

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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



Galatians 5:22-23

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2017**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 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

Introit

Lifting Up My Voice

Chancel Choir

Whittemore

• Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Members of God’s family, and brothers and sisters to one another.

Leader: There are no outsiders here among us.

People: No one has any special standing or bragging rights.

Leader: We have all been brought together by the redeeming love of God.

People: Let us all join together in worship!

• Hymn of Praise

America the Beautiful

(red book) No. 696

Prayer of Confession (unison)

You have given us: A world of beauty, and we have spoiled it. A world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness, every time we have no thought for others, every time we have no cares but ours. Enable us to see this world as a gift from You that can be shared with those who live on it as our neighbors. We ask this that Your name may be glorified, through the beauty of this world, and the service of our lives. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. You are forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Anthem

Think on These Things

Chancel Choir

Courtney

Sharing the Word

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

Welcome and Sharing of Ministry

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 K-5th grades will be lead to their Children in Worship rooms downstairs (rooms 8,9,11&12).

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

- **Hymn of Illumination** *How Great Thou Art* (red book) No. 77
- Scripture Readings** **Titus 1:5-9** (NT page 200 in the pew Bible)
- Psalm 137** (OT page 551 in the pew Bible)

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

**Character Wanted:
Cretins No More**

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.

Youth (6th-12th grades) dismissed for Sunday School during the 10:30 service.

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

Was I Faithful?

Arr. MacDonald

Chancel Choir

- **Doxology** *Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart* *(black book) No. 2036

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.**

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**And now let the week say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!**

- **Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Leader: Oh Lord, the reason why many are still troubled, still seeking, still making little forward progress is because they haven't yet come to the end of themselves. We're still trying to give orders, and interfering with God's work within us.

People: **May these gifts be a sign that we have come to the end of ourselves and are fully dependent on you. Amen.**

Sending Forth

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

- **Hymn of Dedication** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (red book) No. 519
- **Benediction and Chimes**
- **Postlude**

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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

Children in Worship: Gay Cole, Amanda Nixon, Jennifer Taylor, Alissa/Brandon Steury

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

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

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Kay Cansfield (10:30) Wynne Martin

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Bob Whipkey, Jerry Harvey, Rich Welch, Margaret Cook
(10:30) Roger Tharp, Edward Snider, Doug Mitchell, Rodney Zellman

Greeters: (8:30) Greg & Sheila Daniels (10:30) Jim & Linda Stellema

Welcome Center: (8:30) Dorothy Corradi (10:30) Crystal Cederquist, Royce McCastle

Children in Worship Program will not meet on November 26.

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Michele McCracken

Coffee Fellowship: Rodney & Tina Zellman, Gary & Karyn Gillan

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 **November 19, 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 CIW Team meeting – Rooms 13/14
9:45-10:15AM Carillon Ringers Rehearsal – Choir Loft
9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group “The iPhone Turns Ten” – Room 4 downstairs. Visitors are always welcome to attend this group.
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 “Seeing Gray” – 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
5:30 PM Thanksgiving Dinner – Wiltse Center

MONDAY **November 20, 2017**

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY **November 21, 2017**

- 9:00 AM ROMEOS - Vic
10:30 AM Kids & Coffee Playgroup - Nursery
6:00 PM Invitation & Welcome – Ryder Lounge
7:00 PM Finance – Room 13/14
Bear Den – Room 6

WEDNESDAY **November 22, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ' Restaurant
2:45 PM Service at Christian Haven Home – Led by Herm Tanis & Eldon Eldred

THURSDAY **November 23, 2017** **THANKSGIVING DAY**

Church Closed

FRIDAY **November 24, 2017**

Church Closed

- 3:30-6:00 PM UMCD Serves at Supper House

SATURDAY **November 25, 2017**

No Scheduled Activities

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."

BROWN BAG SUNDAY: Our bags of food collected today will be used to replenish the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

CHURCH OF THE DUNES THANKSGIVING DINNER: The Dunesmen (United Methodist Men) will once again host the annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Wiltse Center this evening 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 as we thank God for all the gifts God has given us this past year.

