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**"Christmas Boutique and Cookie Walk" Open to General Public
at United Methodist Church of the Dunes on Saturday, December 11**

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., Nov. 3, 2010 – Community members who visit the "Christmas Boutique and Cookie Walk" event on Saturday, December 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Social Hall at United Methodist Church of the Dunes (UMC-Dunes) in Grand Haven can make their holiday celebrating, baking and shopping easier.

Simple-to-elegant varieties of cookies, hot chocolate and chili dip mixes in holiday packaging, handmade knitted items such as mittens, hats and scarves, evening wraps, shawls, unique handmade pin cushions, jewelry—including handmade beaded necklaces, earrings, bracelets, medallions on silk, silver and copper—fresh green centerpieces with festive decorations, candles, pinecones and holly berries— plus metal beaded bookmarks on wire all will be offered for sale to the general public at the event. All items have been made by the United Methodist Women and supplies are limited.

"Many times when we have a cookie walk, our cookies go fast, so we want to encourage people to come early to take advantage of the best selections available," said Shirley Good, president with United Methodist Women at UMC-Dunes.

United Methodist Church of the Dunes is located at 717 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. The overall event is being hosted by the United Methodist Women's group.

"We are offering incredibly creative items here that people can pick up as little, spur-of-the-moment gifts for teachers, neighbors, mailpersons, friends and family members," said Shirley Good, adding, "We all hear people say they need just a little something for holiday gift-giving and this event is planned with that type of gifting in mind."

Anyone interested in receiving further information about the "Christmas Boutique and Cookie Walk" at United Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven should call the church office staff at: 616/842-7980.

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UMC-DUNES BACKGROUNDER:

The mission of United Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven is *"to be a church with outstretched arms demonstrating the caring of Christ to each other, the community, and the world by encouraging growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, challenging and equipping all to be faithful disciples for the transformation of the world."* Founded in 1873, UMC-Dunes moved to its present location at 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven in February, 1962. The church provides a variety of community outreach ministries to women, children, men and families in the area, supports the annual CROP Walk, offers membership in its United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women groups, plus book and Bible studies, a weekly creative arts and crafts group, participation in Coast Guard Festival, plus Christian service projects to persons in need in conjunction with Family Promise, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, plus ministries in Haiti and other countries. Children's, youth and adult educational programming is provided throughout the year. For further information about UMC-Dunes, contact the church administrative office at 616/842-7980. Visit the UMC-Dunes website at www.umcdunes.org.

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