



Illuminate: Spreading the Light

January 26, 2025

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We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Introit

"Reverberations"

Lloyd/arr. Fry
Bells of Glory

*Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

People: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

Leader: We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

People: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

Leader: We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

People: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

Leader: Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

People: We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God!

We Praise God

Hymn #64

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Children's Time

Pastor Lou

Worship Song

"God of Wonders"

Byrd/Hindalong

Prayer of Confession

Waiting God, you know us all too well. When we listen to Jesus' announcement of his purpose, we hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they had feared.

Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Mission Moment

Prayer Shawl Group

Michelle DeVito

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"The Heavens are Telling"

Haydn/arr. Thompson
Bells of Glory

*Doxology #94

"Praise God from Whom all Blessing Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, who calls us to follow and empowers us by your Spirit, we bring these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they be used to proclaim good news, set the oppressed free, and bring sight to the blind. Transform our offerings into acts of love and justice that reflect the mission of Jesus in this world. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 19

Hymn #2068

"I Love You, Lord"

A Reading from the Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

"Illuminate: Spreading the Light"

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

"We are Called"

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

*Chimes & Parting Music

**Please stand as you are able*

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Hymn #64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Doxology

Hymn #94

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

God of Wonders

Lord of all creation; of water earth and sky,
the heavens are Your tabernacle.

Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,

You are holy, holy.

The universe declares Your majesty,

You are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

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You are holy

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,

You are holy, holy.

Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.

Father, hold me, hold me.

The universe declares Your majesty.

You are holy, holy, holy, holy!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,

You are holy, holy.

Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.

Father, hold me, hold me.

(Repeat Hallelujahs)

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

I Love You, Lord
Hymn #2068

I love You, Lord,
and I lift my voice
to worship You,
O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King,
in what You hear,
may it be a sweet, sweet sound
in Your ear.

I lift my voice to worship you



Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

We are Called
Hymn # 2172

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

{Refrain} We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! {Refrain}

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love! {Refrain}



This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **January 26, 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

MONDAY **January 27, 2025**

- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Panera Bread, Grand Haven
- 11:00 AM Reading the Bible – Ryder Lounge
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 1:30 – 5:30 PM Piano Lessons – Sanctuary
- 1:30 PM Book Club – Panera Bread, Grand Haven
- 5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall (lower level)

TUESDAY **January 28, 2025**

- 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 AM Staff – Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY **January 29, 2025**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM Organ Lesson - Sanctuary
- 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 30, 2025**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:30 PM Community Choir
- 11:00-3:00 PM Private lessons – Wiltse Center

FRIDAY **January 31, 2025**

- Office Closed
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 5:00 – 9:00 PM Private Event – Wiltse Center

SATURDAY **February 1, 2025**

No Scheduled Activities

Church of the Dunes
Information, Events, and Activities

Events and activities are open to all.

MISSION MOMENT: CHURCH OF THE DUNES' PRAYER SHAWL GROUP – TODAY

Today in worship, we will learn more about Church of the Dunes' Prayer Shawl Group. This group 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 plan to do so by check, please make it payable to Church of the Dunes and note Mission Moment on the memo line.

FOURTH MONDAY READING GROUP – JANUARY 27, 1:30 PM, PANERA, GRAND HAVEN

This month'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.)

SEND A CHILI MEAL VALENTINE HUG – ORDERS DUE BY FEBRUARY 2

Ruth Circle will deliver a chili meal to a church friend in the Tri-Cities area, February 12 - 14, for a donation of \$20. The meal includes a quart of chili, cornbread, cookies, and an inspirational message. Orders will be taken today after the Sunday service, during coffee hour in the Wiltse Center (main floor). Quantity is limited. Proceeds go to missions.

NEXT SUNDAY IS NAME TAG SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 2

Next Sunday, please wear a name tag for worship and coffee fellowship time afterwards. Names can be tough to remember and name tags are such a help to one another and to communion servers, too. To request a new or replacement reusable name tag, make a note on today's sign-in sheet or contact the church office.

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

Whether you'd like to learn more about this church, or are considering becoming a member, this class is for you. Sign up on the back of the attendance sheet, or by contacting the church office. While new members are always a blessing, participants are not obligated to join. New members will be received during worship on Sunday, February 23.

BROWN BAG NON-PERISHABLE FOOD GATHERING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

This non-perishable food gathering is for Love in Action Tri-Cities. Bring items to church on February 9 and volunteers will deliver them to the pantry. Most needed items include: 64 oz. shelf-stable juice, pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, coffee, grape jelly, and cereal.

EDUCATION GRANTS – APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1:00 PM

Twice each year, the Memorial Fund Committee awards one-time education grants to successful applicants. Members and staff of Church of the Dunes, and children and grandchildren of members who have a connection to the church may apply. Details are available at www.umcdunes.org/serve.

UPCOMING BOOK STUDIES

- "The Sermon on the Mount" study, begins February 4
Tuesdays 10:30 a.m., 4 weeks, Room 2 (lower level), facilitator Cathy Shick
Observe, interpret, and apply Jesus' instructions on how we are to live the Christian life. Please bring a bible, no book is necessary. Sign up on the Adult Education board, located near the church office.
- "The Bible in 52 Weeks for Men" by Josh Laxton, begins February 9
Sundays 10:45 a.m., Room 14 (lower level), facilitator Rich Cole
Books are provided, and no sign-up is required.

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.

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 given to the glory of God by Dolores Quackenbush.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

January 27	Janet Jackson, Bev Perry-Dexter
January 29	Jill Eagle
February 2	Merrill Fisher (96)

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 19	\$	\$	\$8,830	

Giving information will be updated in next week's 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/>.

Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>x 1.5</u>	<u>Total</u>
1-19	128	59	88.5	216.5

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: Kay Cansfield
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Bells of Glory, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Blair Miller, Trevor Larkins
Greeter: Volunteer Needed
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Eric Weber, John Bartels, Pam & Dale Zurakowski
Coffee Hour: Sherry Baker

Next Week – February 2

Liturgist: Carla Pearce
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Chancel Choir, Marna Jeffery
Technology: ArSarNi Grettenberger
Greeters: Tom & Diane Gordon
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Nancy Humphrey, Ron and Tim Kurburski
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.

