



November 27, 2022
First Sunday in Advent

Reflecting the Sacred: “Sacred Time”

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We Gather

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5 (CEB)

Introit

"The Word was God"

Rosephanye Powell
Chancel Choir

Opening of Worship

We Praise God

*Lighting the Advent Wreath

Leader: We pray for Hope this day.

People: We pray for Hope this day.

Leader: We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

People: We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

Leader: We open to see each moment as a gift of holy presence.

People: We open to see each moment as a gift of holy presence.

Leader: This is the gift of the Christ Mystery.

People: This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,

Leader: lighting the way to hope.

People: lighting the way to hope.

All sing:

**Upon this moment, upon this people,
Upon this place, the holy comes.
And sacred knowing brings sared being
For sacred doing of God's plan.**

Prayer

*Hymn #196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, You call us to wake from sleep, to become aware to our surroundings. The dawn of a new time of preparation is upon us. Forgive us when sleepiness takes its toll, when our discussions become battles, when our judgement and self-judgement outweigh our faith. Help us put on the light of Christ and live as You have called us in respect, in mutual dialogue, and in healthy living. Help us so that everything we do reflects Christ's light. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Mission Moment

Habitat for Humanity

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Advent Hope (When Will Messiah Come?)"

Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

*Doxology #95

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
(to the tune of #219 "What Child is This?")*

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope and we give in hope. Hope for your coming reign; hope because of your presence with us even now. Receive these generous offerings and use them and us as for your work of healing and hope in this world. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the New Testament Romans 13:11-14 (NRSVUE)

Hymn #204

"Emmanuel"

A Reading from the Gospel Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSVUE)

Sermon

"Reflecting the Sacred: Sacred Time"

Pastor Lou

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn #211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(vs. 1, 2, 6, & 7)

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction, Chimes, & Parting Music

**Please stand as you are able*

John 1:1-5 (CEB)

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. ² The Word was with God in the beginning.

³ Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. ⁴ What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Hymn #196

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Doxology #95 (to the tune of #219 What Child is This?)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, all heavens and the earth
reflecting the sacred story.

This, this is Christ the One
Who mirrors hope for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The Word of time eternal.

Romans 13:11-14 (NRSVUE)

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Emmanuel Hymn #204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² **Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.** ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Hymn #211 (vs. 1, 2, 6, & 7)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thy justice here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
deliver us from earthly strife.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **November 27, 2022**

- 9:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM Grow Kids & Students – Nursery
- 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 10:45 AM Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge
- 2:00 PM Book Club – Social Hall

MONDAY **November 28, 2022**

- 10:00 AM Knitters - Panera Bread
- 1:00 PM Caregivers – Ryder Lounge
- 2:00 PM Book Club – Social Hall
- 5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 7:00 PM Bell Choir – Choir Loft
- Bell Ringing at Walmart

TUESDAY **November 29, 2022**

- 9:00-11:00 AM Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 10:00 AM 3 Women Advent Study – Social Hall
- 11:00 AM Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 7:00 PM Church Council – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY **November 30, 2022**

- 9:00 AM Cookies – Wiltse Center Kitchen
- 11:00 AM Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 2:00 PM Church Chat – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00 PM "Strings & Things" - Group Guitar Class – Choir Room
- 6:00 PM 3 Women Advent Study – Ryder Lounge
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **December 1, 2022**

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 5:30 PM Gentle Yoga – Social Hall
- 5:30 PM Soup Supper – Wiltse Center followed by
- 6:15 PM Sacred Songs - Sanctuary

FRIDAY **December 2, 2022**

- Pastor Lou's Day Off
- Office Closed

SATURDAY **December 3, 2022**

- 9:00 AM Cookie Walk & Boutique – Wiltse Center
- Bell Ringing – Walmart



News · Activities · Events



Cookie Walk and Boutique

Saturday, December 3 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cookies and candies by the pound, gifts and stocking stuffers

Wiltse Center fellowship area

Proceeds go to missions

Hosted by Church of the Dunes United Women in Faith

MISSION MOMENT – NOVEMBER 27

Habitat for Humanity will provide a Mission Moment on November 27 during worship. The focus will be the upcoming Tri-Cities Habitat Unity Build 2023, a house build funded principally by churches and constructed mostly by church volunteers. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to Church of the Dunes and note “Mission Moment/Habitat” on the memo line of the check.

