

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control



**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2017**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 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.

Invitation to Worship

Prelude

- **Call to Worship**

Written by Joanna Harader

Leader: Though we may be inclined to brag, let us come together with humility.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

People: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

Leader: In humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity,

ALL: Let us worship the God who has called us together.

- **Hymn of Praise**

I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

(red book) No. 333

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Creator God, You are at once powerful and gentle. We know that Your words formed us. Remind us that our words help to form others--our spouses, our children, and even our co-workers.

Forgive us for times our conversations have been too coarse, our words cutting, instead of healing. Teach us to receive the balm of Your mercy and apply the balm of Your grace. Help us to know that we cannot receive that which we are unwilling to offer. So we ask for Your forgiveness, knowing that the full measure of life in Your mercy is experienced most completely when we offer that forgiveness to others. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

- **Gloria**

Glory Be to the Father

** (red book) No. 70

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.

Anthem

Prayer

Humperdinck/Linker and McFadden

Bells of Glory

Sharing the Word

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

Informal Moments

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—Toddlers-Young 5's may attend Bible Friends in the Nursery.

10:30—Children in Kindergarten-5th grades will be lead to their CIW rooms (8,9,11,12) downstairs.

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

- **Hymn of Illumination** ***Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*** (red book) No. 500

Scripture Reading **I Thessalonians 2:1-8** (NT page 190 in the pew Bible)

Ephesians 4:1-7 (NT page 182 in the pew Bible)

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

**Character Wanted:
Meeked**

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.*

(10:30) Youth (6th-12th grades) dismissed for Sunday School

Call to Prayer

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*(black book) No. 2120

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,

Blow through the wilderness calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

Stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

Pastoral and 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.

Offertory

- **Doxology** ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** **(red book) No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- **Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Creator God,

As we bring our gifts to You, we are conscious that we have enough and to spare. Help us in all our giving to remember the needs of others and use the gifts You have provided to spread Your love through our community and world. Amen.

Sending Forth

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

- Hymn of Dedication

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

(red book) No. 382

- Benediction and Chimes

- Postlude

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Sunday, November 12, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Robert Mann (10:30) Dave Hoffman

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Bob Whipkey, Jerry Harvey, Rich Welch, Margaret Cook
(10:30) Roger Tharp, Rick Turner, Edward Snider

Greeters: (8:30) Harold & Gail Merz (10:30) Jeff & Martha Alexander

Welcome Center: (8:30) Dale & Pam Zurakowski (10:30) Bev Parrott & Riley Evans

CIW: Pam Zurakowski, Justin/Teracia Graegin, Carin Snider, Gynell Schaner

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Madalyn Hanson

Coffee Fellowship: Richard & Karen Hanby, Tom & Mary Kay Alguire

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Sandee Klop (10:30) Jan Lipfert

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Bob Whipkey, Jerry Harvey, Rich Welch, Margaret Cook
(10:30) Roger Tharp, Rick Turner, Edward Snider, Jane Brown

Greeters: (8:30) Jim & Mary Merritt (10:30) Ray & Mary Larned

Welcome Center: (8:30) Dick & Shirley Good (10:30) Darlene Graska

CIW: Gay Cole, Amanda Nixon, Jennifer Taylor, Alissa/Brandon Steury

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

Coffee Fellowship: Roger & Bonnie VanderMolen, Bob & Emily Jensen

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

SUNDAY **November 12, 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
9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group “Sexual Harassment and Assault” – Room 4 downstairs. Visitors are always welcome to attend this group.
9:45-10:15AM Carillon Ringers – Choir Loft
9:45 AM Visitation Meeting – Sanctuary Overflow
10:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:45 AM-12:15 PM Children in Worship (Kindergarten-5th Grade) – Rooms 8/9 & 11/12 downstairs
11:15 AM-12:15 PM Youth Sunday School – 9th-12th grades in the Youth Room, 6th-8th grades in the Pit (Room 7)
11:30 AM BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
11:30 AM Ray Vander Laan Series – LL 13/14
11:30 AM-12:15 PM Parenting Discussion Group - Wiltse Center
12:15-1:00 PM Youth Choir – Choir Room
1:00-6:00 PM Quilt Guild Workshop – Wiltse Center
6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group – Wiltse Center & Youth Room

