



Getting Our Hands Dirty

Mark 7:34-37

September 9, 2018

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

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The Order of Morning Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 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

(10:30) Invitation to Worship

Open Up the Heavens

Rozier | McDonald | Ingram | Andrews | Garrard

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We can trust God.

People: God is like the mountain: rock solid.

Leader: God loves all the people:

People: the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

Leader: We can depend on God.

People: God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.

Leader: Praise our Loving God.

People: Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

***Hymn of Praise #57**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(red hymnal)

Scripture Reading

James 2:1-10; 14-17

(NT page 213 i

n the pew Bible)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Response

(8:30) Hymn #367

(10:30)

He Touched Me

Open the Eyes of My Heart

(red hymnal)

Baloche

Time for Children

Pastor Lou

*(8:30 & 10:30) LEGOS Faithbuilders (for kids K-5th grade).
Teachers will lead the children to the Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8).
Parents may meet their children there after the service.*

Blessing for Church Teachers and Leaders

God, grant our teachers and leaders an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love each one whom you call them to teach. Give them grace as they help those who need it, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping your kingdom every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with all. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen.

Sharing the Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:24-37 (RSV)

(NT page 40 in the pew Bible)

Sermon

Getting Our Hands Dirty

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

Offering

Your Great Name

Grant

(8:30) Response #94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

(red hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessing flow:

Praise God, all creature here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents and money for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Final Hymn #437

This Is My Song

(red hymnal)

Benediction

Chimes

*Parting Music

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, Gabe Houseman
(10:30) Pam Zurakowski, Jan Lipfert
Nursery: Karen Aspenson
Coffee Fellowship: Rog & Gail Smant, Dorothy Corradi, Darlene Graska

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Liturgists: (8:30) Don Reis (10:30) Jan Stuart
Sound Board Operators: (8:30) Gail Ringelberg
Ushers: (8:30) Tom & Jackie Laughlin, Rick & Darcie Clapp
(10:30) Doug Mitchell; Matt, Cole and Paige Horist
Greeters: (8:30) Dick & Karen Hanby (10:30) Blair & Jill Miller
Welcome Center: (8:30) Jerry & Linda Gibbs (10:30) Darlene Graska
LEGO Faithbuilders: (8:30) Dan Malseed (10:30) Dan Malseed
Nursery: Karen Aspenson
Coffee Fellowship: Phyllis Simmons, Marj Bullerdick

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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Custodian.....	Jeff Thomsma (jthomsma@umcdunes.org)
Covenant Missionaries.....	Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY September 9, 2018 Brown Bag Sunday - Family Promise Arrives

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 (lower level, room 8)
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
10:30-11:45 AM Bible Friends - Nursery
10:45-11:45 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8)
11:30 AM-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

MONDAY September 10, 2018

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
10:30 AM Dunes Golf League Scramble – Lincoln Golf Club-Muskegon
6:00 PM Youth Council – Conference Room
6:00-8:00 PM ASL Classes – Ryder Lounge, Wiltse Center
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY September 11, 2018

9:30-11:30 AM Women’s Study – Ryder Lounge
1:00 PM Esther Circle – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY September 12, 2018

9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ’ Restaurant
4:00-5:00 PM Kid’s Connection – Wiltse Center
5:15-6:00PM Supper – Social Hall, Menu: Holly Berry Chicken Delight – Social Hall
6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room
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)
6:45-7:30 PM Jubilation Choir – Choir Loft
7:30-8:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY September 13, 2018

9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
9:30 AM Craft Circle – Ryder Lounge (please note new time)
7:00 PM Creativity, the Arts & God – Social Hall
7:00 PM Ruth Circle – Ryder Lounge

FRIDAY September 14, 2018 Annual Conference Reports Deadline

Pastor Lou’s Day Off

SATURDAY September 15, 2018 Dunes Digest Deadline

SUNDAY September 16, 2018

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5:15-6:00 pm Youth Bells – Choir Loft
6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group – Youth Room, Social Hall, Wiltse Center

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

HELP CHURCH OF THE DUNES STAY CONNECTED WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS: Is your son or daughter attending a college or university? Please let us know where he or she is attending and share his or her contact information with the church office. We'd like to have our contact list updated by September 14. To provide the information, please email the church office at jblanchard@umcd.org or call (616) 842-7980. Thank you!