FAMILY PROMISE MEALS – NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 3

Church of the Dunes is scheduled to provide evening meals for Family Promise of the Lakeshore, at their Day Center, during the week beginning November 27. If you would like to help, please use the sign-up sheet on the Family Promise bulletin board located near the church office.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP – NOVEMBER 28

This support group is open to all who are caring for a loved one with a long-term illness or diagnosis. The next meeting is Monday, November 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge.

SUPPER HOUSE GIFT BAGS – DONATIONS NEEDED

Would you like to provide a Christmas gift bag for a guest in need at Supper House’s Christmas party? Each gift bag (for adult male) includes a new hat, gloves/mittens, scarf, and socks. Please drop off donations in the collection basket in the weekday entrance of the church by December 8. Supper House is located in Muskegon and provides meals for many in need. Church of the Dunes is a Supper House partner church.

CRAFT CIRCLE MEETING – DECEMBER 8

Craft Circle meets the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Ryder Lounge. Christmas is the theme for the December 8 meeting. Please bring any Christmas craft or handmade Christmas gift for show and tell. Beverages and dessert are provided.

CONNECT WITH THE SEASON AT CHURCH

There are several upcoming special seasonal events coming up – please check out a full listing on the next page.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – THE PEOPLE CENTER

The People Center is looking for volunteers for duties including hosting (greet visitors to the pantry, etc., one three-hour shift per month), sorting clothing donations (times and days flexible), and supply transport (in Tri-Cities area, schedule flexible, as needed). For more information or to volunteer, contact The People Center in Spring Lake.



Connect with the Season at Church of the Dunes

Sacred Songs of the Season – December 1 & 15

Soup supper at 5:30

Caroling and special music at 6:15 p.m.

Please make plans to come to church on Thursday evenings December 1 and 15 for a soup and sandwich supper in the Wiltse Center followed by special music, caroling and more in the sanctuary. Come for supper and the program or either as works best for your schedule.

Cookie Walk & Boutique – December 3, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This special event helps you prepare for the season with cookies and candies by the pound, along with gift items and stocking stuffers. Shoppers needed. Proceeds go to missions.

Candlelight Christmas with Special Musical Guest – December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas will feature caroling, a reading of the Christmas story, and a very special seasonal concert by popular steel drum band “Steel Doin’ It.” **All** are invited to come to church for this inspiring and festive event on Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. No reservations needed.

Sundays at Church of the Dunes

9:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

Please stop by the Wiltse Center fellowship area after worship for coffee and refreshments.

9:30 a.m. Livestream Worship

For a link, visit www.umcdunes.org/worship.

Nursery – available during 9:30 a.m. worship

The nursery is available for young children. It is located a short distance down the hall from the worship space.

Sunday School (K-6) – south section of the Nursery

Sunday School takes place during the worship service. The pastor will dismiss students to Sunday school from worship after the Children’s Time.

Faith Linked Discussion Group for Adults – 10:45 a.m. in the Ryder Lounge

Faith Linked explores a different topic each week from a faith-focused perspective, using the resource “Wired Word.” All adults are welcome. Bron and Barry Kram are the facilitators.

Giving and Attendance

<u>Date/Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>
November 13	\$5,323	\$8,778	\$9,077
November 20	\$4,151	\$8,679	\$9,077

To give by mail, please send offering to United Methodist Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417. To give online, visit <https://umcdunes.org/give/>.

Online worship: As of November 21, the November 20 online worship service had 88 views. One view may include more than one person viewing the service together.

In-person worship: Attendance November 20 in-person worship was 123.

All are Welcome

The United Methodist Church of the Dunes aspires to love as Jesus loved.

We open our hearts, minds, and doors to all.

This congregation invites persons of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, abilities, and socio-economic status to participate fully in all aspects of the Christian life.

