



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 2017**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

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August 6, 2017

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

As the church gathers, please feel free to get acquainted with your neighbor.

A “•” invites you to stand, as you are able.

Please silence your cell phone.

Chimes invite us to pause and listen to the Prelude

Prelude

• **Opening Prayer** (unison)

All: In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with situations which seem to drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead. Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive your awesome grace. It is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.

• **Hymn of Praise**

How Firm a Foundation

(red book) Page 529

• **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

All: Lord of mercy and hope, we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, please “pick us up and dust us off” and put us again on the trail. When we wrestle with doubt and sin, teach us in the midst of our struggles. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

• **Words of Assurance**

Leader: Feel God's healing love pouring over you and into your lives. Know that God delights in each one of you and will always be present to you. This is indeed the Good News of the Gospel.

• **Gloria**

Glory Be to the Father

**(red book) No. 71

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

Sharing the Word

*The Scriptures are opened to the people through
the reading of lessons, preaching and music.*

Special Music

Time for the Child in All of Us

Pastor Lou

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

8:30—Worship bags for children 5 and up are available in the Cry Room.

10:30—Children in grades K-entering 6th will be lead to the Wiltse Center for LEGOS Faith Builders.

Parents, please pick up your children at 11:30 from the Wiltse Center.

Informal Moments

Please be sure to sign the friendship pad as it is passed along your row.

Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 32:22-31

(OT page 29 in the pew Bible)

Leader: These are the stories of faith for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

Response

I Am Not Alone

Sermon

Big Time Wrestling

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Response to the Word

We respond to God's Word by offering prayers, our gifts and our service for the world and one another.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

A Service of Word and Table II

(red book) No. 13

Communion will be served by intinction. Come forward via the side aisles as the ushers direct to receive the elements, returning via the center aisle.

You may bring your offering and place it in the plates by the side aisles.

Communion Music

Meditation from Thais

Jules Massenet

Sending Forth

*The people are sent into ministry
with the Lord's Blessing.*

- Hymn of Commitment

God Be with You till We Meet Again

(red book) No.672

- Benediction and Chimes

- Postlude

Thank you Karen, Molly, Lou and Kaylee (Erlewein), members of the Grettenberger family, for providing music for our service this morning.

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Sunday, August 6, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Harold Merz (10:30) Dave Hoffman

Organist: Marna Jeffery; **Harpist:** Molly Grettenberger; **Violinist:** Kaylee Erlewein

Ushers: (8:30) Barry Kram, Rhea Eldred, Roger & Bonnie VanderMolen
(10:30)

Greeters: (8:30) Jo Somerville (10:30) Ginger Collins

Welcome Center: (8:30) Carol Scherpenisse (10:30) Darlene Graska

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

Coffee Fellowship: Julie Kelly, Allison Kelly

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Carol Kirchner (10:30) Mary Huntington

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Barry & Bron Kram, Roger & Bonnie VanderMolen
(10:30)

Greeters: (8:30) Donna Jean Lock (10:30) Jim & Linda Stellema

Welcome Center: (8:30) Dale & Pam Zurakowski (10:30) Edo & Kris Mestrom

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

Coffee Fellowship:

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 (louis.grettenberger@gmail.com, 231-883-9806)
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Covenant Missionaries.....	Rev. Nkemba & Mbwizu Ndjungu and Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY **August 6, 2017**

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care (for children ages 0-5 years) – Nursery
- 8:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
(Children Ages 5-5th grade may use a worship bag found in the Cry Room)
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM Youth Fellowship Time – Wiltse Center
- 9:45 AM Faithlink Discussion Group “Music and Justice” – **Room 4.** Visitors are always welcome to attend this group.
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 10:45-11:30 AM LEGOS Faith Builders – Wiltse Center
Purdue University Bicyclists Overnight – Wiltse Center, Social Hall and Kitchen

MONDAY **August 7, 2017**

- 9:15 AM Golf League at Crestview Golf Club
- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
- 6:30-8:30 PM Youth Backyard Concert at Dan & Wynne Martin's

TUESDAY **August 8, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Old Fogies – at the church. We will be doing some brush chipping so bring your work gloves.
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
- 12:30 PM Esther Circle Picnic – Wiltse Center
- 6:30 PM Worship Committee – Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Trustees – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY **August 9, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ'
Unity Concert – Free Night

THURSDAY **August 10, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
- 7:00 PM Ruth Circle – Ryder Lounge
Unity Concert

FRIDAY **August 11, 2017**

- 12:00 PM Second Friday Lunch Group – The Stable Inn. Please RSVP to Elaine Bradford at 616-847-8550 by Wednesday, August 9.
Unity Concert

SATURDAY **August 12, 2017**

- Unity Concert

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PAGE 1

OPEN MINDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS: WELCOME to the Church of the Dunes. If you are a first-time visitor or a life-long member, we want you to feel at home in the circle of God's love. This is a place where all who come in the name of Christ are welcome. Please take time to note the persons sitting near you. If you see a new-comer in your pew, welcome them and invite them to the coffee hour. If a regular attender is missing, send them a card, or give them a phone call when you get home. When we pass the friendship pads, take time to put names and faces together. "For there is no longer Jew or Greek, male or female, slave or free, for we are all one in Christ Jesus."

