

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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



**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 29, 2017**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 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

He Is Exalted

arr. Pethel

Jubilation Choir

• Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord our God and King,

People: His love endures forever.

Leader: For He is good He is above all things,

People: His love endures forever.

• Hymn of Praise

Take My Life and Let It Be

(red book) No. 399

Prayers

You are eternal and almighty, all knowing and all loving. Before the mists of the beginnings you were. Long after it all winds up and finishes you will be. There is nothing that is too hard for you. There is nothing that is hidden away from your sight. You are always just and kind in your dealings with us. We deserve your enmity for sin but you have showed us mercy. Thank you.

Sharing the Word

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

Informal Moments and Blessing of the Buckets

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

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

(black book) No. 2158

Stewardship Moment

Julie Kelly

Anthem

People Need the Lord

arr. Perkins

Jubilation Choir

Scripture Reading

I Peter 1:1-13

(NT page 216 in the pew Bible)

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

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

**Character Wanted:
Good for Something**

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

Bread Upon the Water

arr. Floria

Jubilation Choir

• Doxology

We, Thy People, Praise Thee

** (red book) No. 67

**We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!
For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,
Songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!**

• Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Almighty God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. Your goodness has created us, Your bounty has sustained us, Your discipline has chastened us, Your patience has borne with us, Your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending Forth

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

• Hymn of Dedication

I Surrender All

(red book) No. 354

• Benediction and Chimes

• Receiving of Pledge (Place Estimate of Giving cards at doors of sanctuary)

• Postlude

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Sunday, October 29, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Marion Fitch (10:30) Neal Miller

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Jim & Nancy Humphrey, Dick & Shirley Good

(10:30) Ray Komray, Gary Erickson, Elizabeth Dales

Greeters: (8:30) Mike & JoAnn Anthes (10:30) Denny & Jan Stuart

Welcome Center: (8:30) Bill & Kay Cansfield (10:30) Kathy Tower

CIW: Laura Burns, Tracee Cole, Kevin McCracken

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

Coffee Fellowship: Barry & Bron Kram, Bruce & Joyce Bowling

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Eldon Eldred (10:30) Kathleen Bush

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Denver Todd, Jerry Harvey, Rich Welch, Margaret Cook

(10:30)

Greeters: (8:30) Jack & Char Grevel (10:30) Tom & Mary Kay Alguire

Welcome Center: (8:30) Carol Scherpenisse (10:30) Dave & Karen Hoffman

CIW: Laura Burns, Jen Cryst, Pete Hicks, Linda Taylor

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Michele McCracken

Coffee Fellowship: Lori Koons

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 **October 29, 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 Tech Committee Meeting – 13/14
9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group “Responding to Tragedy” – 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 – 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
4:00-6:00 PM Kid's Connection Halloween Party – Bethke Farms
4:00-6:00 PM Youth Group – Bethke Farms

MONDAY **October 30, 2017** **UMW Bazaar Set Up**

- 9:00 AM Bazaar Set Up Begins – Wiltse Center and Social Hall
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
1:00 PM Caregivers – Ryder Lounge
6:00-8:00 PM American Sign Language Classes – LL 13/14 & Room 4
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY **October 31, 2017** **UMW Bazaar Set Up**

- 11:00AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
Bear Den – Room 6

WEDNESDAY **November 1, 2017** **UMW Bazaar Set Up**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ' Restaurant
9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge
5:15-6:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper (Potato Bar) – Social Hall
6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room
6:00 PM Disciple IV – Room 10
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 Book Study – Ryder Lounge
7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **November 2, 2017** **UMW Bazaar Set Up**

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
7:00 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting – Room 10
6:00-7:00 PM Tiger Den – Scout Room
Wolf Den, Webelos I

FRIDAY **November 3, 2017** **UMW Bazaar**

- Pastor Lou's day off
9:30 AM-6:00 PM UMW Bazaar – Wiltse Center

SATURDAY **November 4, 2017** **UMW Bazaar**

- 9:30 AM-Noon UMW Bazaar – Wiltse Center

IT'S TIME TO REACH OUT TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY! *This is the last Sunday* to stop by the table in the Wiltse Center to sign a card to say hi! to our College Students and members in the military! Look for a table with lots of greeting cards and colorful pens! Parents and Grandparents, sign up your student at the table or by contacting Cynthia Hicks (call/text 616/616-2500, email cynthia_hicks@hotmail.com). Financial contributions are gladly accepted! Checks can be written to Church of the Dunes with "Care Package" in the memo. Thank you for your support!

