



# **Illuminate:**

For God's Sake and Ours

**January 19, 2025**

**United Methodist Church of the Dunes**

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## We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Introit

*"Praise God's Holy Name"*

Hampton  
Chancel Choir

\*Call to Worship

Leader: How can we keep still this day?

**People: There is joy in this place!**

Leader: God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

**People: God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.**

Leader: Thanks be to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

**People: Let us celebrate God's joyful love for us! Let's worship together.**

## We Praise God

Hymn #89

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Children's Time

Pastor Lou

Worship Song

*"Way Maker"*

Kalu/Egbu

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, how we try your patience! We doubt when we should place our faith in You. We think that we have to have all the answers, and we judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So, we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show that our faith is shallow. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already and will continue to work in our lives as we journey in faith. Let the joy of your light flood our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*"I Will Lift My Eyes"*

Hayes  
Chancel Choir

\*Doxology #94

*"Praise God from Whom all Blessing Flow"*

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, who turns water into wine and scarcity into abundance, we offer our gifts to you with grateful hearts. May these offerings be used to transform lives through your grace. Guide us to use these resources to meet the vast needs all around us, to expose your love, and to build your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### **We Share the Word**

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 36:5-10

Hymn #206

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

The Wedding at Cana

video

Sermon

*"Illuminate: For God's Sake and Ours"*

Pastor Lou

### **We Respond to the Word**

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.**

\*Final Hymn #140

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

### **We are Sent Forth**

\*Benediction

\*Chimes & Parting Music

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**  
**Hymn #89**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

## Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst  
we worship You, we worship You  
You are here working in this place  
we worship You we worship You

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here touching every heart  
we worship You we worship You  
You are here healing every heart  
we worship You we worship You

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending every heart  
I worship You I worship You

Even when we don't see it You're working  
Even when we don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

**Doxology**  
**Hymn #94**

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

**Psalm 36:5-10**

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.  
<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.  
<sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.  
<sup>10</sup> O continue your steadfast love to those who know you  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**  
**Hymn #206**

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

Refrain:

In Him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father {Refrain}

I'm looking for the coming of Christ  
I want to follow Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race  
We shall know the joy of Jesus {Refrain}



## **John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

(This story will be read during the service as the Threshold Moment. A video will be shown during the service to further illustrate the story.)



**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

**Hymn # 140**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. {Refrain}

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! {Refrain}

Great is thy faithfulness!

## This Week's Calendar

### **SUNDAY**      **January 19, 2025**

- 9:30 AM    Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM    “Be Bold” Sunday School - Room 8
- 10:30 AM    Coffee Fellowship - Wiltse Center fellowship area
- 10:45 AM    Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge
- 1:00 – 4:00 PM    Youth Group – Wiltse Center

### **MONDAY**      **January 20, 2025**

- 9:30 AM    Prayer Shawl Group – Panera Bread, Grand Haven
- 11:00 AM    Reading the Bible – Ryder Lounge
- 1:00 PM    Caregivers – Ryder Lounge
- 1:30 – 5:30 PM    Piano Lessons - Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM    Chair Yoga – Social Hall (lower level)
- 5:30 PM    Dunesmen – Wiltse Center

### **TUESDAY**      **January 21, 2025**

- 8:30 AM    ROMEOs – Russ' Restaurant
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM    Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 10:00 AM    Not Alone Bible Study – Ryder Lounge
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM    Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 2:00 PM    Finishing Well – Conference Room
- 6:30 PM    Quilt Board – Room 4
- 7:00 PM    Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

### **WEDNESDAY**      **January 22, 2025**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:30 AM    Heart of Christianity Bible Study – Ryder Lounge
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM    Private lessons – Wiltse Center
- 5:15 PM    Wednesday Night Supper – Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM    Knit & Crochet – Conference Room
- 6:00 PM    Guitars – Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM    Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

### **THURSDAY**      **January 23, 2025**

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

**FRIDAY**                    **January 24, 2025**  
Office Closed  
11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center  
2:45 PM    Serve at Supper House

**SATURDAY**                **January 25, 2025**  
No Scheduled Activities

Church of the Dunes  
Information, Events, and Activities

*Events and activities are open to all.*

**WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE DUNES**

We are glad to have you here today! After the service, you are invited to join us in the Wiltse Center fellowship area (main floor) for coffee and refreshments.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP – MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1:00 PM**

These discussions are open to all caring for a loved one with a long-term illness or diagnosis. It is a time and place to share and receive information, support, ideas, and to connect with others experiencing the caregiving journey. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Ryder Lounge (main floor).

