

# Christmas



**December 30, 2018**

**United Methodist Church of the Dunes**

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# The Order of Morning Worship

December 30, 2018

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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## 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 all morning.

### Gathering Music

#### Chimes

### Welcome & Announcements

## We Praise God

### Invitation Song

**"A Festive Gloria"**

arr. Kern  
Jubilation Choir

### Call to Worship

Leader: We who knelt in the stable –

**People: Let us come and kneel in the temple!**

Leader: Let our hearts give thanks, and our hands rejoice!

**People: Let our spirits sing, and our bodies dance!**

Leader: O children, enter the house of the Lord!

**People: Enter God's presence, and be reborn!**

### \*Carol Sing

**"Joy to the World"**  
**"What Child is This?"**

(#246 red hymnal)  
(#219 red hymnal)

### Time of Confession

O Spirit, rise up from the earth to be with us in this place; descend from the heavens to be with us in this time. We have gathered to worship you, for such is the beginning of wisdom. In worship, we begin to grasp that, compared with yours, the vast scope of our minds is confined; that the steady scale of our hearts is unsure; that the masterful skill of our hands is common. We must learn the wisdom of honoring that which lies beyond us, of keeping within our hearts that which we do not comprehend. Help us, as we ponder the power of your presence, the strength of your touch, and the mystery of your voice, to trust the prophets you raise up among your children and the savior you send unto your people. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

### Carol Sing

**"Good Christian Friends"**  
**"Sing We Now of Christmas"**  
(vs. 1,4,5)

(#224 red hymnal)  
(#377 red hymnal)



**Sunday, December 30, 2018**

**Liturgists:** 8:30 Robert Mann 10:30 Jan Lipfert

**Music:** Jubilation Choir

**Sound Board :** 8:30 Roger Cox

**Ushers:** 8:30 Rob & Betty Roberts, Ruth & Don Woodward  
10:30 Ray Komray, Michele Dunlop, Linda & Doug Daugherty

**Greeters:** 8:30 Larry & Christine Kieft 10:30 Neal Miller

**Welcome Center:** 8:30 Dorothy Corradi 10:30 Marilyn Ulrich

**Coffee Fellowship:** Elizabeth Dales

**Nursery:** Madalyn Hanson, Judy Hanson

**Sunday, January 6, 2018 Epiphany**

**Liturgists:** 8:30 Bron Kram 10:30 Gregg Kelly

**Music:** Chancel Choir

**Sound Board:** 8:30 Roger Cox

**Ushers:** 8:30 Bruce Buckley, Ron DeNardo, Gary Erickson, Gregg Kelly  
10:30 Elizabeth Dales, Robert Zitta, Karyn & Gary Gillan

**Greeters:** 8:30 Ron DeNardo 10:30 Susan & Doug Thorpe

**Welcome Center:** 8:30 Larry & Marion Fitch 10:30 Darlene Graska

**Coffee Fellowship:** Sue Hafner

**Nursery:** Kisa Weesies, Judy 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:**

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## This Week's Calendar

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 30, 2018</b>
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Nursery Care
8:30 AM	Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
8:45-9:45 AM	Children's Activities – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
9:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
9:45-10:20 AM	FaithLink Discussion Group "Economic Winners and Losers"- 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's Activities – Hosanna Room (Room 8 lower level)
11:30-12:20 PM	BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 31, 2018 New Years Eve</b>
	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
7:00 PM	Bells of Glory – Choir Loft
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 1, 2019 New Year's Day</b>
	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 2, 2019</b>
9:00 AM	Morning Coffee - Russ' Restaurant
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir – Choir Loft
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 3, 2019</b>
9:30 AM	Weight Watchers – Social Hall
7:00 PM	Ruth Circle – Ryder Lounge
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 4, 2019</b>
	Pastor Lou's Day Off
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 6, 2019 Epiphany/Communion</b>
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
9:40 AM – 10:20 AM	Youth Sunday School – Pit & Youth Room
10:00 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)
11:30AM-12:20 PM	BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
11:30 AM-12:20 PM	DVD Bible Study – Room 13/14 Lower Level
11:30AM-12:15 PM	Youth Choir
6:00 – 7:30 PM	Youth Group – Youth Room, Social Hall & Wiltse Center



### Epiphany Sunday, January 6

Epiphany marks the last day of the Christmas season.  
It is the observance of the arrival of the wise men (the three kings) who followed  
the star to see the baby Jesus.

*Please join us for worship to celebrate this special day.*

## 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.

**OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** The church office will be closed Monday, December 31, and Tuesday, January 1.

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR 2018 GIFTS:** Gifts and offerings received through today will be recorded as given during 2018. Offerings received after today will be recorded in 2019.