CHILDREN'S MISSION: KIDS HELPING GOD'S CREATURES. The Harbor Humane Society will be the focus of The Children in Worship through January. Please check the wish list in the Wiltse Center if you would like to help with this important mission. Questions? Contact Pam Zurakowski at zbleedgreen@gmail.com.

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 are needed. Handouts are provided at each class. Open to all weekly!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST on 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.

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

RING! Sign up today at the Welcome Center to ring for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 16 at the Grand Haven Walmart.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Sunday, November 26 from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Wiltse Center.

HUNGER SUNDAY: November 26 is Hunger Sunday. This month's Hunger Offering will go to Haiti Hot Lunch. Please make your check payable to Church of the Dunes.

NOVEMBER MISSION MOMENT: On Sunday, November 26 a special offering will be collected for Tri-Cities Ministries, now call TCM Counseling. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletin on the 26th. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Dunes. You may write "TCM Counseling" on the memo line of your check.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: The dates of the Journey this year are December 7, 8, and 9. Tickets cost \$5 and are available on-line at www.journey2bethlehem.com. We still need cookie donations and volunteers to receive cookie donations here at Church of the Dunes on Wednesday, December 6. Please call Sherry Baker at 616-846-5577 or email her at sherry.baker@sbcglobal.net if you would like to volunteer.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

2017 Weekly Average

\$10,046

Weekly Attendance

Last Week: 343

Last Year: 283

UMW CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2017: 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. Reservation forms are also available on the UMW bulletin board across from the church library or from the Welcome Center. The deadline for reservations is Monday, November 27.

ADULT ADVENT STUDY – THE GREATEST GIFT: UNWRAPPING THE FULL LOVE STORY OF CHRISTMAS by Ann Voskamp. This study will be held in Room 4 from 6-7 pm on Wednesdays beginning November 29 and will be facilitated by Laura Burns. Please obtain your own copy of the book. A companion book to this year's Advent daily devotional story given to families, this study delves deeper, reminding us this story is not just for children, it's for *all of us*. Jesus' family tree is our Family Tree—we are part of God's family. We will create our own Jesse tree and Advent journal. May this new tradition help us receive and rediscover God's great love for each one of us. When we arrive at Christmas our homes and our hearts will be ready to receive the greatest gift: God's presence with us! Please sign up on the sheet posted on the Adult Education bulletin board in the church office hallway.

SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK & WHITE: THOUGHTS ON RELIGION, MORALITY, AND POLITICS, by Adam Hamilton, Sundays in the Ryder Lounge 11:30 am-12:30 pm. This class is led by Jill Miller. Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us.

WE ARE PLANNING A GOOD CHRISTMAS AT HARBOR HALL AND HOPE HOUSE. The ladies at Hope House have decorated for Christmas in the past, but the men at Harbor Hall have never really done much in the way of decorating for the holidays. This year we are decorating and making it very special. Some of the men cannot remember ever having a tree or do not have family to gather with on Christmas. Harbor Hall is now their home. We have several trees, but we need working lights, ornaments, and tree skirts. Christmas placemats and runners, small centerpieces, wreaths, greens or arrangements are also needed. We are decorating on Wednesday, December 6 but will still enjoy any decorations as they come in after that. Call Joyce Bowling at 616-846-7868 to make arrangements for dropping off donations. She will pass any extra decorations on to Providence Place, which also has residents and a community room that needs decorations.

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.

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 Connie and Earl Dean in honor of their 47th anniversary on November 21st.

Thank you, Church of the Dunes family, for the many nice visits, cards, phone calls, meals, cookies and beautiful Fall flowers that I received. For my first time ever staying overnight in a hospital, I'm doing very well after my knee replacement surgery. Bruce Buckley

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: November 20-Kathryn Bell, Michael Moerland, Lillian Peoples (96 yrs.); 21-Gayle Cox, Cindy Edgerle, Tim Fett; 22-Jean Dusnik (93 yrs.); 23-Rhonda McPherson; 26-Erik Pope, Robert Whipkey.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: West Side Community House, Cleveland, Ohio; and Marissa Isaac-Torres, missionary.

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.

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.

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.

THE BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK IS TUESDAY AT 3:00 PM.