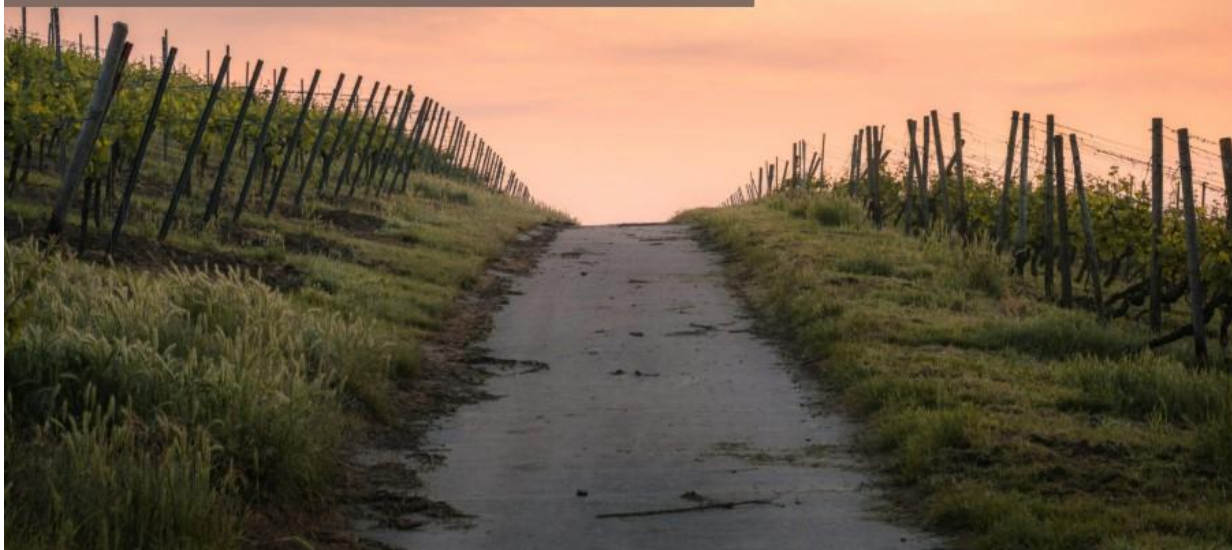


WHEN GOD SAYS GO



March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

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*Doxology #94

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Red Hymnal

*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God of New Beginnings, you call us—as you called Abraham—to trust in what we cannot yet see, to follow where you lead, even when the road is unclear. In the shadows of our questions and the uncertainty of our understanding, you meet us with grace, not condemnation. Receive these gifts—not as payment or proof, but as signs of our belief, our hope, and our gratitude. Amen

We Share the Word

A Reading from the New Testament

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Hymn #464

"I Will Trust in the Lord"

vs. 1-3, 1

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 12:1-4

Sermon

"When God Says, 'Go'"

Pastor Lou

We Respond

The Great Thanksgiving

Time of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faithful, generous, and abiding God; we thank you for this Bread and this Cup that we have received at your table. May the taste of this meal linger, so that we may be strengthened in our Lenten journey. Amen.

*Hymn #571

"Go Make of All Disciples"

Red Hymnal

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

*Chimes & Parting Music

**Please stand as you are able*

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Red Hymnal # 126

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:

Go Make of All Disciples
Red Hymnal # 571

“Go, make of all disciples”: We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from thee, our Father, in Thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.

“Go make of all disciples”: Baptizing in the name
Of father, Son and Spirit from age to age the same.
We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord,
Redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

“Go make of all disciple”: we at thy feet would stay
Until each life’s vocation accents thy holy way.
We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart
Revealing in our witness the Master Teacher’s art.

“Go make of all disciples”: We welcome your command;
“Lo, I am with you always”: We take your guiding hand.
The task looms large before us; we follow without fear
In heav’n and earth your power
Shall bring God’s kingdom here.

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Red Hymnal #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!

I Will Trust in the Lord
Red Hymnal # 464

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.

Sister, will you trust in the Lord,
Sister, will you trust in the Lord,
Sister, will you trust in the Lord till you die?
Sister, will you trust in the Lord,
Sister, will you trust in the Lord,
Sister, will you trust in the Lord till you die?

Brother, will you trust in the Lord,
Brother, will you trust in the Lord,
Brother, will you trust in the Lord, till you die?
Brother, will you trust in the Lord,
Brother, will you trust in the Lord,
Brother, will you trust in the Lord, till you die?

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the lord, till I die
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.

