

TRADITIONS worship



Calm and Bright

200 Years of Silent Night



Advent 2018

peace • joy • love • hope

December 9, 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

Pastor Louis Grettenberger

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The Order of Morning Worship

December 9, 2018

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 Young 5's and under is available during worship.

Gathering Music

Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

We Praise God

Invitation to Worship

"Follow the Light"

Byrd/Hart/Heffinger
Dance Team

Advent Litany

Spoken Response

(Second verse of "Silent Night")

**Silent night, holy night; shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!"
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Wondrous God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only see the joy all around us, but can also be joy, and bring joy, to all around us – in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

People: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

*Hymn of Praise #196

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

(red hymnal)

Time of Confession

Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we sometimes live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light, so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Children's Message

Pastor Lou

Children dismissed to "Children In Worship" program downstairs following the children's message

Song of Response

"Processional on O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

arr. Lorenz
Bells of Glory

A reading from the Psalms

Psalm 86:9-11

*Hymn #220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

(red hymnal)

We Share the Word

A reading from the Gospel of Luke: Luke 2:8-20 (RSV)

Sermon

“Glory to God”

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Pastoral Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Respond to the Word

Offering

“*And the Glory of the Lord*”

Handel, arr. McChesney
Bells of Glory

Response #176

“*Majesty*”

(red hymnal)

Majesty, worship His majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Prayer of Dedication

In this moment of worship, we embrace your presence, O God, and we offer you our love. In this moment of prayer, we proclaim your purpose for the world, O Savior, and we offer You our resources. In this moment of giving we hear Your call, O Lord, and we offer You ourselves. Use us – all that we have and all that we are to show the world your glory and majesty. Amen.

We are Sent Forth

*Final Hymn #200

“*Tell Out My Soul the Greatness of the Lord*”

(red hymnal)

*Benediction

*Response

“*Silent Night*”

Mohr/Gruber

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*Parting Music

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Liturgists: 8:30 Don Woodward 10:30 Dave Hoffman
Music: Bells of Glory; Isabelle Houseman, Saxophone
Sound Board Operators: 8:30 Roger Cox
Ushers: 8:30 Rob & Betty Roberts, Barry & Bron Kram
10:30 Ray Komray, Paul Martin, Mary & Barry Huntington
Greeters: 8:30 Niecey & Bill Emery 10:30 Joyce & Bruce Bowling
Welcome Center: 8:30 Dorothy Corradi 10:30 Joann Jarvi
Nursery: Kisa Weesies, Karen Aspenson
Coffee Fellowship: Harold & Gail Merz

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Liturgists: 8:30 Don Reis 10:30 Jan Stuart
Music: 8:30 Chancel Choir 10:30 Children's Program & Youth Choir
Sound Board Operators: 10:30 Don Woodward
Ushers: 8:30 Rob & Betty Roberts, Barry & Bron Kram
10:30 Ray Komray, Karyn & Gary Gillan
Greeters: 8:30 Sandee & Rog Klop 10:30 Sally Liebertz, Nancy Franczek
Welcome Center: 8:30 Ruth & Don Woodward 10:30 Darlene Graska
Nursery: Michele McCracken, Kisa Weesies
Coffee Fellowship: Cole Family

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)
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Covenant Missionaries.....	Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **December 9, 2018**

8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care
8:30 AM Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
8:45-9:45 AM Children in Worship – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
9:35 AM - 10:25 AM Gospel of Luke Advent Study – Ryder Lounge
9:40-10:20AM Youth Sunday School – Pit & Youth Room
9:45-10:20 AM FaithLink Discussion Group "Living Well in an Outrage Culture"- Room 4 lower level
10:00-10:25 AM Kids' Choir – Social Hall
10:30 AM Elements Worship – Sanctuary
10:45-11:45 AM Children In Worship – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
11:30-12:20 PM BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
11:30-12:20 PM DVD Advent Bible Study – (Room 13/14 lower level)
11:30-12:20 PM Youth Choir
6:00-7:00 PM Youth Group – Social Hall, Youth Room, Wiltse Center