MONDAY **November 13, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Mom's Club – Nursery
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
10:00 AM-4:00 PM Quilt Workshop – Wiltse Center
6:00 PM Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center
6:00 PM Dunesmen – Social Hall
6:00 PM Youth Council – Conference Room
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY **November 14, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Old Fogies – Leaf removal at the church, bring rakes, tarps and blowers
11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
1:00 PM Esther Circle – Ryder Lounge
6:30 PM Worship Committee – Conference Room
7:00 PM Trustees – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY **November 15, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Communion – Sanctuary
9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ' Restaurant
9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge
5:15-6:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper (Beef Walking Tacos) – Social Hall
6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room
6:00 PM Disciple IV – Room 10
6:00-7:15 PM The Apostle's Creed Advent Study led by Pastor Eldon – Ryder Lounge
6:00-7:00 PM Jr. Singers/Chimers – Choir Loft/Choir Room
6:00-7:00 PM Youth Small Groups – Youth Room
6:00-7:00 PM Child Care (for children birth-1st grade) – Nursery
6:00 PM Present Over Perfect – 13/14
7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **November 16, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Craft Circle – Ryder Lounge
9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
1:00 PM Friends – Ryder Lounge
6:30 PM Adult Council – Conference Room
6:30 PM Pack Meeting – Wiltse Center
7:00 PM Creativity, the Arts, and God – Social Hall

FRIDAY **November 17, 2017** **Pastor Lou's day off**

- 5:00-10:00 PM Youth Group Pie Baking – Wiltse Center & Kitchen

SATURDAY **November 18, 2017**

- 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Youth Group Pie Baking – Wiltse Center & Kitchen (*or until the pies are finished)
11:00 AM Service for Karen Hodge – Sanctuary

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 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."

THANKSGIVING PIE TIME! The youth are selling homemade apple, Dutch apple, cherry, and pumpkin pies for \$10. The youth will be taking orders between services in the Wiltse Center or see Ashley Boersma to order or with any questions! The pies will be ready the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

MEETING FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN CALLING ON HOMEBOUND MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE DUNES: in the Sanctuary today at 9:45 am in the overflow area of the Sanctuary. See Alice Furst or Pastor Eldon with any questions.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY: Our fourth Brown Bag Sunday for 2017 will be held on November 19 to replenish the food pantry at the Salvation Army. We will be distributing bags and shopping lists after both services today. Please take a bag or two, fill them up, and return them on or before the 19th.

ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, DR. KENNETH PIERS WILL BE SPEAKING TO THE DUNESMEN. Dr. Piers is a Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Calvin College. During the last twenty or so years of his forty-nine year career at Calvin he has taught and spoken extensively on issues of climate change, energy resources, care of the earth, and achieving a sustainable civilization. He will address the question of why there is so much confusion in the public mind about climate change. Second, he will present a brief review of where the earth currently stands in the progression of climate change. Last, he will present a proposal prepared by the Citizen's Climate Lobby, a non-partisan grassroots national organization in which it may be possible for humans in this nation and across the world to find common ground.

OLD FOGIES: Meet at the church on Tuesday, November 14 at 8:30 am for leaf removal. Please bring rakes, tarps and leaf blowers.

CHERUB FAMILIES: The Cherub Choir will **not** be singing during worship on November 26.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: The Dunesmen (United Methodist Men) will once again host the annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Wiltse Center on Sunday, November 19 beginning at 5:30 pm. This invitation goes out to all who attend Church of The Dunes, and your relatives and friends. The Dunesmen will provide turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls and beverages. If possible, please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. A free will offering will be taken to help support the Men's projects for next year. We will provide a take-out container for bringing a meal home to your loved one. We look forward to seeing you as we come together as a church family enjoying fellowship and thanking God for all the gifts he has given us this past year. Please call Vaughn Umphrey at 616-846-3329 if you have questions.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED BY ADAM HAMILTON: Join us on Wednesdays in the Ryder Lounge, 6 pm-7 pm as Pastor Eldon Eldred leads us in this powerful Advent Study of the truths and deeper meanings found in the Apostles' Creed that relate to us today. No books needed. Handouts given at each class. Open to all weekly!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST-Thursday, November 23 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 406 E. Savidge Street, Spring Lake from 12:00-3:00 pm. Come and enjoy a home-cooked traditional "family style" Thanksgiving dinner. If you would like to have a meal delivered to you, please call 616-842-1702 by Wednesday, November 22. Meal deliveries will be made between 12:00-1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day.

