

When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine...
in God's own time and God's own way.



**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2017**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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Epistle Reading

Romans 8:26-29

(NT page 148 in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Good News for the People of God

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

More than...

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.

Call to Prayer

Spirit of the Living God

** (red book) No. 393

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Pastoral and 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.

Offertory

• **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

** (red book) No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

• **Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, receive our gifts and our lives. Cause all of these blessings to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us for safekeeping. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

Sending Forth

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

• **Closing Hymn**

It Is Well with My Soul

(red book) No.377

• **Benediction and Chimes**

• **Postlude**

Thank you to Kassidy Bush and Raechel Dunne for providing our special music this morning. Both Raechel and Kassidy are members of the Church of the Dunes Youth Choir, Carillon Ringers handbell choir and Youth Group. Both are also in choir at school.

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Sunday, July 30, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Marion Fitch (10:30) Bron Kram

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Herm & Karen Tanis, Roger & Sandee Klop
(10:30) Craig Weisenauer, Neal Miller

Greeters: (8:30) Ken & Mary Steele (10:30) Terry & Nancy Minor

Welcome Center: (8:30) Don & Jan Lipfert (10:30) Bruce & Joyce Bowling

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Madalyn Hanson

Coffee Fellowship: Marilyn Balcom, Al & Karen Kochanowski

Sunday, August 6, 2017

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

Organist: Marna Jeffery

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

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:

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Covenant Missionaries.....	Rev. Nkemba & Mbwizu Ndjungu and Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY **July 30, 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 “Environment, Politics & Faith” – **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
- 2:30 PM Service at Robbinswood led by Herm Tanis
- 5:00 PM Meet and Greet – Ryder Lounge

MONDAY **July 31, 2017**

- 9:15 AM Golf League at Crestview Golf Club
- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
- 1:00 PM Caregivers – Ryder Lounge

TUESDAY **August 1, 2017**

- 6:30 PM UMW Board Meeting – Wiltse Center

WEDNESDAY **August 2, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ’
Coast Guard Pipe Band rehearsing in parking lot

THURSDAY **August 3, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
- 7:00 PM Mary Circle – Ryder Lounge
Coast Guard Pipe Band rehearsing in parking lot

FRIDAY **August 4, 2017**

- Coast Guard Pipe Band rehearsing in parking lot
- Set up for Dignitary Brunch – Wiltse Center

SATURDAY **August 5, 2017**

- 8:00 AM-Noon Coast Guard Dignitary Brunch – Wiltse Center and Kitchen
Coast Guard Festival Parade – Downtown Grand Haven

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.

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.

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.

COMMUNION PREPARERS AND SERVERS ARE NEEDED FOR AUGUST 6. Please consider helping and head to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4eaea82caaf94-umcdunes> to select a time and job you'd like to do. You may contact Lori Koons with questions or to volunteer.

BOOK MISSING FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY: "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schwalbe. This book is from the United Methodist Women's Reading List book cart and is needed for the Monday Night Book Group. This book was not checked out so please look on your shelves and around your house, then return it to the church for others to use.

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.

The Invitation & Welcome Committee wishes to thank those who volunteered to greet while pictures were being taken for the pictorial Church Directory.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating

2017 Weekly Average

\$10,171

Weekly Attendance

Last Week: 430

Last Year: 280

MONDAY NIGHT BOOK DISCUSSION: On Monday, August 28, we will be discussing *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe (UMW book) at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge.

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.

THIS EVENING WORSHIP ON THE WATERFRONT WELCOMES THE CITY HARMONIC to the Grand Haven Waterfront Stadium from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The City Harmonic is an eclectic group of musicians and church leaders collected from small, local churches. The heart and line up of the group was fused through the sweat, joy and tears of urban mission – uniting churches as a whole. There is no cost, nor any tickets needed to attend W.O.W. A free will offering will be taken. Check out our website at www.worshiponthewaterfront.org. Any question? Call 616-842-6600.

A MISSION OPPORTUNITY: We will be 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. **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**, must be at least 1 inch long; 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.

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 cost \$40. 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.

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 Leta Henrickson in memory of loved ones.

Dear Pastor Lou, Pastor Eldon, Women's Circles, and Friends at the Church of the Dunes: Thank you very much for all of the lovely cards, notes, and flowers received in celebration of my birthday! All contributed to making the day very special for me. I think of my many friends at Church of the Dunes often and feel blessed by your continued friendship and prayers. Sincerely, Ethel Kelly

To my church and friends, we thank you for the many cards; birthday, get-well & sympathy, that you showered on Roger and me during his hospital and hospice ordeal. We're grateful for the almost daily support and comfort given by Pastor Eldon. Phyllis and Dan Simmons

A big "thank you" for all the wonderful cards, phone calls, emails and treats I received for my birthday. This is a very special church that I am so blessed to be a part of. Love & Prayers, Bev Parrott

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: July 31- Ilene Hovey, Ron Meschke; August 1: Carol Barnhill, Joan Mattson, Judith Ryan, Bonnie VanderMolen; 2-Bill Cansfield, Vicki Fritsma; 3-Lesley Olson (91 yrs.), Christine Olson Kieft, Eber Sheffield, Karla Wischmeyer; 5-Bill Kelly, Carol Kirchner; 6-Robert Walsh.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Ruth M. Smith Center, Sheffield, Pennsylvania; and Mel Yan Lam, 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.

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.