MONDAY **December 10, 2018**

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
6:00 PM Lighthouse Quilt Guild
6:30 PM Dunesmen-Social Hall
6:30 PM Youth Council – Conference Room
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY **December 11, 2018**

9:30-11:30 AM Women's Advent Study – Ryder Lounge
11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Choir Room
11:00 AM Poinsettia pick-up - Library
1:00 PM Esther Circle - Offsite
6:30 PM Worship Committee – Conference Room
6:30 PM Webelos 1 – Scout Room

WEDNESDAY **December 12, 2018**

9:00 AM Morning Coffee - Russ' Restaurant
9:30 AM Covenant Bible Study – Ryder Lounge
4:00-5:00 PM Kids' Connection – Wiltse Center
5:15-6:00 PM Supper – Social Hall Menu: Chicken Noodle & Broccoli Cheddar Soup
6:00 PM Youth Small Group – Youth Room
6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room
6:00-6:30 PM Chimers – Choir Loft
6:10-7:30 PM The Gospel of Luke Advent Study – Ryder Lounge
6:30-7:00 PM Singers – Choir Room
6:45-7:30 PM Jubilation Choir – Choir Loft
7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **December 13, 2018**

9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
9:30 AM Craft Circle – Ryder Lounge
7:00 PM Creativity, the Arts & God – Social Hall

FRIDAY **December 14, 2018**

Pastor Lou's Day Off

SUNDAY **December 16, 2018** **Advent 2**

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Nursery Care – Nursery
8:30 AM Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
8:45-9:45 AM Children in Worship – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
9:45-10:20 AM FaithLink Discussion Group Room 4 lower level
10:00 AM Kids gather for 10:30 Kids' Christmas program – Social Hall
10:30 AM Elements Worship with Kids' Christmas Program – Sanctuary
11:30AM-12:20 PM BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
11:30 AM-12:20 PM DVD Advent Bible Study – Room 13/14 Lower Level
11:30AM-12:15 PM Youth Choir
4:00 – 6:00 PM Christmas caroling. All are invited; meet at church. Please join us!

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 second 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

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.

#CALM AND BRIGHT: There are big stars painted on a window in the church's weekday entrance (lobby). Share our Calm and Bright Advent theme with others--take a picture (maybe a selfie or a picture of the bulletin from that day?) in front of that window and share on social media with the hashtag #calmandbright.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT. There are reservation forms at the Welcome Center, on the UMW bulletin board in the hallway near the library, and in the church office. To turn in a completed reservation form today, please leave it in the church office or slide it under the office door.

ESTHER CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON is on December 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Kirby Grill. Contact Karen Hoffman at dphoffman@gmail.com by tomorrow at noon if you will be attending so she can let the restaurant know how many to expect. Please bring donations of 1 or more of these items: low-rise socks for children, deodorant body wash, laundry pods, canned and dry non-perishable food items for Central School. Bath towels for Family Promise are also welcome.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Christmas caroling fun with Church of the Dunes is only a week away. On December 16 at 4 p.m. we will meet at the church and go caroling to homebound members. All are welcome and invited! Each year, the church receives calls, letters, and comments about how meaningful this ministry is for our homebound members. We'll get back to church at about 6 p.m. for cookies, donuts, coffee and cider.

SNOWBIRDS: If you would like Church of the Dunes to stay in touch with you while you are at your sunny winter home, please contact Cathryn in the church office to confirm your address and other details.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DECEMBER & JANUARY MISSION PROJECT: The kids at Church of the Dunes invite you to join them as they collect new, unwrapped toys for Crusade for Toys. There is a collection bin in the Wiltse Center fellowship area, and toys will be collected through late January. The toys will be given to kids in need in our local community.

WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS: Would you like to help with the important job of welcoming people to Church of the Dunes? There are spots available for Welcome Center volunteers before the 10:30 a.m. worship service. No experience? No problem. Instructions and guidance are provided for new volunteers. To sign up, contact Darlene Graska at dgraska@atcoflexinc.com.

