



October 20, 2024

New Member Sunday

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

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We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Introit

"Bless God's Holy Name"

Crouch
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

People: but Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

Leader: The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. A fullness of life!

People: We come here to get close to Jesus, and Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

Leader: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

People: We might come here for honor or fame, but Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"

Leader: Why are we here?

People: To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace; and to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed. Let us worship together!

We Praise God

*Hymn #415

"Take Up Thy Cross"

Children's Time

Pastor Lou

Receiving New Members

Special Music

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

arr. Hayes
Chancel Choir

Prayer of Confession

We pray for forgiveness, Holy God. For choosing power over service, forgive us. For seeking glory rather than humility, forgive us. For pushing ourselves to the front, when our presence is needed on the sidelines, forgive us. Help us know where we are needed and how best to serve you and your people. Guide us to your side, that we might be your hands of healing and compassion for a world in need. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Order My Steps"

Schrader
Chancel Choir

*Doxology #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, you teach us humility and service. We bring our offerings today with grateful hearts. As we reflect on your holy scripture today, may we give as a testament to our commitment to serve others, not seeking the highest places but embracing the path of sacrificial love. Bless these gifts and use them to advance your kingdom. Remind us that true greatness always comes through serving. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Hymn #2222

"Servant Song"

A Reading from the Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

Sermon

"Good Seats"

Pastor Lou

We Respond to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary)

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.

*Final Hymn #530

"Are Ye Able?"

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

*Chimes & Parting Music

**Please stand as you are able*

Take Up Thy Cross

Hymn #415

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Doxology

Hymn #95

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

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man;

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

³⁴ “Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

³⁵ Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts

or given understanding to the mind?

³⁷ Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens

³⁸ when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

³⁹ “Can you hunt the prey for the lion

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens or lie in wait in their covert?

⁴¹ Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God and wander about for lack of food?

Servant Song
Hymn #2222

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;
we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've know together
of Christ's love and agony.

Mark 10:35-45 (NRSVUE)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

Are Ye Able?
Hymn #530

"Are ye able," said the Master,
"to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"to the death we follow thee."

Refrain:

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Are ye able to remember,
when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy
of a place in paradise? (Refrain)

Are ye able when the shadows
close around you with the sod,
to believe that spirit triumphs,
to commend your soul to God? (Refrain)

Are ye able? Still the Master
whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer,
now as then in Galilee. (Refrain)

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **October 20, 2024**

- 9:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM Sunday School - Room 8
- 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship - Wiltse Center fellowship area
- 10:45 AM Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge

MONDAY **October 21, 2024**

- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Panera Bread, Grand Haven
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 1:00 PM Caregivers Support Group – Ryder Lounge
- 1:30- -5:30 PM Piano Lessons - Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 6:00 PM Dunesmen – Wiltse Center

TUESDAY **October 22, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 10:00 AM "Good News" Bible Study – Room 2
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 2:00 PM Generous Giving – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00 PM Ruth Circle – Ryder Lounge
- 7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY **October 23, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM Organ Lesson – Choir Loft
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 5:15 PM Supper - Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM Knit & Crochet – Conference Room
- 6:00 PM Guitars – Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Grace Study – Ryder Lounge
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **October 24, 2024**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:30 AM Community Choir – Choir Room
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 11:30 AM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 3:00 – 7:00 PM Piano Lessons – Social Hall

FRIDAY **October 25, 2024**

- Office Closed
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 2:45 PM Serve at Supper House

SATURDAY **October 26, 2024**

- 2:00 PM Joseph Rebar Funeral

Church of the Dunes
Information, Events, and Activities

Events and activities are open to all.

TODAY IN WORSHIP, WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It is a joy and blessing to welcome new members to Church of the Dunes! If you are interested in learning more about membership at this church, please contact the church office for information.

DUNESMEN MEAL AND MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 6:00 PM (PLEASE NOTE NEW SCHEDULE)

All men are invited for this meal and meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Wiltse Center fellowship area. Doug Mitchell and Gary Kish are the meal hosts; please let one of them know if you will be attending. For assistance in making the connection, contact the church office. Please note that Dunesmen meetings have been moved to the third Monday of each month.

GENEROUS GIVING, GRATEFUL LIVING WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 22, 2:00 PM

Ryder Lounge, main floor, Robert Mann, facilitator

Learn more about legacy plans and donations to specific funds at Church of the Dunes. A legacy gift can benefit a large group of people or support church programs into the future. The discussion will focus on ideas, information, and an opportunity to ask questions. There will be no “sales-pitches” or requests for commitments.

