



Illuminate:
How to Use the Spotlight

February 2, 2025

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We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Introit

“Agnus Dei”

Smith/Smith
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

People: the God who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

People: the God who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

Leader: We have come to worship God, the all-gracious God,

People: the God who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

We Praise God

Hymn #399

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

Children’s Time

Pastor Lou

Litany of Confession

Leader: Lord, Your word says love is patient and kind.

People: We confess the times when we have been impatient and unkind.

Leader: Your word tells us that love does not envy, that it does not boast, and that it is not proud.

People: We confess that sometimes we have been envious, boastful, and proud.

Leader: Your word says that love is not rude and that it is not self-seeking.

People: We confess the many ways we have been inconsiderate of those around us, thinking only of ourselves.

Leader: Scripture tells us that love is not easily angered, and that it keeps no record of wrongs.

People: We confess how quickly we fly off the handle, and how carefully we keep score when we have been wronged.

Leader: Scripture says that love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth, that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

People: Help us, Lord, not to take pleasure in what is evil, but to always rejoice in the truth of Your love. Motivate us with Your love, Lord, and help us to choose Your way – trusting, hoping, and persevering as we remember that Your love never fails, and that You never fail. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Shine, Jesus, Shine!"
Chancel Choir

Kendrick/arr. Hayes

*Doxology #94

"Praise God from Whom all Blessing Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim your good news, heal the broken, and extend your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Hymn #408

"The Gift of Love"

A Reading from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon

"Illuminate: How to Use the Spotlight"

Pastor Lou

We Respond to the Word

Hymn of Preparation #2260

"Let Us Be Bread"

Invitation to the Table

Response #2260

"Let Us Be Bread"

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Final Hymn #593

"Here I Am, Lord"

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction/*Chimes & Parting Music

**Please stand as you are able*

Take My Life, and Let it Be
Hymn #399

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Doxology
Hymn #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’ for you shall go to all to whom I
send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”
⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and
the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Gift of Love
Hymn #408

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.



1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Let Us Be Bread
Hymn # 2260

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a joyful thing to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord, our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created the heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty.

You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us men and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into him Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that thy whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into thy kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Here I am, Lord
Hymn #593

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

{Refrain} Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
{Refrain}

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
{Refrain}

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **February 2, 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
- 6:00 PM Inquirer's Class - Ryder Lounge

MONDAY **February 3, 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
- 2:00 PM Gun Violence Prevention – Room 2
- 5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall (lower level)

TUESDAY **February 4, 2025**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 10:00 AM Sermon on the Mount – Room 2
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM UWF Board – Room 10
- 7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft
- 7:00 PM Missions – Room 13/14

WEDNESDAY **February 5, 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 **February 6, 2025**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 11:00-3:00 PM Private lessons – Wiltse Center
- 11:30 AM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 1:00 PM Mary Circle
- 3:00 – 7:00 PM Piano Lessons – Sanctuary

FRIDAY **February 7, 2025**

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

SATURDAY **February 8, 2025**

No Scheduled Activities

Church of the Dunes
Information, Events, and Activities

Events and activities are open to all.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

- **Communion** All are welcome. If you are worshipping from home, you may wish to have some juice and bread on hand to participate.
- **Name Tag Sunday** Please wear a name tag for worship and for coffee fellowship time afterwards. It's not always easy to remember names and name tags are a tremendous help to one another and to the communion servers, too.
- **Hunger Offering for Love in Action** If you would like to give and will do so by check, please make payable to Church of the Dunes and note "hunger offering" on the memo line.

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

Are you interested in learning more about Christianity, the United Methodist Denomination, Church of the Dunes and/or becoming a member? This class is the next step, and it is taught by Pastor Lou. New members will be received at a Sunday service in the near future.

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

This non-perishable food gathering is for Love in Action Tri-Cities. Brown bags and a complete list of most needed items will be available after service today. To participate, take a bag(s), shop for some of the items, and bring it back to church on Sunday, February 9.

PEOPLE CENTER RUSS' FUNDRAISER – BEGINS FEBRUARY 10

The Missions and Social Concerns Committee invites you to support the People Center's fundraiser at Russ's restaurant in Grand Haven. Using a special coupon, diners can ask that 20% of their total order goes to the People Center. These coupons are available in the Welcome Center (main floor) of the church and are valid February 10 - 15.

FREE PICKLEBALL CLINIC – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Coach Jaron has won multiple medals at the 5.0 level and plays pickleball on the pro tour. He will lead this free clinic in the Wiltse Center fellowship area (main level) at church. Bring your paddle if you have one and dress comfortably.

CRAFT CIRCLE MEETING – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 10:00 AM

Craft Circle will meet on Thursday, February 13 at 10 a.m. in Room 2 (lower level). Bring your sewing machine or come as you are to help fold, turn, and clip edges to assist in finishing quilted dresser scarves for Hope House. Drop-ins are welcome.

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 STUDIES

Sign-up sheets are on the Adult Ministries bulletin board located near the church office. See the February edition of the Dunes Digest for facilitator and book information.

"The Sermon on the Mount"	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Begins February 4 (4 weeks)
"The Bible in 52 Weeks for Men"	Sundays, 10:45 a.m.	Begins February 9
"Meeting Jesus at the Table"	Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.	Begins February 26 (7 weeks)

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 from John and Gwen Bartels.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

February 3	Marge Bullerdick, Cathy Shick
February 5	Gail Ringelberg, Ruth Woodward
February 6	Jim Burch
February 7	Sylvia Burch
February 8	Nancy Foster, Ron Russett (92)

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	\$11,147	\$8,499	\$8,830	95.5
January 26	\$17,525	\$10,756		120.8

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>
1-26	169	76	114	283

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: Dave Hoffman
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Chancel Choir, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Don Woodward, ArSarNi Grettenberger
Greeters: Tom & Diane Gordon
Welcome Center: Vicki Reis
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Nancy Humphrey, Ron and Tim Kurburski
Coffee Hour: Sherry Baker

Next Week – February 9

Liturgist: Neal Miller
Pastor: Lou Grettenberger
Music: Bells of Glory
Technology: Blair Miller, Trevor Larkins
Greeter: Carole Woolf
Welcome Center: Carol Sue Scherpenisse
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Nancy Humphrey, Heather Torrance, John Bartels
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.