

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,

joy,

peace,

patience,

kindness,

goodness,

faithfulness,

gentleness,

and self-control



Galatians 5:22-23

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2017**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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.

Welcome

Choral Introit

Lifting Up My Voice

Chancel Choir

Whitmore

• Call to Worship (unison)

Leader: To know the warmth of love,

People: To have the assurance that someone cares,

Leader: To be confident of our worth,

People: To be bold to love in return,

Leader: To be washed over with grace,

People: To be accepted as we are:

Leader: This is to know a bit of God.

People: Then let us worship our God.

• Hymn of Praise

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(red book) No. 384

• 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.

Sharing the Word

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

Anthem

Shine On Us

Chancel Choir

Smith & Smith/arr. Greer

Informal Moments

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

Presentation of Bibles (10:30)

Laura Burns

Beginners Bible: Cass Dabrowski, Ayla Dulaney, Marley Reihl, Evie Steury

God's Children Storybook: Elliot Dabrowski, Charlotte Dreyer, Eden Gudelsky, Micah Pope

NIV Adventure Bible: Kennan Albaugh, Ian Clapp, Piper DeSchaaf, Mia Gerona, Aaron Graegin, Ar Sar Ni Grettenberger, Eh Paw Ku Grettenberger, Jake Petterson, Chris Schaner, Ava Steury, Ty Steury, Genevieve Springer, Clark Workman

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.

Mission Moment

Dave Hoffman, Family Promise

• Hymn of Illumination

Help Us Accept Each Other

(red book) No. 560

- **Scripture Reading** **I Corinthians 13** (NT page 165 in the pew Bible)
Leader: This is the Good News for the People of God
All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon **Character Wanted:** Rev. Louis Grettenberger
They Will Know We are Christians By Our Love

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** **Revive Us Again** arr. Shackley
Chancel Choir with Cathy Shick and Sue Hafner-four hand piano

- **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)
O Lord, we recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love. May our offerings distribute this love to the world: the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know; the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed. Amen.

Sending Forth

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

- **Hymn of Dedication** **The Gift of Love** (red book) No. 408
- **Benediction and Chimes**
- **Postlude**

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Sunday, September 24, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Bron Kram (10:30) Ray Komray
Organist: Marna Jeffery; **Choir Director:** Carol Kirchner
Ushers: (8:30) Ken & Mary Steele, Jack & Char Grevel
(10:30) Jim Schuitman, Gary Erickson, Michael & Suzanne Moynihan
Greeters: (8:30) Dave and Georgia Heckaman (10:30) Shirley Batchelder
Welcome Center: (8:30) Barry and Bron Kram (10:30) Marilyn Ulrich
CIW: Gay Cole, Amanda Nixon, Pete Hicks, Alissa/Brandon Steury
Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Michele McCracken
Coffee Fellowship: Kathy Tower, Susan Metzler

Sunday, October 1, 2017 World Communion Sunday

Liturgists: (8:30) Jan Stuart (10:30) Jerry VanderMolen
Organist: Marna Jeffery
Ushers: (8:30) Ken & Mary Steele, Jack & Char Grevel
(10:30)
Greeters: (8:30) Jeanine Wolff (10:30)
Welcome Center: (8:30) John North & Susan Klooster (10:30) Darlene Graska
CIW: Gay Cole, Crystal Dabrowski, Jennifer Taylor, Gynell Schaner
Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Michele McCracken
Coffee Fellowship: Don & Vicki Reis, Bill & Vicki Fritsma

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 **September 24, 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 Blood Pressure Screenings – Wiltse Center
- 9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group “Medicaid” – 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
- 2:30-4:00 PM Third-Fifth Graders Bible Covers Project – Wiltse Center
- 2:30 PM Service at Robbinswood led by Herm Tanis
- 6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group

MONDAY **September 25, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Esther Circle Work Bee – Wiltse Center
- 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
- 6:30 PM Book Review – Ryder Lounge
- 7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY **September 26, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Living Prayer Study – Ryder Lounge
- 10:30 AM Kids & Coffee Play Date – Nursery
- 6:30 PM Nominations Committee Meeting – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY **September 27, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ' Restaurant
- 9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge
- 5:15-6:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper (Spaghetti) – Social Hall
- 6:00-7:00 PM Jr. Singers/Chimers – Choir Loft
- 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
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **September 28, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
- 7:00 PM Creativity, The Arts, and God – Social Hall

FRIDAY **September 29, 2017**

No Scheduled Events

SATURDAY **September 30, 2017**

No Scheduled Events

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.

