 Gayle Cox 10:30 Rich, Gay, & Katie Cole

Welcome Center: 8:30 Dorothy Corradi 10:30 Darlene Graska

Nursery: Judy Hanson, Madalyn Hanson

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
Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Louis Grettenberger (231-883-9806, pastorlou@umcdunes.org)
Church Secretary.....	Cathryn Marshall (office@umcdunes.org)
Director of Music.....	Megan Horist (mhorist@umcdunes.org)
Organist/Accompanist.....	Marna Jeffery (mjeffery@umcdunes.org)
Director of Jubilation Choir.....	Carol Kirchner (kirchcocarol@yahoo.com)
Director of Children's Ministries.....	Dan Malseed (dmalseed@umcdunes.org)
Director of Youth Ministry.....	Ashley Boersma (aboersma@umcdunes.org)
Director of Communications.....	Carla Kocher (ckocher@umcdunes.org)
Kitchen Coordinator.....	Sherry Baker (sbaker@umcdunes.org)
Wednesday Night Suppers.....	Tracee Cole and Kelly Grilley
Finance Manager.....	Jan Blanchard (financemanager@umcdunes.org)
Assistant Office Administrator.....	Shirley Chappell
Custodian.....	Jeff Thomasma (jthomasma@umcdunes.org)
Covenant Missionaries.....	Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **March 24, 2019**

- 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Nursery Care – Nursery (*infant – young 5s*)
- 8:30 AM Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
- 8:45 - 9:45 AM Children In Worship – Hosanna Room (*room 8 lower level, grades K – 5*)
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 - 10:30 AM Lenten Study – Peter – Room 13/14
- 9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening – Wiltse Center
- 9:45 - 10:20 AM FaithLink Discussion Group “Bloomberg’s Big Gift, College’s Big Cost” – Room 4 lower level
- 9:40 AM – 10:20 AM Youth Sunday School – The Pit (*room 7 lower level, grades 6 – 12*)
- 10:00 AM Kids’ Choir – Social Hall (*preK – grade 6*)
- 10:30 AM Elements Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 - 11:45 AM Children In Worship – Hosanna Room (*room 8 lower level, grades K - 5*)
- 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
- 2:30 – 5:00 PM Trivia Fun Event for All Ages – Wiltse Center
- 2:30 – 5:00 PM Youth Group – Participating in Trivia Fun (*grades 6 – 12*)

MONDAY **March 25, 2019**

- 9:30 - 10:30 AM Kids and Parents Coffee & Playtime – Wiltse Center
- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
- 1:00 - 3:00 PM Caregivers – Ryder Lounge
- 6:30 PM Book Group – Ryder Lounge
- 7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY **March 26, 2019**

- 9:30 AM Women’s Study – Ryder Lounge
- 6:30 - 7:30 PM Webelos 1 – Scout Room

WEDNESDAY **March 27, 2019**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ’
- 9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study – Ryder Lounge
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM Kids’ Connection – Wiltse Center (*grades K – 5*)
- 5:15 - 6:00 PM Supper - Social Hall – Menu: ham & cheese sliders, pizza sliders, turkey sliders
- 6:00 - 7:00 PM Youth Small Group – Youth Room (*grades 6 – 12*)
- 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 28, 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 29, 2019**

Pastor Lou’s Day Off

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

TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY: During each worship service, a representative from International Aid will speak briefly about the organization's work. If you'd like to make a contribution, please use the Mission Moment envelope in your bulletin. Make checks payable to Church of the Dunes and note "Mission Moment" on the memo line of your check.

TODAY IS HUNGER SUNDAY: Today, we will collect a special offering for The People Center in Spring Lake.

If you'd like to contribute, please place your gift in the baskets that are passed during offering time. Please make checks payable to Church of the Dunes and note "Hunger Offering" on the memo line of your check.

IT'S TIME FOR TRIVIA: Please join us today from 3 – 5 p.m. at Church of the Dunes to play Trivia. 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 SPECIAL OFFERING MARCH 31: How is it that when we donate funds to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), we can be assured that 100% of those donations go directly to work in a disaster stricken region across the world? UMCOR Sunday Special Offering, that's how. UMCOR can respond when disaster strikes because this once-a-year Sunday offering provides the funds they need to keep the lights on and pay routine expenses. Please support this key pillar for United Methodist work in our world. Offerings received on March 31 from around the world will go to make sure that UMCOR is ready to respond.

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, 6 – 7 p.m., in the Ryder Lounge. Books are available at the class; drop-ins are always welcome.

SAVVY CAREGIVER CLASS: In partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, Church of the Dunes is hosting a six-week Savvy Caregiver Class beginning in mid-April. Those who care for loved ones with dementia in any stage are invited to sign up. There is no cost to participate; space is limited. The class will meet at the church on Wednesday afternoons. Watch for more details in Sunday bulletins and the April Dunes Digest newsletter.



Save the dates for VBS "To Mars and Beyond"

a Church of the Dunes & 2nd Reformed Church partnership

June 23 – 27, 2019

Dinner at 5:15 p.m., VBS 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Volunteers Needed

sign up at vbspro.events/p/events/mars or contact Dan at dmalseed@umcdunes.org

Budget and Attendance Update

2019 Weekly Offering
For Operating Expenses

Received 3/17
\$9,074

Weekly Average
\$11,549

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship

Last Week: 250

Last Year: 291

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): We are 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. This is offered twice on Sunday mornings: from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. 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: I am speechless – almost! I want to thank everyone for the birthday cards, emails, phone calls and gifts for my birthday. The day was cold, windy and snowy, but I also received roses, daffodils, hyacinths, and mums to make me believe that it really is spring. Thank you again for being part of my family and helping me celebrate. Shirley Chappell

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all who wished me a happy birthday and/or sent me a birthday card on my birthday. A special thank you to Herm Tanis. What a caring church family! Thank you, Sam Easterly.

FROM THE FAMILY OF HERM SPAHR: Thank you for accepting us as a family and your kindness. Herm and all of us felt a belonging. We are glad to be part of your church. God bless, Arlene, Phil, Jessica and Chad, Paula, Nathan and Kim.

PLEASE JOIN WITH OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR Epworth Children & Family Services, St. Louis, MO and Evelyn Erbele, Missionary.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Mar 23 Ann Lumbert
Mar 25 Carol Bauer, Phoebe Booker, Barbara Collins, Chris Schaner (10)
Mar 26 Kay Erickson, Pamela Land, Valerie Martin, Herman Tanis
Mar 28 Royce McCastle
Mar 29 Lochlan Weesies (6)
Mar 31 Kevin DeBone, Noah Huyler, Landyn McCracken (1), Phyllis Simmons

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.