**CARE CARDS MINISTRY** sends signed greeting cards with an enclosed gift card to each Church of the Dunes young adult serving in the military or attending college. Organizers are using a list from Spring 2018, so if you have updated contact information for a loved one or would like to add a loved one to the list to receive a card, please contact Susan Thorpe at [holbox01@gmail.com](mailto:holbox01@gmail.com) or text Katie Cole at (616) 502-4735. On January 6, 20 and 27, please stop by the Wiltse Center fellowship area to sign the cards. Contributions to support this ministry are appreciated; to make a donation contact Susan or stop by the Wiltse Center on card signing days.

**KIDS AND PARENTS COFFEE & PLAYTIME:** Beginning on January 7 at 9:30 a.m. parents are invited to bring their kids to the Wiltse Center at church for an hour of playtime for kids in a safe and welcoming environment. This is a great time for parents to enjoy coffee and conversation with one another, too.

**ESTHER CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. for social time at the home of Vickie Reis. Cookies are always welcome!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT PARENTS GROUP** begins January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. The first three sessions will focus on a video series called "How to Teach Our Kids About God's Love." The videos, produced by 22:6 Parenting, explore ways to teach your kids that you love them, how God loves them, and how to be a champion for your child. All parents are welcome.

**THE UPPER ROOM** devotional books are available at the Welcome Center and on the small end table in the weekday entrance area of the church. Please help yourself to a copy.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES 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 the local community.

**THE FLOWER CHART** for 2019 is posted near the Wiltse Center fellowship area. You're invited to sign up to provide flowers for the worship space on a Sunday morning. The church office will order the flowers for you; the cost is \$30.

**FROM THE SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM:** The outdoor stairway in the parking lot behind the Social Hall will be closed for the winter.

**WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS BASEBALL:** Are you daydreaming about summertime yet? If so, save Sunday, August 18, 2019 for a 2:00 baseball game with the Lake County Captains. More information will follow in the new year.

## Budget and Attendance Update

### 2018 Weekly Offering

Year-end totals are being tabulated. A summary will be provided soon.

***Thank you for your faithful, generous giving.***

### Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship    Last Week: 275    Last Year: 218

## Sunday Morning Learning

**ADULTS:** Please check the calendar in this bulletin for classes and discussion groups that meet today. Beginning in January, BBQ (Basic Beliefs and Questions) will be discussing the book The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan. BBQ meets at 11:35 in the Ryder Lounge. All are welcome; please provide your own book. Other adult Sunday morning discussion groups continuing in January include FaithLinks and the DVD Bible Study. Details are listed in the calendar. Attend every week or drop in when you can.

**YOUTH GRADES 6 - 12:** Youth Sunday School will not meet today. We hope you are enjoying the Christmas break.

**CHILDREN GRADES K-5: FAITH-FOCUSED FUN ACTIVITIES** begin today after the Time for Children during each worship service and end at 9:45 and 11:45 respectively. Children will be guided to the Hosanna classroom on the lower level. Parents, please pick up your kids at the classroom after worship. Children In Worship Sunday school will resume next week.

## Worship at Church of the Dunes

### **Sundays**

#### **8:30 a.m. Traditions**

traditional worship and music

#### **10:30 a.m. Elements**

worship with modern and traditional components

### **Third Wednesday of the Month**

#### **8:30 - 9 a.m. Communion**

hymns, a message, prayer and communion

## 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](mailto: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

**THE FLOWERS IN THE WINDOW** are given in honor Ida Cecchini, "the hat lady," who loved this congregation.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks so much for the beautiful poinsettia, adorable tree ornament and the Christmas carolers who paid us a visit. You really brightened our day! Blessings to you all. Karen and Joan Mattson

**PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR:** The United Methodist Church in Latvia.

### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Jan 01	Chantal Muziranyenge (14 yrs.), Eh Ter Gaw Grettenberger, Hefzur Rahman (16 yrs.), Shofi Alom (15 yrs.), Richard Suhecki
Jan 02	Karen Grettenberger, Sierra Olthoff
Jan 03	Marnie Mathews, Taryn Smith, Ana & Milena Grettenberger
Jan 04	Ellen Grafton
Jan 05	John Cole, Lisa DeBone, Laura Grafton, Patrick Warren
Jan 06	Greg Preston

## Information

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. *The office is closed on December 31 and January 1.*

**DEADLINES:** Weekly worship bulletin, Tuesdays at 3 p.m.; Dunes Digest newsletter, 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE:** To sign up, contact the church office or online at [www.umcdunes.org](http://www.umcdunes.org)