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

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.

THE FAIR TRADE BOOTH has some past dated coffee, tea and chocolate that we are offering for half price. Come and see us in the Wiltse Center between services.

PARENTING DISCUSSION GROUP is a drop-in discussion group on relevant topics talking about the daily challenges parents face. Different topic weekly, no homework! 11:30 am-12:15 pm in the Wiltse Center with Val Martin, facilitator.

6TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH: Let's go to Bethke Farms (12124 136th Ave, Grand Haven) this afternoon! We'll do a corn maze, a hayride, and enjoy a fall snack together! Costumes are strongly encourage! Bring money if you'd like to bring home a pumpkin from the patch. If your family is going with the Children's Group from 4-6 pm, we can meet you there. Otherwise, RSVP to Ashley and we'll carpool from the Dunes (meeting at 3:30 pm and returning at 6:30 pm). Permission slips are required if you are part of the carpool. Contact Ashley with any questions at aboersma@umcdunes.org.

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.

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 – October 29 on. This class will be 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.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED BY ADAM HAMILTON, Wednesdays in the Ryder Lounge, 6 pm-7 pm beginning November 8. The facilitator of this series is Pastor Eldon Eldred. We are all searching. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. Join us as we go deeper and find answers about the important questions of life, reality, and truth. Adam Hamilton explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

CREATIVITY, THE ARTS AND GOD is a drop-in class to learn many different creative mediums and techniques for the novice (curious about art and creativity but has not yet found their talent) to the experienced (notably has the gift of art but is still a learner). Led by local well-known artist, Liz Lystra who provides the gentle urging and instruction, great stories and fellowship among all who join her class. All supplies are provided. Meets on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the Social Hall downstairs.

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating

2017 Weekly Average

\$10,126

Weekly Attendance

Last Week: 350

Last Year: 320

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: The dates of the Journey this year are December 7, 8, and 9. Tickets will be sold at St. John's Lutheran Church from 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday, November 11, and on-line beginning November 12 at www.journey2bethlehem.com. Help is needed for ticket sales Saturday, November 11. Many hands are needed to present an event so that someone can experience the culture and the wonder of this glorious night. We need your help! Now is the time! The volunteer needs are as follows: cast members, construction of the set, hospitality, greeters, census paper makers, cookie donations, shopkeepers in Bethlehem, parking, and more. If interested in volunteering or you have any questions, please contact Terri at j2bterri@gmail.com, call 616-402-3088 or go to our website at www.journey2bethlehem.com. To volunteer for a specific position or role please click on the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eaaa92da6fe3-2017>. We have appreciated your help each year, the past 6 years. It takes the Body of Christ in action to bring the Journey to Bethlehem to life each year, and together we can bring people to remembrance that JESUS is the reason we celebrate Christmas! Terri Metzger, Project Director, The Journey to Bethlehem

COMMUNION HELPERS NEEDED: We are requesting preparers and servers for upcoming communions. Please consider helping and head to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4eaea82caaf94-umcdunes> to select a day, time and job you'd like to sign up for. November 5th and December 3rd are communion by intinction. For each service we'll need 2 preparers. One preparer will also serve at seats. For each service we'll need 2 pairs of servers up front, in addition to the Pastor and Liturgist. The Sign Up Genius site has each slot indicated. You will need to sign in with an email address and password. If you haven't used Sign Up Genius before, you'll need to create an account. It is super easy to use. You will get a reminder email from Sign Up Genius a week before your Sunday. You can also head to the link above at any time to view your slot. If you have any questions, please reply to Lori, or give her a call at 517-214-4931. If you'd prefer, we can sign you up and you won't need to log on. Just email or call Lori with your day/time and job preference.