RECEIVE AND BLESS ESTIMATES OF GIVING – OCTOBER 27

Please bring your estimate of giving to worship next Sunday if you have not already returned it. During the service, Pastor Lou will say a blessing of thanks for these symbols of financial support for this church and its ministries. If you have not received an estimate giving form, please contact the church office.

MISSION MOMENT: FAMILY PROMISE OF THE LAKESHORE – OCTOBER 27

Next Sunday in worship, Family Promise of the Lakeshore will share updates about its important work to serve families experiencing homelessness. If you would like to contribute and will do so by check, please make it payable to Church of the Dunes and note Family Promise on the memo line.

90-SOMETHINGS BIRTHDAY BASH – OCTOBER 27, AFTER WORSHIP

On Sunday, October 27, you are invited to the Wiltse Center fellowship area after worship to celebrate Church of the Dunes' 90-something-year-olds! There will be coffee, cake, and more.

FREE CONCERT: RUBY JOHN, FIDDLER – NOVEMBER 7, 7:00 PM

Ruby John is an accomplished fiddler who has toured the United States and Canada. Her playing styles include Métis, Celtic, traditional country and mountain, and Bluegrass. John Warstler accompanies Ruby on guitar. This event is free and open to the public.

CHURCH OF THE DUNES ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 10, 2:00 PM

In addition to holding its own church conference meeting on this date, Church of the Dunes serves as a conference hub, with six other UMC congregations holding their annual meetings at our location that afternoon. Volunteers are needed to greet and guide visiting congregation members to their meeting rooms, to provide and help serve light refreshments, and to help with cleanup. To sign up, contact the church office or sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

NEW ISSUE OF UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONS – NOW AVAILABLE

The November – December issue of *The Upper Room* is available at the Welcome Center near the sanctuary and in the weekday entrance of the church. These devotion booklets are free.

ALSO COMING UP

Free Pickleball Clinic

November 19, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Wiltse Center fellowship area
Coach Jaron is the instructor. He has won multiple medals at the 5.0 level and plays on the pro tour.

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

November 24, 5:00 p.m., Wiltse Center fellowship area
Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, and gravy are provided. Please bring your own plate and utensils and a side dish or dessert to share. Watch for sign-up opportunities in upcoming bulletins.

Sundays at Church of the Dunes

Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

For a link to the 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 fresh 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.

Notes from the Church Office

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment.

Church of the Dunes would like to stay connected with you and to be supportive of you and your loved ones. If your contact information has changed, please let the church office know. 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. Let us know, as well, if you have experienced a death in your family.

Hospitality Hint

Say hello.

If you see someone at church you have not met before, wave or say hello.
You might make their day.

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

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are from Cathryn Marshall in grateful appreciation for 6 years on staff here at Church of the Dunes, and by Ginger Collins in memory of Jean Mick.

TODAY IN WORSHIP we receive new members Blythe Smith, Taylor Leister & Diego Morse, and Jack & Maggie Cook. We are so glad to welcome you to our church family!

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

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| October 26 | Levi Luebke |
| October 27 | Susan Booker, Nancy Humphrey |

Giving and Attendance

| <u>Date/Week Of</u> | <u>Offerings Received</u> | <u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u> | <u>Weekly Budgeted</u> | <u>Percent of Budget</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| October 13 | \$4,572 | \$8,804 | \$8,830 | 99.7 |

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/>.

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| In Person | 137 |
| Online | 88.5 (59x 1.5) |
| Total Attendance | 225.5 |

Since one view may include more than one person viewing together, the Michigan Conference of the UMC recommends multiplying the number of views by 1.5 to estimate total online attendance.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Jan Stuart
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Chancel Choir
Technology: David Norton, ArSarNi Grettenberger
Greeters: John & Carla Pearce
Welcome Center: Rob & Betty Roberts
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Eric Weber, Char & Jack Grevel
Coffee Hour: Carol Barnhill, Sherry Baker

Next Week – October 27

Liturgist: Jan Lipfert
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Guitar Club
Technology: David Norton, Trevor Larkins
Greeters: Diane & Tom Gordon
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Jane Brown, Nancy Humphrey, John Bartels, Gary Gillan
Coffee Hour: 90-somethings Birthday Bash

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.