MEET & GREET SIGN UP TODAY: If you are interested in attending a Meet & Greet with Pastor Lou please sign up during Coffee Fellowship in the Wiltse Center between services today. There are a few open dates for the end of August: August 27 at 5 p.m., August 28 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and August 29 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will also be September dates available. You may call Vicki Reis at 616-607-2099 to sign up.

FROM THE SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE: We are encouraging everyone to use the main entrance, by the offices, during the week. Please observe the signage that is posted. We are looking to enhance our security and provide better foot traffic efficiency. During the Sunday events, the regular entrances will be utilized.

NEW MAGNETIC NAME BADGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE. If you would like a new one, please place your old badge in the basket below the name badge racks in the back of Cry Room or write your name on the list next to the basket. For those who have requested new name badges during the past few weeks, your new one may be found in the rack. An alphabetical listing including badge numbers may be found in the notebook on a table near the name badge rack.

DONATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED: Hope House and Harbor Hall have several graduates that will be moving soon. All of them are in need of dishes, pans, silverware, towels, linens, and other household items. Small items may be placed in the Love in Action closet in the Cry Room. If you have larger items to donate please contact Joyce & Bruce at 616-846-7868.

THE NEWLY SEEDED AREAS OF OUR LAWN NEED FREQUENT WATERING THROUGHOUT THE DAY. Please excuse any inconvenience this may cause as you are entering or exiting the church during the next few weeks.

FAMILY PROMISE: Beginning August 20 Church of the Dunes will be hosting Family Promise. We expect to have 4 guest families. If you haven't taken the opportunity to participate in this very rewarding mission now is your chance. We need *overnight hosts, meal preparers & dinner hosts, drivers, help setting up and cleaning up* after our hosting week, plus some funds (mostly for gas). See the sign-up sheets on the Family Promise bulletin board near the office. Please contact Dave Hoffman at 616-847-8438 if you have questions.

ACTIVITIES INTEREST FORMS (aka Service Commitment Form) will be sent via email beginning August 15. Forms will be available at both entrances to the Sanctuary beginning on August 20. It would be greatly appreciated if the completed forms are returned by Sunday, September 17. This will give adequate time to prepare for the coming year. A new process is being put in place so everyone will be contacted for each activity they have indicated an interest in.

THE DUNESMEN (MEN OF THE CHURCH OF THE DUNES AND GUESTS) have a special event coming up on Monday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Don Lipfert will be serving a homemade German dinner and his grandson, Justin, will be our speaker. Justin will share his experiences as a musher doing the grueling almost one-thousand-mile-long Iditarod sled dog race in Alaska. Justin is in town this summer with his lead dog. Please call or email Dale Zurakowski (616-414-7021 or zbleedgreen@gmail.com) or Al Kochanowski (616-446-0562 or alkochjr@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

THE MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: will be meeting on Monday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge. The book, *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe (UMW book) is available in the church office for check out. Please be sure to return the book by the evening of the meeting.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating

Received July 30

\$6,915

2017 Weekly Average

\$10,009

Weekly Attendance

Last Week: 259

Last Year: 293

NEW LOCATION FOR FAITHLINKS DISCUSSION GROUP: We are now meeting in the lower level, Room 4. Anyone and everyone are welcome to join us any time.

LEGO FAITH BUILDERS: All Kindergarten-entering 6th graders are invited to join us as we learn we are designed like LEGOS: built for connecting to God and People. Discover God's great love and calling for each of us—through Bible stories and creative LEGO build time. LEGO Faith Builders runs all summer long (June-August) in the Wiltse Center during second service.

SUPPER HOUSE UPDATE: Last Friday, July 28th, our youth group swooped in to Supper House and served 100 guests. They did an excellent job hosting. The youth volunteers were Caleb, Grant, Sofia, Noah, Olivia, Claire, and Riley. Parental support was from Kelly Grilley, Jen Taylor, and Rick Clapp. Scot Carpenter, Bill Chappell, and Edo Mestrom were helping as well. Last month, June 23rd, we hosted serving 110 guests. The volunteers were Darlene Graska, Jim and Mary Merritt, Don Woodward, Debbie and Dan Starkey, Gail and Harold Merz, Dorothy Corradi, Alice Furst, Jo and Jerry Harvey, Sandee and Roger Klop, Herm Tanis, Elizabeth Dales, and Katja Mestrom. Your time committed to this wonderful ministry is appreciated by those we serve. The next date we host is Friday, August 25.