Genesis 12:1-4

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."^[a]

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believedⁱⁿ God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY

March 1, 2026

9:00 AM Prayer Time – Conference Room
10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
10:45 AM Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge
2:00 PM United Women in Faith – Social Hall
3:00 PM Stop the Bleed – Social Hall

MONDAY

March 2, 2026

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Panera
1:00-6:30 PM Piano Lessons – Galilee Room
2:00 PM Gun Safety/Violence Prevention – Study Rm
5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall

TUESDAY

March 3, 2026

9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
9:00 – 11:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours
10:00 AM *Finding Jesus in the Psalms – Study Room*
11:00 – 5:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
4:00 – 6:00PM Piano Lessons – Galilee Room
6:00 PM Greater Balance – Social Hall
6:00 PM Circuit Fitness – Wiltse Center
6:00 PM UWF Board – UWF Room
6:30 PM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft
7:00 PM Missions – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY

March 4, 2026

9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
10:00 AM *Lent in Plain Sight – Study Room*
1:00 – 2:00 PM Dog Training – Social Hall
5:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper – Wiltse Center
6:00 PM Knit & Crochet – Conference Room
6:00 PM Watercolor Class – Art Room
6:00 PM Guitar Club - Sanctuary
7:00 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY

March 5, 2026

9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
10:30 – 11:45 AM Community Singers – Choir Room
11:00 – 5:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
11:30 AM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
1:00 PM Mary Circle – Ryder Lounge
6:00 Line Dancing – Social Hall

FRIDAY

March 6, 2026 – Office Closed

8:30 AM Bible for Men - Kenzie's Be Cafe
9:00-4:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
11:30-3:00PM Dog Training – Social Hall

Church of the Dunes
Information, Events, and Activities
Events and activities are open to all.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

- **Hunger Offering for The People Center:** If you plan to give and would like to do so by check, please note 'Hunger Offering' on the memo line.
- **Communion:** All who believe are welcome at the table. If you are worshipping from home, you may wish to have some juice and bread on hand to participate.
- **Name Tag Sunday:** Name tags help us learn new names and remember old ones. Please wear yours or get a temporary one from the welcome desk.

'STOP THE BLEED' TRAINING AND PRESENTATION – SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 3:00 PM

UWF is hosting a 'Stop the Bleed' training session in the Social Hall today at 3:00 p.m. A trained professional will be teaching life-saving techniques you can use to prevent blood loss until help arrives. This is a free class. Sign-up on the UWF bulletin board. Learn more about 'Stop the Bleed' at <https://www.stopthebleed.org/>.

'GRANDPARENTING IN FAITH' GUEST SPEAKER – SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 3:00 PM

Next Sunday afternoon, Rev. Ray Francis will be joining Church of the Dunes to discuss his book, *Grandparenting in Faith*, and the concept of spiritual grandparenting. The presentation will be in the church sanctuary beginning at 3:00 p.m.

FREE WATERCOLOR CLASSES – WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 PM

Classes are led by a local watercolor artist and are hosted in the Art Room (lower level). Materials are provided. All ability levels are welcome. Seats are limited, so please see Jodie Freeman to inquire about availability.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1:00 PM

'Life After Loss' grief support offers a time of discussion and compassion, led by Trinity Health – At Home professionals. This support group is held in the Ryder Lounge on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

CRAFT CIRCLE MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 9:30 AM

All are welcome. Jodie Freeman will be speaking to the group on an upcoming immersive art experience being held at the Church in December. There will be light refreshments. The meeting will be held in the Ryder Lounge (main floor).

20 SOMETHINGS DAY AT THE MUSEUM – SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 9:00 AM

The 20 Somethings (those in or around their 20s) will be visiting the Grand Rapids Public Museum on Saturday, March 14. Cost is \$10, which covers admission, sack lunch, and transportation. See the communications office for a sign-up list and to pay. The group will carpool from Church of the Dunes at 9:15 a.m., and will return to the church by 3:30 p.m.

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 - Oasis classroom, 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 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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.

Birthdays this Week

Today	Sylvia Ruscett (96)
March 2	Al Kochanowski
March 5	Virginia Mitchell, Marilyn Ulrich
March 6	Charlotte Grevel
March 7	Jane Norton

Contributions vs Expenses*

<u>Week Of</u>	<u>Contributions Received</u>	<u>Average of Weekly Contributions</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>Percent of Contributions to Expenses</u>
February 22	\$	\$*	\$*	%

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/>.

*Offering information will be available next week.

Attendance

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Sanctuary	149	(in Nursery/Sunday school)
Online Views	105	(x1.5)*
TOTAL	254	

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Char Brown
Pastor: Rev. Lou Grettenberger
Music: Chancel Choir, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Blair Miller, Jane Norton, David Norton, Jacob Larkins
Greeter: Monica Bierl
Welcome Center: Darlene Graska
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Dale Zurakowski, Neal Miller, Ron Kurburski
Coffee Hour Hosts: Carla Pearce, Betty Roberts

Next Week – March 8

Liturgist: Carla Pierce
Pastor: Rev. Lou Grettenberger
Music: Bells of Glory, Judah Weeks directing, Marna Jeffery
Technology: David Norton, Jacob Larkins, Trevor Larkins
Greeter: Need a volunteer
Welcome Center: Cathy Shick
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Nancy Humphrey, Pam & Dale Zurakowski, Maria Hoekstra
Coffee Hour Hosts: Carla Pearce

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 at 231-883-9806.