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS: Church of the Dunes Tech Team is looking for volunteers who are interested in being trained to operate the sound board during worship services. The team is also seeking a tech-savvy volunteer to help upload sermon videos for the church's website. Contact Roger Cox at rgcox@gmail.com.

WREATH UPDATE: The Boy Scouts have had such a successful season selling wreaths, they are out of stock already. Troop 246 thanks Church of the Dunes for their support again this year.

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

Budget and Attendance Update

<u>2018 Weekly Offering</u>	<u>Weekly Average Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Budgeted</u>
For Operating Expenses	\$9,837	\$10,645
11/25 Offering	\$11,974	
<u>Weekly Attendance</u>		
Sunday Morning Worship	Last Week: 292	Last Year: 335

Sunday Morning Learning for All Ages

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING ADVENT STUDIES:

Lessons from Luke

9:35 – 10:15 a.m. *Ryder Lounge, Facilitator: Jan Stuart*

Look afresh at the Gospel of Luke this morning in the Ryder Lounge as we explore why theologians call it “The Gospel of Prayer and Praise.” This study also meets Wednesday evening, 12/12 at 6:10 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge. Study/ Discussion notebooks provided. You can come to either class; it is not necessary to have attended before as there will be lessons each week different from the others. This study is based on trusted Bible commentator overviews that make the Gospel of Luke pertinent for today’s living.

Faithful Joseph (DVD series by Adam Hamilton)

11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., *Room 13/14 lower level, Facilitators: Gwen and John Bartels*

Like Joseph in the Nativity story, we all sometimes encounter circumstances that we’d never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don’t understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. Drop in when your schedule permits or attend every week. Please join us!

CHILDREN GRADES K-5: Children in Worship (CIW) Sunday School takes place during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, beginning right after the Time for Children 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 kids at the classroom.

YOUTH GRADES 6 - 12: Youth Sunday School meets from 9:40 – 10:20 a.m. Grades 6-8 meet in The Pit and grades 9-12 meet in the Youth Room. Both locations are on the lower level.

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.

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. (Currently, we are experiencing technical difficulties with posting the sermons on the website and are working to address the issue.) 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.

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

BACKPACK BLESSINGS: Thanks to all who contributed non-perishable food items for Children's Ministries November mission project. Many containers of peanut butter, jelly, soup, and single serve mac and cheese have already been delivered to Love In Action and will be sent home with kids who need food on weekends. Many more of these items have been collected and will be delivered to Love In Action soon.

UMW COOKIE WALK: Thanks to the help of so many our proceeds for the Cookie Walk were \$3,217.26. Thank you to JoAnn Anthes, Char Grevel, Annette Allen, Shirley Good, Betsy Peterson and Connie Peoples for being part of the committee and getting everything organized. Thanks to those who baked, decorated, donated (cookies, baked goods, beautiful knitted items, Christmas items, attic treasures), sold cookies, purchased cookies, helped with set-up and clean-up; the list goes on and on. We have a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers and supporters whose commitment helps us earn money to give to missions. You are all amazing.

THANK YOU: On behalf of The People Center and The Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$50. We consider it an honor to have been the recipient of this charitable gift. Please know that we will use this donation to help those in need. With gratitude, Karen Reenders.

THANK YOU to those who rang bells for The Salvation Army. People were generous! And you were generous with your time. B. Cansfield

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: The United Methodist Church Board of Women's Work Philippines Central Conference, and Genilma Boehler and Priscilla Jaijah, Missionaries.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Dec 11 Terry Minor, Carol Scherpenisse, Pam Zurakowski
Dec 12 Grant Bell (15 yrs.)
Dec 13 Richard Turner
Dec 14 Ty Steury (12 yrs.)
Dec 15 Glenn McCoy, Dorothy Wheat, Dale Zurakowski
Dec 16 Darla Minuth



Christmas Eve at Church of the Dunes

7:00 p.m. Family-friendly worship with candlelight
11:00 p.m. Worship with candlelight and communion