



Widows AND Orphans

James 1:17-27

September 2, 2018

Pastor Lou Grettenberger

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

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The Order of Morning Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

** Invites you to stand, as you are able. Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

(10:30) Lyric sheets for the worship songs are available from the ushers.

Music for the worship songs is available in the narthex.

Worship activity bags for children 5 and up are available in the Cry Room.

Nursery for children Young 5's and under is available during both services.

Gathering Music

Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Invitation to Worship

Hymn Sing

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise God from the heavens!

People: Praise God from the skies above!

Leader: Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

People: Praise God, sun and moon, and shining stars!

Leader: Praise God, all creatures great and small,

People: Praise God, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

Leader: Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere,

People: Praise God, men and women, young and old!

Leader: Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word creation came into being.

People: We gather to praise and worship our God!

***Hymn of Praise #62** *All Creatures of Our God and King* (verses 1, 4, 5 & 7) (red hymnal)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of justice and righteousness, your call invites us: to live faithful lives, to turn from wickedness, to walk in your ways; yet it is so easy to turn aside: to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need, to strike out in anger, to forget your ways. Forgive us. Implant your word in our hearts, and cleanse us from all evil. By the power of your love, transform our souls, that we might faithfully serve you. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Response #2162

Grace Alone

(black book)

Time for Children

Pastor Lou

(8:30 & 10:30) LEGOS Faithbuilders (for kids K-5th grade).

Teachers will lead the children to the Wiltse Center fellowship area.

Parents may meet their children there after the service.

Sharing the Word

Scripture Reading

James 1:17-27 (NIV)

(NT page 213 in the pew Bible)

Sermon

Orphans AND Widows

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Pastoral Prayers

The 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.

Responding to the Word

Sacrament of Communion & Time of Offering A Service of Word and Table I, page 9 (red book)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience, that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you forever. Holy God, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Final Hymn #664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

(red hymnal)

Benediction

Chimes

*Parting Music

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Liturgists: (8:30) Jerry Gibbs (10:30) Dave Hoffman
Sound Board Operators: (8:30) Roger Cox (10:30) Blair Miller
Ushers: (8:30) Tom & Jackie Laughlin, Doug & Susan Thorpe
(10:30) Doug Mitchell; Matt, Cole and Paige Horist
Greeters: (8:30) Larry & Marion Fitch (10:30) Doug Mitchell
Welcome Center: (8:30) Don & Vicki Reis (10:30) Darlene Graska
LEGO Faithbuilders: (8:30) Kathy DeBone (10:30) Dan Malseed
Nursery: Karen Aspenson

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Liturgists: (8:30) Don Woodward (10:30) Mary Huntington
Sound Board Operators: (10:30) Don Woodward
Ushers: (8:30) Tom & Jackie Laughlin, Doug & Susan Thorpe
(10:30) Doug Mitchell; Matt, Cole and Paige Horist
Greeters: (8:30) Jo Somerville (10:30) Don & Diana Adams
Welcome Center: (8:30) Dorothy Corradi (10:30) Don & Diana Adams
LEGO Faithbuilders: (8:30) Michelle DeVito (10:30) Pam Zurakowski, Jan Lipfert
Nursery: Karen Aspenson
Coffee Fellowship: Rog & Gail Smant, Dorothy Corradi, Darlene Graska

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:

Ministers.....	All Members of the Congregation
Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Louis Grettenberger (231-883-9806, pastorlou@umcdunes.org)
Director of Music.....	Megan Horist (mhorist@umcdunes.org)
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Covenant Missionaries.....	Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>September 2</u>	<u>Communion</u>
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery	
8:30 AM	Traditions Worship – Sanctuary	
8:45-9:30 AM	LEGO Faithbuilders – Wiltse Center	
9:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center	
9:45 AM	FaithLink Discussion Group “Morality of the Death Penalty” – Room 4 lower level	
10:30 AM	Elements Worship – Sanctuary	
10:45-11:30 AM	LEGO Faithbuilders – Wiltse Center	
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>September 3, 2018</u>	<u>Labor Day - Office Closed</u>
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread	
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>September 4, 2018</u>	
11:00 AM	Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge	
6:30 PM	UMW Board Meeting – Room 4	
6:30 PM	Missions – Ryder Lounge	
7:00 PM	Trustees – Conference Room	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>September 5, 2018</u>	
9:00 AM	Morning Coffee – Russ' Restaurant	
4:00-5:00 PM	Kid's Connection – Wiltse Center	
5:15-6:00 PM	Supper – Social Hall, Menu: Beef Walking Tacos	
6:00-7:00 PM	Youth Small Group – Youth Room	
6:00-6:30 PM	Chimers – Choir Loft (grades 2-6)	
6:00-7:00 PM	Singers – Choir Room (grades 2-6)	
7:30-8:30 PM	Chancel Choir – Choir Loft	
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>September 6, 2018</u>	
9:30 AM	Weight Watchers – Social Hall	
7:00 PM	Cub Scout Committee Meeting – Room 10	
6:00 PM	Mary Circle Potluck at Betty Roberts, 13772 Cottage Dr, Grand Haven, MI 49417	
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>September 7, 2018</u>	
10:00 AM	Visitation for Maurine Cordes' family and friends – Cry Room or Ryder Lounge	
11:00 AM	Service for Maurine Cordes in the Sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Wiltse Center	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>September 8, 2018</u>	
7:00 AM-3:00 PM	National MS Society Fundraising Walk – Wiltse Center & Parking Lot	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>September 9, 2018</u>	<u>Brown Bag Sunday – Family Promise</u>
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery	
8:30 AM	Traditions Worship – Sanctuary	
8:45-9:45 AM	LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna, room 8, lower level	
9:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center	
9:40-10:20 AM	Youth Sunday School – Pit & Youth Room	
9:45-10:20 AM	FaithLink Discussion Group “Foster Care” – Room 4 lower level	
10:00-10:25 AM	Kid's Choir – Social Hall	
10:30 AM	Elements Worship – Sanctuary	
10:45-11:45 AM	LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna, room 8, lower level	
11:30-12:15 PM	Youth Choir – Choir Room	
11:30-12:20 PM	DVD Bible Study – Room 13/14	
11:30-12:20 PM	BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge	
4:00-7:00 PM	Youth Fall Kick-Off Luau – Pottawattomie Park	

Welcome to Church of the Dunes

We are glad to have you here today, and hope you feel God's love. You are invited for refreshments in the Wiltse Center fellowship area during the time between the two worship services. Refreshments are also available after the second service. You are welcome to participate in the activities, events, and classes offered here. If you have questions or need directions to locations in the church, please ask a volunteer at the Welcome Center, a pastor, or an usher; they are happy to assist. Thank you for being here today. We hope to see you again soon. *Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BE A PART OF THE SUNDAY MORNING WELCOME TEAM: Greeters say hello to people as they enter the front doors of Church of the Dunes on Sunday mornings. It's a fun and easy way to be involved at the church. There are spots open for greeters for the 10:30 a.m. worship service on upcoming dates this fall. Please contact Gay Cole at gleppinkcole@gmail.com to sign up.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is next Sunday, September 9. Today, brown paper grocery bags are available after each service. If you would like to, please take one (or more) to fill with non-perishable food items and return it to church on or before next Sunday. There is a list on the bag indicating the items most needed. The food collected will be used to replenish the pantry at The People Center in Spring Lake. The People Center provides for those in need with the food pantry, a clothing hutch, counseling, and 6 apartments for transitional housing.

SING IN THE JUBILATION CHOIR: All singers (high school through adult) are invited to participate in this choir, which sings when there is a fifth Sunday of the month. Jubilation Choir will sing at both worship services on September 30. Rehearsals are from 6:45 – 7:30 on Wednesdays 9/12, 9/19, and 9/26. Come and sing!

ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE. Sign up by contacting the church office or online at www.umcdunes.org and click the "Giving" tab.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING: Church of the Dunes will be hosting the families of Family Promise of the Lakeshore during the week of September 9. Spaces are available for volunteer overnight hosts, drivers, and meal preparers. To sign up contact Dave Hoffman at (616) 847-8438, or use the signup sheet on the bulletin board near the church office. No experience is needed; new volunteers are welcome. The hospitality provided by Church of the Dunes is deeply appreciated by the guests as they work toward securing more permanent housing for their families.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY IS A CELEBRATION OF HISTORY: The first Methodist church in Grand Haven was located on what is now the courtyard between Loutit District Library and the Community Center. It was a small wooden frame building lit by kerosene lamps and warmed by a wood stove. It burned down in 1889 and was replaced a year later with a brick structure on the same site. Methodist history in Ottawa County goes back 139 years. Come to Homecoming Sunday and be a part of the next 100 years. Please RSVP to the church office at (616) 842-7980...and bring friends!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS provide 7 dozen treats (purchased or homemade), help serve coffee, and greet people during Sunday morning fellowship time. Hosts do not need to supply beverages, make coffee, or clean up. A staff person is in the kitchen to assist and answer questions. Would you like to help provide this hospitality to members, friends, and visitors? The signup sheet is located on the coffee serving table in the Wiltse Center fellowship area on Sunday mornings, and in the kitchen during the week.