Praises and Prayers

THANK YOU for the beautiful bouquet and all the cards I received for my 92nd birthday. *Joan Yonker*

PLEASE JOIN WITH OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, Washington, DC; and Andrew Cheu and Ann Hidalgo, Missionaries.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

November 28	Nancy Minor
November 30	Don Lipfert, Kisa Weesies
December 01	Wanda Ferrell
December 03	Eh Paw Ku Grettenberger
December 04	Betsy Peterson

Notes from the Church Office

ABOUT WINTER...

Going away for a while?

If you would like to receive mail from church at another address while you are away, please contact the church office with your departure and return dates.

Staying here?

When Grand Haven Area Public schools close due to inclement winter weather, Church of the Dunes closes and all activities are canceled. If Sunday worship will be canceled because of inclement winter weather, closing information is provided to WOOD TV8.

OFFICE HOURS AND PUBLICATION DEADLINES: The Church Office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment. The bulletin insert deadline is Tuesdays at noon. The Dunes Digest newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.

PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE if you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or is homebound and would like a visit. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family. We would like to be supportive and we appreciate your help. Thank you.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

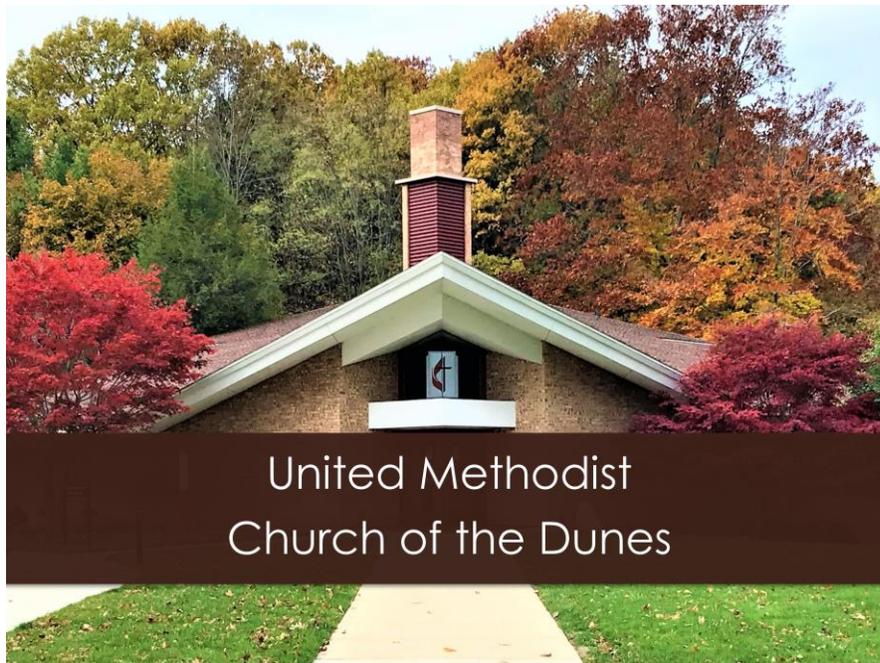
Liturgist: Jan Lipfert
Music: Chancel Choir, Megan Horist, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Don Woodward, Paige Horist
Advent Wreath: Monica Bierl, Diane Hogue
Light Bearer: Abel Scott
Greeter: Diane Roels
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Sally Liebertz, Joel Lumbert, Gary Gillan
Coffee Hour: Sherry Baker, Dorothy Wheat

Next Week – December 4

Liturgist: Don Woodward
Music: Chancel Choir, Megan Horist, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Paige Horist
Greeters: Charles & Margaret Miller
Welcome Center: Crystal Cedarquist & Patrick Bresnahan
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Neal Miller, Karyn & Gary Gillan
Coffee Hour: Sherry Baker, Dorothy Wheat

Church of the Dunes is a family of faith which seeks to:

- grow in God's grace and love
- challenge and equip all members to be faithful disciples
- share the Good News
- demonstrate and reflect the love of God



Church office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Lou directly on his cellphone at 231-883-9806.