UMCOR SCHOOL BAGS PROGRESS REPORT: We are collecting school supplies for UMCOR school bags again this year. Our goal is 140 bags—more than we have collected in past years! Please help by buying supplies and leaving them in the box near the office. Questions? Contact Anna Cox or Gayle Cox at 850-0899.

School Kit Materials: **1 pair blunt scissors rounded tip only**, no plastic scissors, please (23 pairs donated so far). **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 (15 sets have been donated to date). **1 hand-held pencil sharpener**, must be at least 1 inch long; remove from packaging (37 have been donated). **1 30-centimeter ruler**, hard or flexible; cartoon characters are acceptable; no advertisements please (we have 34). **6 unsharpened pencils**, no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please; cartoon characters are acceptable (48 sets have been donated already). **1 2-inch or larger-size eraser**, no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please; cartoon characters are acceptable (we have 74!). **1 24-count box of crayons**, only 24-count boxes, please (57 boxes have been donated).

DISCIPLE IV CLASSES TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 13, 2017: If you are interested in participating in this in depth study and a meaningful small group experience that will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings and also at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings (two separate groups), please sign up on the Adult Ministries bulletin board located in the hallway by the offices. Study manuals normally cost \$40, but the sale price of \$34 has been extended through the month of August. The phrase "under the tree of life" conveys the promise of finding shelter, security, and rest in God's love. In this 32-week study of the Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and finally, Revelation, participants will see the entire process of living toward final completion of rest and reward. See Barry Kram or Jan Stuart for more information or if you have questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE WORSHIP AUDIO/VIDEO MINISTRY. Training will be provided for our new, easy-to-use sound board. This vital ministry provides sound during Sunday morning worship services, DVD recordings of the service for those unable to attend worship and/or those who would like to re-watch the service, and the ability to post the recorded sermons online and reach anyone with access to the internet (we're on YouTube!) If you have any interest of feel called to learn more, please contact Pete Hicks at hicks_pete@yahoo.com or 616-994-9520.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" may be placed on the backside of our blue Response Cards, which are available at the Information/Welcome Center in the narthex. You may also call the church office on or before Thursday at 9:00 a.m. each week or e-mail your request to 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 flowers on the altar are presented by Bette DeVito in honor/memory of Ben DeVito's August 5 birthday.

Many thanks to all for making my birthday so special. Again, this year, God allowed me another birthday and I'm thankful for that! I'm also thankful for having such wonderful friends that send me birthday wishes through cards, lunches, phone calls and my special friend who always sends me beautiful flowers. Thanks so much. You all make me SMILE. Love, Bonnie Buckley

Thank you to all of those who sent birthday wishes to me. They meant a great deal! Jane Toot

Dear Friends, thanks so much for the many cards, email greetings, and lovely floral arrangement to help me celebrate my 90th birthday. I am so blessed to be a part of the Dunes family. Love to all, Carol Rolph

We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and visits for Nola's recent hospital stay. We would especially like to thank Pastor Eldon for his visits to Holland and his prayers for Mom. Nola is now home and recovering well. The Boyce family.

Ruth Kelly wants the congregation know how much she appreciates being remembered with cards, visits and prayers from her church family. Ruth is convalescing at Heartwood Lodge at this time.

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: August 7-Kennan Albaugh (9 yrs.); 10-Dawn Scott; 11-Leeah Cole (10 yrs.), Tom Hanson, Karen Kochanowski, Joyce Lynas (92 yrs.); 12-Daniel Houle, Gabriel Houseman (12 yrs.), Morgan Yost (7 yrs.).

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Shesler Hall, Sioux City, Iowa; and Nancy Augusta Carew, missionary.

DEADLINES: Bulletins-Wednesdays at 3 p.m.; Dunes Digest Newsletter-the 15th day of each month.

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

NEED A HELPING ELBOW? Ushers and/or Greeters would love to lend you a supportive elbow, wheelchair, walker, or umbrella if it would make the walk from the parking lot to the sanctuary more comfortable and safe for you on Sunday mornings. Please stop by the Information Center (Welcome Center) to pick up a colorful card with the umbrella logo pictured here. Place it in your car in a window visible to the church's main entrance and a Greeter or Usher will come out to assist you. If you cannot pick up a card from church, or to request assistance ahead of time, please call the church office by noon on Friday with your name, which service you will attend, and car make and color, and we will make arrangements.

PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE IS VIDEO-TAPED and the sermon only is posted for later viewing on our church website. Every effort is made to focus our camera only on the pastor. On very rare occasions, persons seated near the front of the church may appear in this sermon video. We do not have the time or facility to edit out these images. If you have objections to inadvertently appearing in a sermon video that will be posted on the church website, we would encourage you to find seats toward the back of the sanctuary. 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.