



**Sixth Sunday of Easter/Graduation Sunday  
May 21, 2017**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES**

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# Ascension Sunday Graduation Recognition

May 21, 2017

8:30 am and 10:30 am

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## 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.*

### Welcome

### Prelude

### *Finlandia*

Sibelius

Eric Moerland-piano

### • Call to Worship\*\*\*

Leader: Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

**People: We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!**

Leader: But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

**People: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.**

Leader: Let's get to work!

**People: Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!**

Leader: Amen

**People: AMEN!**

### • Hymn of Praise

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

(red book) No.702

### Recognition of Our Graduating High School Seniors

**Blessing of Graduates** (Parents are invited to come up front to “lay hands on” their graduate.) (unison prayer) ***God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless Alex and Eric as they move on from high school. We thank you for those who taught them, mentored them, and learned alongside them, and who supported them along the way. Walk with them as they leave the familiarity of home and community to new places of learning and service. Take away any anxiety about the future and give them instead the steadiness and resolve of faith in you. Give them the courage to ask questions, and the openness to hear answers, moving them beyond conventional wisdom into new vistas of insight. Lead them by your light, fill them with your grace, and may those to whom love is a stranger find in them generous friendship you share with us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## Sharing the Word

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

### The First Scripture Reading

**Revelation 21:1- 8, 22-27**

(NT page 241 in the pew Bible)

### Anthem

### **A Round of Praise**

Helman

Carillon Ringers

### Time for the Child in All of Us

Pastor Jack

*Nursery for children Y5'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-5<sup>th</sup> will be lead to their CIW rooms downstairs.*

*Parents, please pick up your children at 12:15 from their rooms downstairs.*

**Faith Brought to Life**  
**Informal Moments**

Paul Martin

*Please be sure to sign the friendship pad as it is passed along your row and then pass it back.*

- Hymn **Swing Low, Sweet Chariot** (red book) No. 703
- The Second Scripture Reading **Acts 1:1-14** (NT page 112 in the pew Bible)  
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God  
All: **Thanks be to God**
- Sermon **Is Jesus Coming Again, or What?** Dr. John E. Harnish

**Response to the Word**

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

**Response to God's Word** **Everywhere I Go** Ingram, Mabury, & Timmons/ arr. Haschek & Galbraith  
Youth Choir with Alex Houseman-soloist, Aidan Martin-guitar, & Weston Taylor-cajon

**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** **Menuett** Kuhlau/arr. Buchtel  
Isabelle Houseman-saxophone

- Doxology **Maker, in Whom We Live** **\*\***(red book) No. 88; vs. 4  
**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.  
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.**

- Prayer of Dedication\*\*\*\*

**To our graduates, may God's blessing follow you all as you find new journeys to travel. May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams'. May His gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you follow. May your hearts and lives always reflect His love and truth, and may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day. AMEN.**

**Sending Forth**

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

- Hymn of Dedication **Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above** (red book) No. 709
- Benediction and Chimes
- Postlude **Trumpet Tune** Swann

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**Sunday, May 21, 2017 Graduation Sunday**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Alex Houseman (10:30) Alex Houseman  
**Children In Worship:** Laura Burns, Nate & Susan Gerona, Carin Snider, Linda Taylor  
**Ushers:** (8:30) John North, Susan Klooster, Bill Chappell, Denver Todd  
(10:30) Jim Schuitman, Greg Poulson, Elizabeth Dales, Gary Erickson  
**Greeters:** (8:30) Ron & Carol Kirchner (10:30) Darlene Ogle  
**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Tom & Jackie Laughlin (10:30) Rog & Gail Smart  
**Nursery:** Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Sue Hafner, Ron & Carol Kirchner

