

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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



Galatians 5:22-23

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 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

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Miller & Jackson/Arr. Sherman

Bells of Glory

• Call to Worship

Leader: Our call to worship is from Psalm 85:8 & 10

“Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to God’s people... Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet: righteousness and peace will kiss each other.” Let’s pray together:

All: We meet you here, Lord, at the intersection of love and faithfulness. Here prayer and praise join hands, scripture is embraced, and our voices unite in hymns to you. Speak tenderly to our hearts in this hour of worship, God of all Creation, and show us the path to peace. Amen.

• Hymn of Praise

Heralds of Christ

(red book) No. 567

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (unison)

All: Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, joy. O divine master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it's in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

• Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)

The Baptismal Covenant II

(red book) Pg. 39

Marley Renee Reihl, daughter of Mark & Danielle Reihl

Sharing the Word

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

Informal Moments

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

Freely, Freely

(red book) No. 389

• **Scripture Readings**

Philippians 4:6-7
2 Corinthians 5:16-20

(NT page 187 in the pew Bible)

(NT page 171 in the pew Bible)

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

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

**Character Wanted:
Reconciled**

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 gentleness,

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

Mediation on "Lord I Want to Be a Christian"

Sandra Eithum

Bells of Glory

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)

God of grace, it is our delight to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as our response to your abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice, and comfort to all the world, Amen.

Sending Forth

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

• **Hymn of Dedication**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

(red book) No. 431

• **Benediction and Chimes**

• **Postlude**

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Sunday, October 8, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Marion Fitch (10:30) Jerry VanderMolen

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Don & Vicki Reis, Dick & Shirley Good
(10:30)

Greeters: (8:30) T & Bonnie Stone (10:30) Bruce & Bonnie Buckley

Welcome Center: (8:30) Alice Furst (10:30) Shirley Batchelder

CIW: Pam Zurakowski, Jen Cryst, Kevin McCracken, Tracee Cole

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kelly Grilley

Coffee Fellowship: Don & Jan Lipfert, John & Gwen Bartels

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) John North (10:30) Dan Martin

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Don Reis, Ruth Woodward, Dick & Shirley Good
(10:30)

Greeters: (8:30) Richard & Darla Minuth (10:30) Roger & Marilyn Tharp

Welcome Center: (8:30) Dorothy Corradi (10:30) Joann Jarvi

CIW: Laura Burns, Justin/Teracia Graegin, Carin Snider, Linda Taylor

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Michele McCracken

Coffee Fellowship: John North & Susan Klooster

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 8, 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 “DACA” – 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 Parenting Discussion Group – Wiltse Center
12:15-1:00 PM Youth Choir – Choir Room
1:30 PM Pig Roast at Neal & Mary Anne Miller's
1:00 PM Woodward Shower – Social Hall
2:20 PM Services at Simarron & Seville led by Herm Tanis

MONDAY **October 9, 2017**

- 9:15 AM Mom's Club – Nursery
9:30 AM Esther Circle – Social Hall
10:00 AM-3:30 PM Quilt Class – Wiltse Center
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
6:00 PM Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center
6:00 PM Dunesmen – Social Hall
6:00-8:00 PM American Sign Language Classes – LL 13/14 & Room 4
6:00 PM Youth Council – Conference Room
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY **October 10, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Living Prayer Study – Ryder Lounge
10:30 AM Kids & Coffee Playgroup – Nursery
1:00 PM Esther Circle – Ryder Lounge
6:30 PM Worship Committee – Conference Room
7:00 PM Trustees – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY **October 11, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ' Restaurant
9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge
5:15-6:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper (Red Chili & White Chicken Chili) – Social Hall
6:00-7:15 PM Men's Study – Rooms 13/14
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 Knitters – Conference Room
6:00 PM Disciple IV – Room 10
6:00 PM Present Over Perfect Book Study – Ryder Lounge
6:45-7:30 PM Jubilation Choir – Choir Loft
7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **October 12, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Craft Circle – Ryder Lounge
9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
1:00 PM Friends – Ryder Lounge
7:00 PM Creativity, The Arts, and God – Social Hall
7:00 PM Ruth Circle Bazaar Mixes – Wiltse Center and Kitchen

FRIDAY **October 13, 2017**

- 12:00 NOON Second Friday Lunch Group at Mama's Thai Café, 562 N. Beacon Blvd., behind Walgreen's at Jackson & Beacon, next to the Dollar Tree. Please RSVP to Elaine Bradford at 616-847-8550 by Wednesday, October 11.

SATURDAY **October 14, 2017**

- 8:00 AM-1:00 PM Aging Workshop – Social Hall

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."

HARVEST CELEBRATION PIG ROAST & POTLUCK: Today beginning at 1:30 pm. at Neal & Mary Anne Miller's – 10856 Stump Street, Grand Haven. Enjoy a walk in the woods, a hayride, trampoline, campfire, pumpkin hunt, apple dunking, horseshoe tournament and Intergenerational play led by Doug Devries. As an added treat, Pete Peterson has arranged for the Banjo Band to join us and entertain us with their music. Please bring 2 of the following: LARGE FAMILY SIZE SALAD, HOT VEGETABLE DISH, DESSERT, RELISH TRAY OR ROLLS to share, plus your own table service & favorite lawn chair. Coffee, cider and the delicious pig will be furnished. In case of rain we have reserved the Wiltse Center.