A NOTE FROM THE MISSIONS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE: Meijer's *Simply Give* Fall Program benefiting Love in Action of the Tri-Cities continues to run through September 15. Meijer announced that the Double Match Day will be September 7. The purchase of a \$10 *Simply Give* card at the Grand Haven Meijer store will help raise funds that are then converted into food-only gift cards used by Love In Action to stock area food pantries.

BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE UPDATE

2018 Weekly Offering
For Operating Expenses

Weekly Average Received
\$9,274

Weekly Average Budgeted
\$10,645

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship

Last Week: 249 Last Year: 334

NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

During the summer months we have seen a significant decrease in offerings to the church. The shortfall in offerings to budget in June was \$9,000. In July, the shortfall was \$11,000. As we settle into after-summer routines, we ask for your current and ongoing support for our church so that we may continue our important mission in this church and the community. If you are in a position to catch up on offerings missed while you were away, or to assist with making up the shortfall, your gifts would be welcome and appreciated.

SUNDAY CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH: Youth Sunday school begins on September 9.

CHILDREN: LEGO FAITH BUILDERS takes place in the Wiltse Center during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, beginning right after the Time for Children and ending at the conclusion of each worship service. Kids hear a LEGO-themed devotion and a Bible story, then build the story with LEGOs. Kids from kindergarten through entering grade 5 are invited. ***LEGO Faith Builders will continue through September. Children In Worship Christian education will begin on October 7.***

FALL ADULT CLASSES AND DISCUSSION GROUPS begin soon! There are 10 classes to choose from, with a wonderful variety of topics. The class schedule can be found on the bulletin board next to the church office, and in the September Dunes Digest newsletter. Copies of the schedule are also available at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

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LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES classes, led by the Midwest District of the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church, will be held at Church of the Dunes on Tuesday evenings in October. These trainings equip those who wish to serve in advanced ministry roles with the District, such as certified lay servant, certified lay speaker, and certified lay minister. For more information, visit www.michiganumc.org/event/lay-servant-classes/.

CROP WALK SAVE THE DATE: 'Veggies, Eggs and a side of Hope'. These are things that people in dire need are praying for in own community and in lands far away. It is also the theme for the Tri-Cities Crop Hunger Walk this year. We are walking on Sunday Oct. 7 at the Hope Reformed Church. Join us and be the 'side of Hope' in the lives of people across our world. For more information and walker envelopes, contact Blair Miller. He is usually available after both services in the entry way near the church office, or email him at bchm58.44@gmail.com.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" If there are Joys and Concerns you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Wednesday at noon each week at (616) 842-7980 or e-mail 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 in the Sanctuary are given by Barry and Bron Kram in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Toberman Neighborhood Center, San Pedro, CA, and David McCormick, Missionary.

THANK YOU: Virgil Umphrey would like to say thank you to the Church of the Dunes family for the cards, thoughts, and prayers in celebration of his 92nd birthday. It was greatly appreciated.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Sept 3	Dick Good, Rowena Lloyd, Diane Steggerda
Sept 4	Elizabeth Dales, Chaw Paw Klay Grettenberger
Sept 5	Bonnie Cowles, Roger Klop, Craig Plattner
Sept 6	Darlene Glockzin
Sept 7	Bradley Mills
Sept 8	Eric Bush, Teracia Graegin
Sept 9	Karen Hoffman, Pamela Klein, Gary Mundt, Muirek Weesies (2 yrs.), Andie Young

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesdays at noon.

CHURCH OF THE DUNES IS ON FACEBOOK: You're invited to like and follow us on Facebook. Enter United Methodist Church of the Dunes in the Facebook search bar to find the page. We hope to see you there.

FOR THE SAFETY of staff, volunteers, members, and visitors, the church building will be locked at 3:00 p.m. on weekdays, when the church office closes. If you are leading a meeting or an event at the church after office hours, please make advance arrangements to get into the building. Church office hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

THE WORSHIP SERVICES ARE VIDEO-TAPED and the sermon is posted for later viewing on our church website. Every effort is made to focus the camera only on the scripture readers and the pastor. On rare occasions, those seated near the front of the church may appear in a sermon video. If you wish to avoid inadvertently appearing in a sermon video that will be posted online, please find seats toward the back of the sanctuary.

IMPORTANT NOTES ON TAKING PICTURES: 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.