

THAT IS WHY I TELL YOU

not to worry

ABOUT EVERYDAY LIFE—WHETHER YOU HAVE
ENOUGH FOOD AND DRINK, OR ENOUGH
CLOTHES TO WEAR. ISN'T LIFE MORE THAN
FOOD, AND YOUR BODY MORE THAN CLOTHING?

MATTHEW 6:25

August 12, 2018

Rev. Ameer Paparella, Preaching

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

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The Order of Morning Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

** Invites you to stand, as you are able. Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

(10:30) Lyric sheets for the worship songs are available from the ushers.

Music for the worship songs is available in the narthex.

Worship activity bags for children 5 and up are available in the Cry Room.

Nursery for children Young 5's and under is available during both services.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

(8:30) **Invitation to Worship**

Hymn Sing (hymns sung last week: #382, #437 & #431)

(10:30) **Invitation to Worship**

Praise Song

Forever Reign

Ingram | Morgan

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord our God is revealed to us in many ways—
through God's creative love in nature and people.

People: With reverent awe we come to worship our Glorious God.

Leader: The truths about our God are spoken so fluently—
through our God's creative Word and Presence.

People: With joy and delight we gather to worship our God.

Leader: The reality of God's creative Spirit can be experienced each day—
in changed lives, and in sustained and renewed creation.

**People: Praise be to the God who speaks to us in so many ways.
We respond by offering our lives in worship and praise.**

***Hymn of Praise #89**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(red hymnal)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional

Time for Children

Dan Malseed

(8:30 & 10:30) LEGOS Faithbuilders (for kids K-entering 5th grade). The children will be led to the Wiltse Center following Time for Children. Parents may meet their children in the Wiltse Center after the service.

(8:30) **Hymn of Preparation #454** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

(red hymnal)

(10:30) **Worship Song**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Baloche

Sharing the Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-34 RSV

(NT page 6 in the pew Bible)

Sermon

Being Present to Presence

Rev. Ameer Paparella

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Responding to the Word

Time of Offering

It is Well

Spafford | Bliss

***Response #2015**

Bless His Holy Name

(black book)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

He has done great things, He have done great things,

He has done great things, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become imitators of you, Gracious God, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all that is yours. Bless these gifts in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sending Forth

***Final Hymn #2146**

His Eye is on the Sparrow

(black book)

Benediction

Chimes

***Parting Music**

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Liturgists: (8:30) Karyn Gillan (10:30) Jan Lipfert

Lay Leader: Bron Kram

Sound Board Operators: (8:30) Roger Cox (10:30) Matthew Horist

Special Music: Liberty Abraham, Megan Horist, Carol Kirchner

Ushers: (8:30) Harold & Gail Merz, T. Stone, Herm Tanis

(10:30) Gregg Kelly, Rick Turner, Michele Dunlap, Gary Gillan

Greeters: (8:30) Ken & Mary Steele (10:30) Barry & Mary Huntington

Welcome Center: (8:30) Carol Scherpenisse (10:30) Diane Roels

LEGO Faithbuilders: (8:30) Pam Zurakowski (10:30) Michelle DeVito, Gabe Houseman

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Liturgists: (8:30) Carol Kirchner (10:30) Rich Cole

Sound Board Operators: (8:30) Roger Cox (10:30) Matthew Horist

Special Music: Jennifer, Weston, Grant & Meg Taylor

Ushers: (8:30) Harold & Gail Merz, T. Stone, Herm Tanis

(10:30) Gregg Kelly, Rick Turner, Karyn Gillan, Gary Gillan

Greeters: (8:30) Carol Scherpenisse (10:30) Blair & Jill Miller

Welcome Center: (8:30) Dale & Pam Zurakowski (10:30) Cathy Shick

LEGO Faithbuilders: (8:30) Tracee Cole, Kelly Grilley (10:30) Pam Zurakowski, Ian Evans

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

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:

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 **August 12, 2018**

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery
- 8:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 8:45-9:30 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:30-10:20 AM Youth Sunday School – Youth Room, lower level
- 9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group "Fifty Years of Mr. Rogers" – Room 4 lower level
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 10:45-11:30 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Wiltse Center