THE DUNESMEN will meet on Monday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Bill Cansfield has assembled a team that will share mission experiences from 1990 to 2017. All are invited, but please R.S.V.P. to Dave Hoffman at 616-847-8438 or dphoffman@gmail.com so he can plan the light meal.

JUBILATION CHOIR: Jubilation Choir will sing on October 29 at both services. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, October 11, 18 & 25 from 6:45-7:30 p.m. in the choir loft! Come sing!!!

SACRED AGING WORKSHOP: Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m.-noon at Church of the Dunes. This workshop will explore the myths and truths about aging. Learn how to improve memory, when to seek the advice of a professional, find the community resources you never knew existed and stay connected with your cohorts! Any adult on the aging journey or caring for someone that is aging are welcome to attend, and it's FREE! Pre-register by email at gaylejoycox@gmail.com or call 616-842-7980.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Sunday, October 15 from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Wiltse Center.

CHERUBS SING! A reminder that Cherub Choir will be singing during the prelude of the 10:30 service on October 22. Please plan to gather in the front pew at 10:15 for final directions. Children will join their families after we share our song.

THE MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: will be meeting on Monday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge. We will be discussing the book, *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder.

HOPE HOUSE IS IN NEED OF CLOTHING FOR SOME NEW WOMEN. Sizes 1x, 2x and 3x in coats, pants and tops as well as shoes and boots sizes 9-11 wide are especially needed. Please place your donations in the Love in Action closet in the Cry Room. Thank you!

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.

43RD TRI-CITIES CROP HUNGER WALK – UPDATE: We had a great day as more than 275 walkers and volunteers joined together on Sunday, October 1 for the 43rd Annual Tri Cities CROP Hunger Walk, raising over \$35,000 thus far! These funds will benefit people in the Tri Cities through Love In Action, The People Center and Salvation Army. These gifts will also impact people in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean following the recent hurricanes through the ministry of Church World Service. Thanks to all 20 of the UMCOD walkers. We also had two youth walking with Mr. Whipkey's White Pines group. The Dunes was able to raise over \$2800 thus far, and we had 16 walkers qualify for the extra incentive donation which is fantastic. Our web-page is still open (www.crophungerwalk.org/grandhavenmi), and late donations at the church are still welcome. Checks are made to "CWS Crop". A heart of gratitude to all of our walkers and donors.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating

2017 Weekly Average

\$10,079

Weekly Attendance

Last Week: 356

Last Year: 365

HOLLY BERRY BAZAAR NEWS: The countdown is beginning. Less than a month until our big event! We are really trying to step up a notch and make it a unique and upscale boutique. We know there are a lot of busy people making things and we are so appreciative of your talents and hard work. If you could let us know in the next week or so what you might be contributing to the bazaar it would be very helpful. As always, please advise us what price you would like to suggest that we put on the items and if you want the items returned to you if any remain after the boutique. If you desperately need some place to store them right away, please contact Marion Fitch at 616-296-0844, Bette Rowley at 616-638-5643 or Shirley Good at 616-402-0916 so we can arrange to meet you at church. Please don't just leave them in the small dining room downstairs without someone knowing they are there. Otherwise all items can be brought to the Wiltse Center beginning Monday, October 30 when we will begin setting up. For Attic Treasure items you can contact Connie Peoples at 616- 846-4339. Attic Treasures is accepting jewelry, collectables, and Christmas ornaments, etc. Contact Connie if you have any questions about an item. If you are donating any items for the Silent Auction, please let us know about it as soon as possible so we can prepare the bid sheets. It will be helpful if you also include a minimum bid amount and the value of the items. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was included in the Dunes Digest, will be available at the Welcome Center and also will be in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you all so much for what you do to make this the spectacular event and wonderful fundraiser it has been in past years. We appreciate all of you, artists, crafters, knitters, sewers, cooks, workers, bakers and especially shoppers.

SALVATION ARMY NEEDS: cereal, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, laundry soap, canned beef stew, and canned pastas such as ravioli and spaghetti-o's. Donated items may be placed in the basket in the Cry Room.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: The dates of the Journey this year are December 7, 8, and 9. 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 with any questions, please contact Terri at j2bterri@gmail.com, call [616-402-3088](tel: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 links; <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eaaa92da6fe3-2017> ; <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eaaa92da6fe3-20171>. We have appreciated your help each year, now being in our 6th year. 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

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.

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 Dan & Debbie Starkey in honor of their 1st wedding anniversary on October 8.

Thanks to this church for the beautiful flowers, and to everyone who sent cards, emails and made phone calls for my birthday on September 30th. It is truly appreciated! ~Pastor Milt Stahl

My sinus surgery went well; your prayers, cards and mums were appreciated, I'm blessed to be part of this wonderful church family. Al Kochanowski

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: October 9- Ruth Stoppert; 10-Jerry Harvey; 11-John Bartels; 12-Gwen Bartels, Bill Chappell; 14-Andrew Boonstra, Jerry VanderMolen; 15-Jack Bosgraaf, Jackson Miles (3 yrs.), Lawrence Tindall.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Wesley Community Center, Dayton, Ohio; and Pablo Mora Bogado, 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.

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.

- Preparers: For each service we'll need 2 preparers. One preparer will also serve at seats.
- Servers: 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.