



**June 7, 2026**

**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: God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God's promises are true.

People: **Whether we are certain or full of doubts,  
God blesses us when we respond faithfully.**

Leader: God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

People: **Whether the path is straight or winding,  
God blesses us when we respond faithfully.**

Leader: God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

People: **Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone,  
God blesses us when we respond faithfully.**

Leader: As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to a world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

People: **God, form us today as a family of faith, that allows Your blessings to flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into Your promise of abundant life.**

We Praise God

\*Hymn #98

*"To God be the Glory"*

Red Hymnal

Children's Time

Worship Song

*"If You Say Go"*

Thiel

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, You have set before us a clear path, but we have wandered off on our own, going our own way. Sometimes, we are like toddlers. We hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us reconsider. Still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not realizing how much we still need You. Too often, we think we are adults and have figured it all out, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that You have more to teach us. We confess that we need Your wisdom and guidance. Forgive us and help us return to Your path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

arr. Raney  
Chancel Choir,  
Dawn Scott, soloist

\*Doxology # 94

Red Hymnal

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Calling God, you spoke to Abram and set him on a journey, not with full clarity, but with full trust. You promised blessing—and with it, purpose. We come now as your people, also journeying by faith, offering these gifts not for our greatness, but so that your promise might be fulfilled through us: to bless the world. Use these offerings to build relationships, to mend the broken, and to draw all families of the earth toward your heart. May our giving reflect our trust, and may our trust lead us to go where you send, step by step, stage by stage, into your future. Amen.**

**We Share the Word**

A Reading from the New Testament

Romans 4:13-25

A Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-9

Sermon

*"Just Go!"*

Pastor Lou

**We Respond**

Anthem

*"All are Welcome at the Table"*

McDonald  
Chancel Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion

Prayer after Communion

(on screens)

\*Hymn #593

*"Here I am, Lord"*

Red Hymnal

**We are Sent Forth**

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

Lutkin

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**To God be the Glory**  
**Red Hymnal # 98**

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
    who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
    and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
    let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
    let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
    to every believer the promise of God;  
    the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
    and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
    but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

## **If You Say Go**

Thiel

If You say go, we will go.  
If You say wait, we will wait.  
If You say step out on the water  
and they say it can't be done,  
we'll fix our eyes on You and we will come.

Your ways are higher than our ways  
and the plans that You have laid  
are good and true.  
If You call us to the fire  
You will not withdraw Your hand;  
we'll gaze into the flames and look for You.

## **Doxology #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!

## Romans 4:13-25

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. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

<sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## Genesis 12:1-9

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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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."

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

*"In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

## ***The Great Thanksgiving***

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you!**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery, a journey full of life and love.

And so in thanks and praise we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you, as we say these words:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is your son, O God, our savior Jesus Christ, who joined us on our journey, who was so full of grace and truth that we cannot help but follow him. When his path went back to you, you sent us your Spirit to continue alongside us, to empower and inspire us to continue to be your people. Now we pray that that same Spirit will be among us, and among these elements of bread and cup, that our ordinary meal will become our sacred feast, to nourish us for the next part of the journey.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other's company, and for your guiding presence. Amen.

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Lord Jesus, we thank You for coming to us in this Sacrament. May Your Body and Blood strengthen us to live according to Your will. Fill our hearts with Your peace, renew our spirits with your love, and lead us always in Your truth Amen.**



**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}

**The Lord Bless You and Keep You**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious, and be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious unto you.  
Amen.

## This Week's Calendar

### **SUNDAY** **June 7, 2026**

10:30 AM Potluck – Wiltse Center  
3:00 PM Book Club – Ryder Lounge

### **MONDAY** **June 8, 2026**

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Panera  
11:30 AM Growing in Grace – Conference Room  
4:00 – 9:00 PM Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center  
5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall  
6:00 PM Invitation & Welcome – Ryder Lounge

### **TUESDAY** **June 9, 2026**

9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center  
9:30 – 3:30 PM Quilt Guild Workshop – Social Hall  
12:30 – 3:00 PM Dog Training – Outside  
1:00 PM Esther Circle – Ryder Lounge  
2:30 PM Planned Giving – Conference Room 2  
6:00 PM Greater Balance – Social Hall

### **WEDNESDAY** **June 10, 2026**

9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center  
10:00 Am Sip, Savor study – Central  
11:00 – 12:00 PM Private Pickleball – Wiltse Center  
1:00 – 2:00 PM Dog Training – Social Hall  
4:00 PM Dreamweavers – Ryder Lounge

### **THURSDAY** **June 11, 2026**

9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center  
9:30 – 11:00 AM Craft Circle – Study Room  
11:30 AM Chair Yoga – Social Hall  
6:00 PM JTSC Artists Party – Social Hall