HOLLY BERRY BAZAAR NEWS & SET UP SCHEDULE

LUNCHEON TICKETS ON SALE: Luncheon tickets for the Holly Berry Bazaar will be on sale in the Wiltse Center after both services today. Tickets will also be available at the door. The luncheon will be from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm on Friday, November 3. Cranberry relish, poppy seed salad, dessert and a beverage, will accompany the delicious Holly Berry Chicken Delight created by Tracee and Kelly. Tickets are \$9.00. Buying tickets ahead of time helps us plan for enough food.

BAKE SHOPPE: Donations are needed for the Bake Shoppe – any type of breads, rolls, pies, cakes, cookies etc. Baked goods may be dropped off at the church any time on Thursday, November 2. Please fill out a volunteer form that may be found on the UMW bulletin board across from the church Library if you will be donating any of these items. Please package all bake sale items (except pies) in cellophane or plastic bags. Please place cookies and other smaller items on a sturdy paper or plastic plate and cover with clear wrap. Please identify your baked items with a label, specifying "no nuts" for those with allergies.

SET UP WEEK SCHEDULE:

Monday, Oct. 30, 9 am: Men help the church custodian, Jeff set up tables in the Wiltse Center, item pricing and sorting in the Social Hall, last minute touches.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 9 am: Arrange and decorate booths.

Wednesday, Nov. 1: Finish arranging and decorating booths, bring in items, price and display items.

Thursday, Nov. 2: Set up Bake Shoppe in the lobby, set luncheon tables, wrap silverware, finish displaying items.

Friday, Nov 3: 8:30 am – workers gather for prayer and devotions; 9 am lunch prep begins & doors open.

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 Robyn Daane for God's glory and in appreciation of the wonderful Church of the Dunes family.

The flowers in the south window are presented by Jean Polk in memory of Juliet Davis.

To the Church of the Dunes – Thank you for the unbelievable support and comfort you have given to me and our family these past couple of weeks. I feel your arms holding me up. I can't imagine how someone goes through this experience without such support. Love, Gail Ringelberg, Jeff, Jeanie & Jake

Church of the Dunes: We are so very thankful for your support of R.E.A.D. In September R.E.A.D. trained six new tutors. We hope to assign these tutors to adults – our community who need assistance with the English language. Thanks for lending your facility for this training. Your friends at R.E.A.D.

We wish to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, flowers and acts of kindness following the recent death of Ted's father. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. Ted & Sara Houseman

Wow. What a great church family I belong to. I am overwhelmed by the huge amount of care & concern I received by so many before and after my knee replacement surgery. Special thank you's go out to: Pastor Eldon for his visits before and after surgery; to the other six family and dear friends who were having a party of eight in the waiting room and came in 2 x 2 to see me before surgery; to Mary Kay Alguire for the beautiful bouquet of roses that brightened my room (many comments by the nurses); to the church for the beautiful arrangement of roses and baby's breath; to Mary & Jim Merritt who brought me the delicious muffins; the many prayers, cards & well wishes I've received and the many home visits with meals and fruit basket. I am doing very well, but cannot leave the house until after November 4. In Christian love, Karen Tanis

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: October 30- Raechel Dunne (14 yrs.); 31-Roger Cox, Doug DeVries; November 1-Morgan Boyer, Caleb Cryst (10 yrs.), Marion Fitch, Hillary Land, Grant Taylor (13 yrs.); 2-Stuart Bergstrom, Cassander English, Hannah Schaner (11 yrs.), Holly Zenko; 3-Jill Dreyer, Dennis Stuart; 4-Piper DeSchaaf (9 yrs.), Matthew McCoy, Joanne Wright; 5-Marylou Daane.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Wesley Education Center for Children and Families, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Douglas Childress, missionary.

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