TODAY IS BROWN BAG SUNDAY: Grocery bags with non-perishable food items will be given to The People Center in Spring Lake. This local organization provides for those in need with a food pantry, a clothing hutch, counseling, and 6 apartments for transitional housing.

FAMILY PROMISE IS HERE THIS WEEK: Church of the Dunes is hosting the families of Family Promise of the Lakeshore this week, beginning later today. Family Promise serves those who are in the process of seeking housing for their families. Volunteers from the church are still needed to serve as overnight hosts, drivers, and meal preparers. There is always something to do to keep this ministry running smoothly. If you'd like to help, please contact Dave Hoffman at (616) 847-8438.

ESTHER CIRCLE will be meeting on September 11 at 1 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge here at the church. A representative of Love In Action will speak about exciting volunteer opportunities with that organization. Pam Zurakowski will lead devotions. Marj Bullerdick and Candy VanWieren are the hostesses. Esther Circle donations this month will be used to purchase children's books for Family Promise.

JUBLIATION CHOIR REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY EVENING: 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.

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.

CROP WALK OCTOBER 7: "*Veggies, Eggs and a side of Hope*" is the theme for the Tri-Cities Crop Hunger Walk this year. The walk takes place on October 7, and begins at Hope Reformed Church. We are forming a group of CROP walkers from Church of the Dunes, and all are invited to participate. 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.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY IS A CELEBRATION OF METHODIST HISTORY: In 1921, Church of the Dunes moved to its former Washington Ave. location, which is now the Grand Haven Post Office. In 1961, the Church moved to its current location on Sheldon Rd. Shirley and James Hock were the first couple married in the new church building on Feb. 18, 1961. "They were installing the organ that day," Shirley recalled, "the man working on it, laid down on the floor in the choir loft until we were married." Come and browse old photos of many families in this church's history at Homecoming Sunday, October 21st. RSVP to the church office at (616) 842-7980...and bring friends!

BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE UPDATE

2018 Weekly Offering
For Operating Expenses

Weekly Average Received
\$9,312

Weekly Average Budgeted
\$10,645

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship

Last Week: 256 Last Year: 296

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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE

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

SUNDAY CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH: Youth Sunday school begins today. Times and classroom locations are in the calendar in this bulletin.

CHILDREN: LEGO FAITH BUILDERS takes place during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, beginning right after the Time for Children and ending shortly after at the conclusion of each worship service. Today, LEGO Faith Builders begins meeting in the Hosanna room (Room 8), on the lower level of the church.

FALL ADULT CLASSES AND DISCUSSION GROUPS begin today and in the coming days and weeks. There is a wide variety of topics and all adults are welcome and invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OF THE DUNES IS ON FACEBOOK: Please like 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.

FROM THE SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE: Since the start of 2018, nearly 700 people have attended a "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events" class put on by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office. The class is offered on three upcoming dates: September 17, November 1, and December 15. There is no charge, but registration is required. Visit www.miottawa.org/AdminEventReg/loadCalendar.action to register.

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 Vaughn Umphrey in memory of his wife Gail's birthday.

THANK YOU to the Church of the Dunes family for the flowers, prayers, and cards sent to me during my recent procedure. Also thank you to Don Woodward for your visit. God bless you all. Denny Stuart

THANK YOU for your prayers, cards, and flowers. My spirits are lifted and it helps the healing of my rib. May God bless you. Karen Kochanowski

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: United Community Centers, Birmingham, AL, and Adam Shaw, Missionary.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Sept 10	Damon Stielstra
Sept 11	Harold Merz, Logan Snider, Philip Weesies
Sept 12	Daniel Martin
Sept 13	Gerald Gibbs, Jack Grevel, Judy Hanson
Sept 15	Cheryl King, Keyan Weesies (11 yrs.)
Sept 16	Darrell Boyce, Matt Cutting, David Miles

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesdays at noon.

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.

THE WORSHIP SERVICES ARE VIDEO-TAPED and sermons are posted for later viewing on our church website. (Currently, we are experiencing technical difficulties with posting the sermons on the website, and are working to address the issue.) 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.