### **FRIDAY** **June 12, 2026 – Office Closed**

8:30 AM Bible for Men – Conference Room 2  
11:00 – 12:00 PM Dog Training – Social Hall

### **SATURDAY** **June 13, 2026**

6:00 PM G H State Park Beach Night

Church of the Dunes  
Information, Events, and Activities

*Events and activities are open to all.*

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

- **Hunger Offering for Love in Action:** Hunger offerings are accepted on the first Sunday of each month to support a local food pantry. If you would like to give by check, please make payable to Church of the Dunes and note "hunger offering" on the memo line.
- **Name Tag Sunday:** Please wear a name tag for worship and for coffee fellowship time afterwards. This helps us get to know new people and remember familiar names.
- **Communion:** All are welcome. If you are worshiping from home, you may wish to have some juice and bread on hand to participate.

**ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK – TODAY, AFTER WORSHIP**

Enjoy a potluck in the Wiltse Center (main floor) today after worship. If you were unable to bring a dish, you are still welcome to attend. Beverages will be provided. Dishes can be left with the kitchen.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB – TODAY, 3:00 PM**

Today, the Sunday afternoon book group will be discussing *How the South Won the Civil War* by Heather Cox Richardson. All who have read the book are welcome to join the discussion. This book club will meet in the Ryder Lounge (main floor) at 3:00 p.m.

**LIFE AFTER LOSS SUPPORT GROUP – MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1:00 PM**

All who have experienced a death-related loss are welcome to attend the Trinity Health – At Home led grief support group. Meetings are held in the Ryder Lounge (main floor) monthly.

**CRAFT CIRCLE MEETING – THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 9:30 AM**

Craft circle is making marketplace items for the upcoming Jesus the Star Child event. The group will be meeting in the Bible Study Room (lower level) at 9:30 a.m. All supplies are provided.

**CHURCH OF THE DUNES BEACH NIGHT – SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 6:00 PM**

Enjoy a beach night with your Church of the Dunes family! Meet at Grand Haven State Park between area markers five and six from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Beach games will be available. All ages and abilities are welcome to enjoy some fun in the sun.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP – MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1:00 PM**

Caregivers Support Group meetings are open to all caring for a loved one with a long-term illness or diagnosis. It is a time for sharing information, tips, ideas, and connection with others experiencing the caregiving journey. Meetings are held in the Ryder Lounge (main floor).

**DUNESMEN MEAL AND MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 15, 6:00 PM**

The Dunesmen invite all men for a meal and meeting on Monday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wiltse Center (main floor). No RSVP is required.

**GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION SILENT MARCH – SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 11:00 AM**

Join Church of the Dunes Gun Safety and Violence Prevention Task Group, with St. John's Episcopal Church for the third annual "Silence the Violence" march in Grand Haven. Gather at Central Park in Grand Haven before 11:00 a.m. Please wear orange or black.

**UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL PRINCIPLES YARD SIGNS**

As seen outside of the church in the past weeks, Church of the Dunes has created yard signs displaying different tenets of the social principles of the United Methodist Church. If you would like a sign, they are available for \$35. See Paul Martin or other members of the Missions and Social Concerns Committee for more information.

## 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 - 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 a.m. - 1 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.

## Praises and Prayers

**The flowers are** in memory of Jim Bullerdick from his wife Marj.

**I want to thank** all those who have responded to my prayer requests with prayers, phone calls, cards, and emails. It is such a blessing to be surrounded by the love of my church family. ~*Denver Todd*

**Dear Friends at Church:** Thank you for the beautiful flowers on my birthday. It made my day. Blessings to you, *Roger Tharp*

## Birthdays

June 8	Trevor Larkins
June 9	Jane Turner
June 10	Tom Alguire, Jack Cook
June 11	Liberty Abraham
June 13	Guy Brown

## 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>
May 31	\$10,608	\$9,494	\$10,631	89%

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

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Sanctuary	173	(11 in Nursery/Sunday school)
Online Views	90	(60x1.5)*
TOTAL	263	

\* 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:** Jan Stuart  
**Pastor:** Rev. Lou Grettenberger  
**Music:** Chancel Choir, Marna Jeffery, Megan Horist  
**Technology:** Jim Burch, Trevor Larkins, David Norton  
**Greeter:** Maria Hoekstra  
**Welcome Center:** Carol Sue Scherpenisse  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Jane Brown, Heather Torrance, Karyn & Gary Gillan  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Finishing Well Potluck

## Next Week – June 14

**Liturgist:** Carla Pearce  
**Pastor:** Rev. Lou Grettenberger  
**Music:** Guitar Club, Marna Jeffery, Megan Horist  
**Technology:** Jack Cook, Jane Norton, David Norton  
**Greeter:** Adrianna Ippen  
**Welcome Center:** Ruth Hanson  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Maria Hoekstra, Neal Miller, Linda & Donn Smith  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Syl Burch, 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.