**Sunday, May 28, 2017 Memorial Day Weekend**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Sandee Klop (10:30) Donna Budzenski  
**Ushers:** (8:30) John North, Susan Klooster, Bill Chappell, Jim Alguire  
(10:30) Jim Schuitman, Greg Poulson, Elizabeth Dales, Doug Mitchell  
**Greeters:** (8:30) Herm & Karen Tanis (10:30) Denny & Jan Stuart  
**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Barry & Bron Kram (10:30) Darlene Graska  
**Nursery:** Karen Aspenson, Kelly Grilley  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Harold & Gail Merz, Theron & Bonnie Stone (65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**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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## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 21, 2017</u></b>	<b><u>Graduation Sunday</u></b>
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Nursery Care (for children ages 0-5 years) – Nursery	
8:30 AM	Worship Service – Sanctuary (Children Ages 5-5 <sup>th</sup> grade may use a worship bag found in the Cry Room)	
9:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center	
9:30 AM	Tech Meeting – Room 13/14	
9:45 AM	*Faithlink Discussion Group “Biodiversity” – Library	
10:30 AM	Worship Service – Sanctuary	
10:45-12:15 AM	Children in Worship – Rooms 8,9,11,12 (last day for CIW)	
11:30 AM	*Ray VanderLaan Series – LL 13/14	
11:30 AM	*BBQ Book Discussion Group – Library	
11:45 AM	*Parenting Discussion – Wiltse Center	
12:30 PM	CIW Luncheon – Ryder Lounge	
6:00-8:00 PM	Youth Group Picnic at Pottawatomie Park	
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 22, 2017</u></b>	
9:30 AM	Golf League at Crestview Golf Club	
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread	
1:00 PM	Caregivers – Ryder Lounge	
6:30 PM	Lion Den – Room 6	
6:30 PM	North Sanctuary Corner Reserved for Connie Widdis	
7:00 PM	Book Review – Ryder Lounge	
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 23, 2017</u></b>	
10:00 AM	Coffee & Kids – Nursery	
8:30 AM	Old Fogies – Lower Parking Lot – Use Grant Street entrance. Bring shrubbery trimming tools, leaf rakes and extension cords. A generator will be available.	
6:30 PM	Wolf Den – Room 6	
7:00 PM	Special Church Conference – Ryder Lounge	
7:15 PM	Church Council – Ryder Lounge	
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 24, 2017</u></b>	
9:00 AM	Morning Coffee – Russ’	
9:30 AM	Bible Study Group – JOHN: The Gospel of Light, Life & Love-The Movie – Ryder Lounge	
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir – Choir Loft	
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 25, 2017</u></b>	
9:30 AM	Weight Watchers – Social Hall	
1:00 PM	Friends – Ryder Lounge	
6:00 PM	Bear Den – Room 10	
6:30 PM	Tiger Den – Room 6	
7:00 PM	20-Somethings Bible Study – Library	
7:00 PM	Creativity, The Arts, and God – Social Hall	
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 26, 2017</u></b>	
3:00-6:00 PM	UMCD serves at Supper House	
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 27, 2017</u></b>	
8-10:00 AM	Boy Scout Troop 246 Pancake Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge in Grand Haven	

**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.

## **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...**and wear your name tag.** "For there is no longer Jew or Greek, male or female, slave or free, for we are all one in Christ Jesus."

**SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE, MAY 23, 7:00 P.M.:** The first item of business for the Church Council meeting on Tuesday, May 23 will be a "Special Church Conference" for the purpose of approving the compensation package for our new pastor. All church members have voice and vote in a church conference. Following this action, the Church Council will proceed with their regular agenda.

**HOT TOPICS DROP-IN DISCUSSION GROUP, SUNDAY MORNINGS, 11:45 – 12:15 P.M., WILTSE CENTER -** Join other parents and facilitator Val Martin in the Wiltse Center for discussion on current faith issues and events from resources such as FaithLink and Greater Good. We will be meeting today and May 28.

**COFFEE AND KIDS PLAYDATE.** Stay-at-home or flextime moms and dads – you are invited to join other parents and kids Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. in our nursery. Bring your kids for fellowship and friendship with other parents. I'll have the coffee pot on (or bring a cup of your favorite blend). I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday mornings—invite a friend to join us! Questions? Contact Laura Burns at [lburns@umcdunes.org](mailto:lburns@umcdunes.org).

**CAREGIVERS** will meet on **MONDAY**, May 22 at 1:00 pm in the Ryder Lounge due to the last Monday falling on Memorial Day.

**CALLING ALL PRESCHOOL-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHILDREN!** You are invited to our **Maker Fun Factory VBS** on Sunday, June 25 – Thursday, June 29. We are co-hosting at Second Reformed Church (1000 Waverly). Family style dinner served at 5:15 p.m. and VBS runs from 6:00-8:20 p.m. The cost is free! Reserve your spot and t-shirt size today at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/2ndgh>. You are designed by God and built for a purpose. You won't want to miss this fun, creative, and hands-on Vacation Bible School. Sign-up today and invite a friend to join you! Contact Laura Burns [lburns@umcdunes.org](mailto:lburns@umcdunes.org).

**THE CHURCH OF THE DUNES WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE OUR TRADITION OF RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS.** There are plaques on the back wall of the sanctuary containing the names of our members who have served in the armed forces. If you would like to have your name added to a plaque, are a member of the church, and a veteran, please submit in writing: your name, branch of service, and dates of active service. The request can be turned into the church office or given to Barry Kram. A nameplate will be made and added within a few weeks. Thank you.

**HUNGER SUNDAY:** May 28 is Hunger Sunday. This month's Hunger Offering will go to The Salvation Army. Please make your check payable to Church of the Dunes.

