



November 19, 2023

“Returning Thanks”

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We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Introit

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Doerksen/ arr. Schrader
Chancel Choir

We Praise God

Call to Worship

Leader: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

People: With songs of great praise and rejoicing!

Leader: How shall we prepare ourselves to receive God's blessings?

People: With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

People: Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us. Amen.

*Hymn #694

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Children's Time

Hymn #2036

"Give Thanks"

Prayer of Confession

O God, so often we take you for granted. We take for granted that you love us, that you will answer our prayers, that you will heal us and that you will make us whole. We take all that for granted. Forgive us for not appreciating your grace and presence in our lives. Help us to be more thankful. Give us faith to see you in everything and everyone around us, so that we may be truly grateful. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Jubilate, Sing Praise"

Hannibal/arr. Harris
Chancel Choir

*Doxology # 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we give You thanks and praise for all of Your gifts. We know that you are the source of every good thing. Light and love come from You. You have created us, and you continue to breathe life into us through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

We now dedicate this offering to the work of Your kin-dom here on earth. May these gifts be used to gift others, so that Your love may be known widely. As we dedicate this offering, we offer ourselves as well. Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation, and that our words may be words of peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the New Testament

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Anthem

"Give Thanks to the Lord"

Williamson
Chancel Choir

A Reading from the Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon

"Returning Thanks"

Pastor Lou

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator in heaven, holy is Your Name; Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

We Respond to the Word

*Final Hymn #102

"Now Thank We All Our God"

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

Loving God, we ask that You create breakthroughs, open doors, direct and inspire us as we follow Jesus' way: receiving and offering abundant hope and love, in our lives, our church, our community, and Your world. May Your will be done. Amen.

*Chimes

*Parting Music

**Please stand as you are able*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Hymn #694

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Give Thanks
Hymn #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."

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give thanks to the Holy One,
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Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹ As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor.

 Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

¹⁰ For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

¹¹ Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ¹² So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

¹³ As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. ¹⁴ And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. ¹⁵ Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.

¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Your faith has made you well

Now Thank We All Our God
Hymn #102

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **November 19, 2023**

- 9:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM Celebrate Wonder Sunday School – Lower Level, Room 8
- 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 10:45 AM Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge
- 2:00 PM Church Conference – Valley Church

MONDAY **November 20, 2023**

- 9:30 AM Knitters – Panera
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 3:00 PM Piano Lessons – Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall

TUESDAY **November 21, 2023**

- 8:30 AM ROMEOS – Russ Restaurant
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:00 AM Piano Lessons - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 7:15 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY **November 22, 2023**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 11:00 – 3:00PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- No evening activities (no Wednesday supper, choir rehearsal, or guitar club)

THURSDAY **November 23, 2023**

Thanksgiving Day – Church Closed

FRIDAY **November 24, 2023**

- Office Closed
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons
- 3:45 – 5:45 PM Serve at Supper House

SATURDAY **November 25, 2023**

No Scheduled Activities

Upcoming Events and Activities

CHURCH OF THE DUNES ANNUAL CONFERENCE – TODAY AT 2:00 PM – ALLENDALE

This year's Church of the Dunes Annual Church Conference will be held at Valley Church in Allendale, today at 2:00 p.m. Members of Church of the Dunes are eligible to attend and vote at this annual business meeting for the congregation. Several other churches will also have their conferences at this location. There is a gathering time to connect with other churches at 3:00 p.m.

ROMEOS MEN'S BREAKFAST AT RUSS' – NOVEMBER 21, 8:30 AM

ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meet for breakfast at Russ' Restaurant in Grand Haven on the third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. – November 21. All men, retired or not, are welcome.

MISSION MOMENT – ADULT AND TEEN CHALLENGE – NOVEMBER 26

On Sunday, November 26, Western Michigan Adult and Teen Challenge will provide a mission moment during worship. If you would like to make a contribution to this organization, make checks payable to Church of the Dunes and note "Mission Moment" on the memo line.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP – NOVEMBER 27, 1:00 PM

This support group is for all who are caring for a loved one with a long-term illness or diagnosis. The next meeting is Monday, November 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge at the church (main floor).

MEN'S GLOVES, MITTENS, SOCKS FOR SUPPER HOUSE – THROUGH NOVEMBER 29

Please consider adding Supper House guests to your giving list this year. Donations of men's gloves/mittens and warm socks are being collected for Supper House's Christmas gift bags. There is a basket for donations located in the church weekday entrance until November 29.



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS, MUSIC AND MORE – NOVEMBER 30, 7:00 PM

All are invited to this special evening of seasonal music and readings in the sanctuary, followed by refreshments in the Wiltse Center fellowship area. The featured musical guest is Grand Haven High School Choral Ensemble. This event is a beautiful way to connect with the coming Advent season.

HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET – DECEMBER 2

A local organization, re:MADE, is hosting a holiday market at the church December 2, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Church of the Dunes United Women in Faith will have a bake sale booth at this event, with proceeds going to missions, and The Dunesmen will offer a chili (vegetarian option available) and cornbread lunch for purchase from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

NEW MEMBER INQUIRER'S CLASS – DECEMBER 3, 5:00 PM

Are you interested in learning more about Church of the Dunes? Are you interested in becoming a member? Pastor Lou will lead this class on Sunday, December 3, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. While new members are a blessing, taking the class does not obligate you to join the church. Contact the church office to sign up.

BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY – DECEMBER 9

Church of the Dunes is ringing the bells for Salvation Army at both entrances of Grand Haven Walmart on Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. More volunteers are still needed for one-hour shifts. Please sign up on The Dunesmen bulletin board, located near the church library on the main floor hallway.

CHAIR-SUPPORTED YOGA – MONDAY EVENINGS, THURSDAY MORNINGS

Church of the Dunes Finishing Well Ministry hosts chair-supported yoga classes that are open to all adults. Classes meet on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m., and are led by an experienced yoga instructor. A \$1 per class donation assists with expenses.

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.

Sundays at Church of the Dunes

Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

For a link to worship by recorded livestream, visit www.umcdunes.org/worship.

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

It is located a short distance down the hall from the worship space.

Sunday School for Children – Hosanna classroom (room 8), lower level

The pastor will dismiss students to Sunday school from worship after the Children's Time.

Coffee Fellowship – 10:30 a.m. Wiltse Center fellowship area

Please stop by for a fresh cup of coffee and delicious refreshments.

Faith Linked – 10:45 a.m. – Ryder Lounge

Discussion of topics and current events from a faith-focused perspective. Open to all adults.

Advent Studies

Protagonist - Stepping Into the Story of Advent by Matt Leroy & Josh Leroy

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m., beginning November 28, four weeks

Cathy Shick, facilitator, Room 2 (lower level)

Please sign up on the bulletin board located near the church office. Books \$10.

Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas by Adam Hamilton

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m., beginning November 29, four weeks

Barry Kram, facilitator, Ryder Lounge (main floor)

Please sign up on the bulletin board located near the church office or by contacting the facilitator.

Participants are asked to provide their own books.

Experiencing Christmas - Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent by Matt Rawle

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., beginning November 29, four weeks

Ruth Woodward, facilitator, Ryder Lounge (main floor)

Please sign up on the bulletin board located near the church office. Books \$13.

Did you know?

Church of the Dunes Gun Violence Prevention Task Group is working on ways to inform parents about a new law that requires firearms to be locked where children are present.

Praises and Prayers

FLOWERS THIS MORNING are from Connie Dean in memory of Earl on their wedding anniversary; and in loving memory of son Adam, by Guy and Char Brown.

THANK YOU TO Finishing Well for the delicious candy. I have shared it with my family and friends.
Rose Umphrey

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who worked, baked, set up, tore down, knitted, sewed, painted and created, for our Holly Berry Bazaar. What a blessing you all are! A big thank you to all the shoppers – so far we have taken in over \$8,000 for missions.
Ruth Woodward, United Women in Faith

BIRTHDAYS TODAY: Patricia Keenan, Doug Thorpe, Judith Tindall

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

November 20	Charles Miller
November 21	Gail Cox, Cindy Edgeerle
November 22	Jean Dusnik (99)
November 24	Dorothy Corradi, Carla Kocher
November 26	Robert Whipkey

Giving and Attendance

<u>Date/Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>
November 12	\$	\$	\$8,885

Giving information will be updated in a future bulletin.

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/>.

Worship attendance on November 12, 2023 was 168. As of November 14, the November 12 recorded livestream had 44 views. One view may include more than one person viewing the service together. For statistical purposes, the Michigan Conference of the UMC recommends multiplying the number of views by 1.5 to estimate total online viewers.

(44 x 1.5 = 66; total 11/12 attendance = 234).

Notes from the Church Office

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.

CHURCH OF THE DUNES WOULD LIKE TO BE SUPPORTIVE

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. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Dave Hoffman
Acolyte: Abel Scott
Music: Chancel Choir, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Don Woodward, Trevor Larkins
Greeters: Guy & Char Brown
Welcome Center: Carol Sue Scherpenisse
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Ray Komray, Betty & Rob Roberts
Coffee Hour: Sherry Baker

Next Week – November 26

Liturgist: Don Woodward
Acolyte: Morgan Yost
Music: Bells of Glory, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Scott Marshall
Greeters: Guy & Char Brown
Welcome Center: Ruth Hanson
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Nancy Humphrey, Doug Mitchell, Pam & Dale Zurakowski
Coffee Hour: Sherry Baker

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.