THE MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: will be meeting on Monday, November 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge to discuss *We Were the Mulvaneys* by Joyce Carol Oats. Everyone is welcome on the fourth Monday of each month. This group is led by Gayle Cox.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

2017 Weekly Average

\$10,034

Weekly Attendance

Last Week: 353

Last Year: 325

UMW CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2017: Once again the United Methodist Women are preparing for our wonderful Advent program, Christmas By Candlelight. This event is for all women of the church and includes young women in grades 5-12. As in the past, Bev Parrott will be taking the reservations and organizing the tables and hostesses. If you are interested in attending, you may call Bev at 616-842-8781 with your reservation. Please leave your name and a message for Bev. If you would like to be a hostess for a table, your responsibility is to decorate the table, provide table service and dessert. You may invite your own guests to your table or you can let Bev seat guests at your table as she receives reservations. If you decide to invite your own guests, please provide Bev with a list of those guests as soon as possible. Just a word of clarification: **this is not an invitation only event.** Every woman in the church is invited to make her own reservation. Please see the reservation sheet included in today's bulletin. The deadline for reservations is Monday, November 27.

NAME TAGS: If you would like a new magnetic name tag, please write your name on the list on the clipboard on the table in the Cry Room near the name tag rack. Once your name tag has been completed you may find it on or near the clipboard. Please allow up to two weeks for your name tag to be completed. An alphabetical listing including name tag numbers may be found in the notebook located in the Cry Room.

A COAT DRIVE IS BEING HELD for students of Mary A. White Elementary in Grand Haven. Cards with specific donation requests are available at the Welcome Center. Brandon Steury will be in the Wiltse Center between services this morning to answer questions and to hand out donation request cards. You may also contact Brandon at 616-422-3378 for more information.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: The dates of the Journey this year are December 7, 8, and 9. Tickets available on-line at www.journey2bethlehem.com. A cast rehearsal meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12 at Second Reformed Church. Set construction will take place on December 2 & 3 at 8:30 am. Set takedown will be at 8:30 am on Sunday, December 10. Cookie donations and families to play the holy family are still needed.

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 Wednesday 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 Mike and JoAnn Anthes in memory of Mary & Oscar Anthes and Elsie & John Dostal.

The flowers in the window this morning are from the wedding of BJ Joyner & Robin Mokma on November 11.

I want to say thank you to Eldon for the hospital visit and to everyone for the flowers, cards, prayers, phone calls. Thanks also for the prayer shawl and all the encouragement after my shoulder surgery. What a wonderful church family. Joyce Bowling

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the beautiful flowers I received after my knee surgery, and for the many, many cards and well wishes and prayers that I have received. It sure is wonderful to know that so many people care about me. Belonging to the Church of the Dunes is a wonderful and uplifting experience. I am doing very well post op and am looking forward to being able to climb the steps to the choir loft by Christmas. Jan Lipfert

A very special thank you for the lovely roses. Leta Henrickson

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: November 13-Lynn Batchelder, Tianna Staehlin (16 yrs.); 14-John Quiring; 15-Abel Scott (2 yrs.), Allison Tousley; 16-Micah Pope (6 yrs.), Albert Rancourt; 17-Patricia Buell, Raymond Komray, Barbara Skeels, Butch Willey; 18-Kathy Dahlstrom, Joann Jarvi, Jacob Westra (99 yrs.); 19-Christine Boeve, Greg Poulson, Doug Thorpe, Judith Tindall.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Wesley House Family Services, Key West Florida; and Rhett Thompson, missionary.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. Please note: Pastor Lou's day off is Friday.

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