**MAY MISSION MOMENT:** On Sunday, May 28 a special offering will be collected for Supper House. Doug Hughes will be speaking to us about Supper House during worship. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletin on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Dunes. You may write "Supper House" on the memo line of your check.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:** Sunday, May 28 from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Wiltse Center.

### **PARKING LOT UPDATE:**

- All asphalt and concrete to be removed was removed last week.
- Sod was removed from area for proposed drop off drive.
- The week of May 22 contractor will install the underground storm sewer system and start grading for asphalt and concrete.
- Please continue to use lower parking lot during the week days and be prepared to use lower lot during evening meetings depending on what contractor does during the day.
- Upper lot will be usable temporarily next Sunday with rough graded gravel.

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

<b><u>Weekly Receipts</u></b>	<b>Received May 14</b>	<b>2017 Weekly Average</b>
For Operating Expenses	\$10,744	\$10,116
<b><u>Weekly Attendance</u></b>	Last Week: 374	Last Year: 358

**16-20 FOOT TRAILER NEEDED:** The children want to build a float for the Children's Coast Guard Parade on July 29. We need your help! Do you have a trailer we could borrow from July 17-31? Or do you have a building where we can build and store our float? To help out or learn more contact Larry Fitch ([marionirish@icloud.com](mailto:marionirish@icloud.com)) or Gynell Schaner ([gynellschaner@yahoo.com](mailto:gynellschaner@yahoo.com)).

**SPIRITUAL HEALING/LAYING ON OF HANDS:** Open Hearts and Open Minds accept God's ENORMOUS LOVE as seen in Jesus's life and resurrection. Open Doors and Open Hands invite everyone to experience God's love and healing for body, mind and spirit! N. Sanctuary Corner is open most days and early evenings. Contacts: [pastor@umcdunes.org](mailto:pastor@umcdunes.org) (616-842-7980, Ext. 22) or [conniewiddis@gmail.com](mailto:conniewiddis@gmail.com) (616-846-8465).

**JOHN: THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT, LIFE & LOVE – THE MOVIE:** May 24<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am, Ryder Lounge  
ALL are welcome to join together for the viewing of the powerful & widely acclaimed motion picture of the story of Jesus as portrayed in the Gospel of John. This movie played for 5 years straight at a Grand Rapids theater. Whole congregations would come together.

### Our 2017 High School Graduates



Alex Houseman son of Ted and Sara Houseman, brother to Isabelle (15) and Gabe (11). Alex is graduating from Grand Haven High School and will be attending Western Michigan University in the fall and will be majoring in History. Extracurricular activities during high school include: Model U.N., chess club, founder & president of the causal club, youth group and youth choir, volunteering and working at Panera. Alex enjoys reading, collecting military material, poetry, collecting flags, and collecting model trains. He received a History Fellowship Award from WMU, Academic Varsity Letter and Academic Honors Pins, and Boys State Alumni. Alex loves to help people. He likes to think critically. He has a passion for history as well as diplomacy and fairness towards all. He plans to become a history teacher or professor. Life Motto: "I shall either find a way or make one" –Hannibal Barca



Eric Moerland son of Melissa and Michael and brother to Jessica (21). Eric is a graduate of Grand Haven High School. He participated in band, choir, orchestra, and Science Olympiad. Eric's hobbies include Instrumental music, vocal music, piano, rocketry, aviation, and aero/astronautics. He received top honors, presidential scholarship, academic merit pin, clarinet section leader, and National Honors Society. His passion is anything and everything related to aeronautics and aviation, and piano music. This summer he plans to recover from four years of high school. In the fall Eric will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida. Life Motto: "Hope for the best, prepare for the worst."

## 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](mailto: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 Michelle DeVito in honor of our high school graduates Alex Houseman and Eric Moerland.

We have been so uplifted and awed by all the prayers, visits, flowers, cards, condolences, and love we have received from our church family at this difficult time of loss. Thank you so very much. Don & Diana Adams

To all my friends that wished me Happy Birthday on Facebook and by cards, thank you very much. It is truly a blessing to have such wonderful friends. T. Stone

CHURCH MEMBERS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: May 23-Janet Joiner, Roger Tharp; 24-Ruth Hanson, Susan Klooster, Keegan O'Donnell (16 yrs.), Katherine Stahl, Daniel Starkey Jr.; 25-Samantha Huyler (16 yrs.); 26-Diana Adams, Virginia Moser, Catherine Tousley; 27-Bonnie DeNardo; 28-Terrie Criner, Eldon Eldred.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Moore Community House, Biloxi, Mississippi; and John Elmore, missionary.

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

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

**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.

**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 or feel called to learn more, please contact Pete Hicks at [hicks\\_pete@yahoo.com](mailto:hicks_pete@yahoo.com) or 616-994-9520.