**DUNESMEN MEAL AND PROGRAM – MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 5:30 PM**

All men are invited for a meal, fellowship, and presentation by Joyce Bowling on the important work of Love in Action's Harbor Hall. This meeting will take place in the Wiltse Center fellowship area (main floor). Al Kochanowski is the meal host. Please let him know if you will be attending. For assistance in making the connection, contact the church office.

**ROMEOs MEN'S BREAKFAST – TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 8:30 AM, RUSS' RESTAURANT**

Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEOs) meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 8:30 a.m., at Russ' Restaurant in Grand Haven. This casual get-together invites all men, retired or not, to meet up for breakfast, fellowship, and conversation.

**MISSION MOMENT – JANUARY 26 IN WORSHIP**

Church of the Dunes' Prayer Shawl Group, next Sunday's mission moment organization, knits and crochets shawls, lap throws, and Afghans to share with those in need of prayer and special care. If you would like to contribute and will do so by check, please make payable to Church of the Dunes and note Mission Moment on the memo line.

**FOURTH MONDAY READING GROUP – JANUARY 27, 1:30 PM, PANERA BREAD**

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at Panera Bread in Grand Haven. January's book is "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. To participate, get a copy of the book, read it, and join the discussion. (In inclement winter weather, meetings may be held on Zoom.)

**INQUIRER CLASS – FEBRUARY 2, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

This class is open to those interested in learning more about Church of the Dunes and/or becoming a member. Sign up on the back of the attendance sheet, or by contacting the church office. Those who wish to become new members will be received during worship on Sunday, February 23.

**SEND A CHILI MEAL VALENTINE HUG**

For a donation of \$20, Ruth Circle will deliver a chili meal to a church friend in the Tri-Cities area, February 13 and 14. The meal includes a quart of chili, cornbread, cookies, and an inspirational message. Orders will be taken after the Sunday service, during coffee hour in the Wiltse Center (main floor) on January 19 and January 26. Quantity is limited. Proceeds go to missions.

**2025 ALTAR FLOWERS**

Would you like to provide flowers for a Sunday morning in 2025? The cost is \$30, and staff handle all the details. Flowers may be given in honor or memory of someone, or in celebration of a special occasion. To sign up, contact the church office.

### 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 the recorded livestream, visit [www.umcdunes.org/worship](http://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.

### Notes from the Church Office

#### **Church Office Hours**

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

**The bulletin deadline** is noon on Tuesdays, and earlier on holiday weeks. Bulletin space is limited and often fills up well before the deadline. Early submissions are recommended.

**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.

## Praises and Prayers

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are from Sherry Baker in celebration and gratitude for the people of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes.

### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

January 19	Gary Erickson, Betty Thompson
January 21	Tom Bauer
January 22	Luke Grettenberger, Katherine Jarvi
January 25	Nancy Hillila

## Giving

<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>
January 12	\$7,651	\$7,175	\$8,830	80.6

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/>.

## Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>x 1.5</u>	<u>Total</u>
1-12	136	50	75	211

*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 Lipfert  
**Pastor:** Lou Grettenberger  
**Music:** Chancel Choir, Marna Jeffery  
**Technology:** Trevor Larkins, ArSarNi Grettenberger  
**Greeter:** Darlene Graska  
**Welcome Center:** Dave & Karen Hoffman  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Nancy Humphrey, Rob & Betty Roberts  
**Coffee Hour:** Carol Sue Scherpenisse, Sherry Baker

### **Next Week – January 26**

**Liturgist:** Carla Pearce  
**Pastor:** Lou Grettenberger  
**Music:** Bells of Glory, Marna Jeffery  
**Technology:** Trevor Larkins  
**Greeter:** Volunteer Needed  
**Welcome Center:** Volunteer Needed  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Eric Weber, John Bartels, 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.



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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.