MONDAY **August 13, 2018**

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
- 6:00 PM Quilt Guild Potluck & Meeting – Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM Dunesmen – Social Hall
- 6:00 PM Youth Council – Conference Room
- 6:00-8:00 PM ASL Classes – Room 4 & 13/14

TUESDAY **August 14, 2018**

- 12:00 Noon Esther Circle Picnic – Wiltse Center

WEDNESDAY **August 15, 2018** **September Dunes Digest Deadline**

- 8:30 AM Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ' Restaurant
- 6:00-8:00 PM Youth – Chinook Pier Mini Golf and Ice Cream

THURSDAY **August 16, 2018**

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
- 6:00 PM Ruth Circle Picnic at Deb Mann's

FRIDAY **August 17, 2018**

Pastor Lou's Day Off

SATURDAY **August 18, 2018**

No Scheduled Activities

SUNDAY **August 19, 2018**

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery
- 8:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 8:45-9:30 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:30-10:20 AM Youth Sunday School – Youth Room, lower level
- 9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group "Maternity Leave" – Room 4 lower level
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 10:45-11:30 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM Children's Council – Ryder Lounge

Welcome to Church of the Dunes

We are glad to have you 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, a 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE WELCOME Rev. Ameer Paparella as our guest pastor. She is a graduate of Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and was ordained as an Elder in the West Michigan Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2016. Pastor Ameer has worked for the General Board of Church and Society in Washington D. C. as Director for Women's Advocacy and has served as Chairperson of Church and Society for West Michigan United Methodism. She has pastored at Wacousta Community Church and Grand Rapids First United Methodist Church, and is currently completing her Master's Degree in Social Work.

FOR THE SAFETY of staff, volunteers, members, and visitors, the church building will be locked at 3:00 p.m. on weekdays, when the church office closes. If you are leading a meeting or an event at the church after office hours, please make advance arrangements to get into the building. Church office hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS provide 7 dozen treats, help set out the treats and beverages, and greet people during fellowship time. Hosts **do not** need to supply beverages, prepare coffee, or clean up. A church of the Dunes staff person is in the kitchen to assist and answer questions. Would you like to help with this important hospitality ministry? The sign-up sheet is located on the coffee serving table on Sunday mornings, and is in the kitchen on weekdays.

ESTHER CIRCLE ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC: Please join us for our annual potluck picnic (salads & desserts) in the Wiltse Center at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14. Church staff members are also invited to attend.

YOUTH MINI GOLF AND ICE CREAM THIS WEDNESDAY August 15 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Chinook Pier in Grand Haven. Please have supper first, and then meet us there at 6. We'll play mini golf and have ice cream afterwards. (Grades 6 – 12)

CPR AND AED TRAINING, AUGUST 23: The Safety and Security Committee has arranged for Sgt. Cal Keuning of the Ottawa County Sheriff Department to provide CPR and AED training for members and friends of Church of the Dunes. This training will be held on Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wiltse Center. Ushers are especially encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Don Woodward.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PICNIC: Kids age infant through grade 5 and their families, Children's Council members, nursery volunteers, LEGO Faith Builder leaders, and Children In Worship teachers are invited. Please join us for the fun on Sunday, August 26, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at 13187 Sikkema in Grand Haven. Please bring your own chairs. This is a great chance to meet the new Children's Ministries Director, Dan Malseed.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING: On Sunday, August 26, during Time for Children at each worship service, there will be a special back-to-school blessing for students and teachers, grades K-12.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE UPDATE: LEGO Faith Builders will continue the current schedule through the end of September. Children In Worship Christian education for kids will begin again in October.

MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meets August 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge. This month's book is [The Lilac Girls](#) by Martha Hall Kelly. All are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2018 Weekly Offering
For Operating Expenses

Weekly Average Received
\$9,469

Weekly Average Budgeted
\$10,645

Weekly Attendance
Sunday Morning Worship

Last Week: 237 Last Year: 276

WE WELCOME GUEST PREACHERS IN AUGUST

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 19: Rev. Eric Mulanda Nduwa is originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly known as Zaire. He holds degrees in agriculture and divinity from Africa University in Zimbabwe, and a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Illinois. Pastor Eric currently serves as Associate Pastor at Mount Hope United Methodist Church in Lansing. He has pastored in Congo-Kinshasa, Zimbabwe, Germany, and the United States.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMER SUNDAY CLASSES

CHILDREN: LEGO FAITH BUILDERS takes place in the Wiltse Center during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, beginning right after the Time for Children and ending at the conclusion of each worship service. Kids hear a LEGO-themed devotion and a Bible story, then build the story with LEGOs. Kids from kindergarten through entering grade 5 are invited. *Note: LEGO Faith Builders will continue through September. Children In Worship Christian education will begin in October.*

YOUTH: THE SKIT GUYS VIDEO AND DISCUSSION meets from 9:30-10:20 a.m. in the Youth Room on the lower level of the church. The Skit Guys videos are fun to watch and offer great food for thought on a variety of faith-based topics. Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome.

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR UMCOR: United Methodist Women are collecting new school supplies to be donated to and distributed by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). **Thank you for donations received so far!** If you wish to donate supplies, please leave them in the bins in the Cry Room closets labeled for school supply donations. Supplies will be collected through August 26, and then organized into school supply bags. These much-needed items get to kids around the world most easily when we send the specific items described. Each school supply bag sent includes: **1 pair blunt scissors**, rounded tip only, no plastic scissors, please; **3 pads of paper**, spiral- or top-bound pads, 150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad, combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or loose-leaf paper is acceptable; no composition books, please; **1 hand-held pencil sharpener**, at least 1-inch long, please remove from packaging, **1 30-centimeter ruler**, hard or flexible, cartoon characters are acceptable, no advertisements please; **6 unsharpened pencils**, no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please, cartoon characters are acceptable; **1 2-inch or larger-size eraser**, no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please, cartoon characters are acceptable; **1 24-count box of crayons**, only 24-count boxes, please.

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 Wednesday at noon each week at (616) 842-7980 or e-mail jblanchard@umcdunes.org.

Please let the church office know in a timely manner if you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or are homebound and desiring a visit. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family. Because of confidentiality laws in place, we have no way of knowing unless you tell us. We would like to be supportive, but we also need your help. Thank you.

PRAISE GOD FOR

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Bob and Darlene Ogle in honor of their 60th anniversary on the 16th.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS in the west window are given by Ruth Todd's family in memory of her birthday on August 19, 1918.

THANK YOU: Thanks to Darlene and the church for bringing over dinner. It was a stressful time. Much appreciated! Terry and Nancy Minor

THANK YOU: A big heartfelt thank you to Pastor Lou and to all who sent me cards, and gave me well wishes for my birthday. It was very much appreciated, and helps getting a year older more bearable. Bonnie Stone

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC, and David Paye Guinkpa and Alexandra Castro, Missionaries.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

August 14 Robert Rankin
August 15 Ruth Achterhof, Dylan Cook (6 yrs.), Madalyn Hanson, Mary Huntington, Connie Peoples
August 16 Lynnda De Vries, Bonnie Roth
August 17 Richard Welch
August 18 Mark Boyce, Paul Koons
August 19 JoAnn Anthes, Noah Cotton, Robyn Daane

THE WORSHIP SERVICES ARE VIDEO-TAPED and the sermon is 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.

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.

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesdays at noon.

DUNES DIGEST is Church of the Dunes monthly newsletter. It is available by email or by mail. If you are not receiving it and would like to, please contact the church office at (616) 842-7980 or jblanchard@umcdunes.org. To submit information or an article, please send it to communications@umcdunes.org, or leave it at the church office. The deadline is the 15th of the month.

CHURCH OF THE DUNES IS ON FACEBOOK: You're invited to like and follow us on Facebook. Enter United Methodist Church of the Dunes in the Facebook search bar to find the page. We hope to see you there.