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."

HUNGER SUNDAY: Today is Hunger Sunday. This month's Hunger Offering will go to the Salvation Army. Please make your check payable to Church of the Dunes.

SEPTEMBER MISSION MOMENT: Today a special offering is being collected for Family Promise. Dave Hoffman will be speaking to us about Family Promise during worship. Envelopes are provided in today's bulletin. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Dunes. You may write "Family Promise" on the memo line of your check.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Today from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Wiltse Center.

HURRICANE RELIEF: We are accepting contributions for UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts for all of the recent hurricanes. Checks should be made out to Church of the Dunes. You may write "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line.

YOUTH GROUP FALL MISSION: The members of our Youth Group are working to put together fifteen cleaning buckets to send to UMCOR to help Texas and Florida with the cleanup from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. We have a trifold board with tags on it that will be in the Wiltse Center Between Services on Sunday mornings. Each tag contains an item and a description of the item per UMCOR. Take a tag off the board, purchase your items, and bring the items to church with the tag attached to them. You may also contact Ashley Boersma during the week. If you wish to give financially, the youth will go out and purchase the remaining items we need to fill the buckets. Please turn in all donations by Sunday, October 8.

CROP WALK - Maybe this is the year that the UMCOD will break \$3000 to the Tri-Cities Crop Hunger Walk. We already have at least 6 walkers from our congregation, but we'd like some more. The Tri-Cities is blessed with donors who will give a gift of \$50 for each walker who raises at least \$100. For example, if a family of 4 walks and raises \$310 that counts as 3 walkers reaching the \$100 goal. Thus, the donors add \$150. It is a wonderful incentive. Consider joining us on Sunday, October 1 at Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. The walk should kick-off around 2 p.m. See Blair Miller in the Wiltse Center entryway for details to walk or to give. You may also call Blair at 616-212-1040.

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 gaylejcox@gmail.com or call 616-842-7980.

<p>HARVEST CELEBRATION PIG ROAST & POTLUCK: Sunday, October 8 beginning at 1:30 pm. at Neal & Mary Anne Miller's – 10856 Stump Street, Grand Haven. In case of rain we have reserved the Wiltse Center. 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. Reservation forms are available at the Welcome Center or from the church office. You can also RSVP at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4EA8AD28A0FB6-2017. The reservation deadline is Sunday, October 1.</p>

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating

2017 Weekly Average

\$10,246

Weekly Attendance

Last Week: 316

Last Year: 327

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.

THE MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: will be meeting on Monday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge. We will be discussing the book, *The Homecoming of Samuel Lake* by Jenny Wingfield.

FROM THE LIBRARY STAFF – We have been hard at work and appreciate the complements we have been receiving. We need your assistance as we continue our work in the Library. We have posted the Sign Out and Book Return process in the Library. We feel this process is simple and easy for all. We have also posted the Library mission and gift policy. We appreciate the books you have donated. Thanks again: Mary Mihovich, Jane Turner and Ruth Archer.

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.

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 Larry and Marna Jeffery in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The flowers in the south window are from Vaughn Umphrey in memory of Gail's birthday on September 9.

Lola Yocum (Gail Cox's mother) was hospitalized with health concerns last week.

Webb Scrivnor died on September 21. Arrangements are pending.

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: September 25-Nathan Burns (11 yrs.), Mary Mihovich, Jim VanderMoere III, 26-Grace Ackerman (12 yrs.), Lynsey Cutting, Susan Metzler, Paula Montgomery; 27-Donna Jean Lock (93 yrs.), Nicole Tlachac; 28-Kay Cansfield; 30-Aaron Plattner, Milt Stahl; October 1-Bob Zitta.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: United Methodist Community House, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Roman Hofer, 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.

October 1st is World Communion Sunday.

- Preparers: For each service we will need 3 preparers. There are lots of little cups to fill.
- Servers: For each service we'll need 2 pairs of servers to serve in the back rows while the Ushers serve in the Sanctuary.

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.