



## **Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 15, 2018**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES**

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# **The Order of Morning Worship**

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8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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### **Gathering**

*\* Invites you to stand, as you are able. Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

*Worship activity bags for children 5 and up are available in the Cry Room.*

*Nursery for children Young 5's and under is available during both services.*

*Our Bible Friends educational opportunity is available in the Nursery during the 10:30 service.*

### **Gathering Music**

#### **Chimes**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Invitation to Worship**

***Majesty***  
Chancel Choir

Hayford

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We are called to be God's children.

**People: God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**

Leader: Fear and doubt are gone!

**People: Joy and celebration ring in our hearts!**

Leader: Come, let us raise our voices in song!

**People: Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. Amen.**

#### **\*Hymn of Praise #57**

***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

(red hymnal)

#### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, and we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering discouraging words. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we need prodding. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that Jesus taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be. Amen.**

#### **Response**

***Alleluia***  
Chancel Choir

Miller

#### **Words of Assurance**

#### **Time for Children**

Pastor Lou

*10:30—K-5<sup>th</sup> grades will be lead to Children in Worship (our children's education program).  
Parents, please pick up your children following the service from their rooms in our lower level  
(rooms 8,9,11&12).*

### **Sharing the Word**

#### **Anthem**

***A Festive Alleluia***  
Chancel Choir

Liebergen



**Sunday, April 15, 2017**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Bron Kram (10:30) Dave Hoffman  
**Sound Operators:** (10:30) Roger Cox  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Pete & Betsy Peterson, Dan & Darleen Houle  
(10:30) Ron Kurburski, Edo Mestrom, Mike & Suzanne Moynihan  
**Greeters:** (8:30) Gary & Joyce Wiebenga (10:30) Dan, Wynne, Aidan, Sophie Martin  
**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Martin & Nancy Hillila (10:30) Dave & Nancy Parsons  
**Children in Worship:** (10:30) Jennifer Taylor, Gynell Schaner, Gay Cole, Amanda Nixon  
**Nursery:** Karen Aspenson, Madalyn Hanson  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Neal & Mary Anne Miller, Don & Ruth Woodward

**Sunday, April 22, 2017**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Roger Klop (10:30) Jan Lipfert  
**Sound Operators:** (8:30) Peter Hicks (10:30) Roger Cox  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Pete & Betsy Peterson, Dan & Darleen Houle  
(10:30) Ron Kurburski, Edo Mestrom, Mike & Suzanne Moynihan  
**Greeters:** (8:30) Richard & Darla Minuth (10:30) Barry & Mary Huntington  
**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Bruce & Bonnie Buckley (10:30) Dolores Quackenbush  
**Children in Worship:** (10:30) Pete Hicks, Brandon & Alissa Steury, Pam Zurakowski, Jen Cryst  
**Nursery:** Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Neal & Mary Anne Miller, Don & Ruth Woodward

**CHURCH OF THE DUNES CORE PURPOSE:** We are a family of faith who seeks to grow in God’s grace and love, challenges and equips all members to be faithful disciples, to share the Good News and demonstrate and reflect the love of God.

**CHURCH STAFF:**

Ministers.....	All Members of the Congregation
Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Louis Grettenberger (231-883-9806, pastorlou@umcdunes.org)
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Covenant Missionaries.....	Rev. Nkemba & Mbwizu Ndjunga and Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>April 15, 2018</u></b>	<b><u>May Dunes Digest Deadline</u></b>
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery	
8:30 AM	Worship Service – Sanctuary	
9:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center	
9:45 AM	FaithLink Discussion Group "Pending Changes at Board of Light & Power" – Room 4 downstairs	
9:45 AM	Carillon Ringers – Choir Loft	
10:30 AM	Worship Service – Sanctuary	
10:45-11:45 AM	(4 yrs.-5 <sup>th</sup> grade) Children in Worship – Worship Centers	
11:15-12:15 AM	Youth Sunday School – Youth Room & the Pit	
11:30 AM	BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge	
11:30 AM	DVD Discussion Series – LL 13/14	
12:15-1:00 PM	Youth Choir – Choir Room	
5:00 PM	Youth Mission Trip Meeting – Youth Room	
6:00-7:30 PM	Youth Group – Social Hall, Youth Room, Wiltse Center	
6:00 PM	Children's Council – Ryder Lounge	
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>April 16, 2018</u></b>	
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread	
6:00-8:00 PM	ASL (American Sign Language) Classes – Room 4 & 13/14	
6:00 PM	Youth Council – Conference Room	
6:30 PM	SPRC – Room 10	
7:00 PM	Bells of Glory – Choir Loft	
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>April 17, 2018</u></b>	
9:00 AM	ROMEOS – Rendezvous Restaurant	
9:30-11:00 AM	The Beatitudes Study – Ryder Lounge	
11:00 AM	Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge	
6:00 PM	Invitation & Welcome – Ryder Lounge	
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>April 18, 2018</u></b>	
8:30 PM	Communion – Sanctuary	
9:00 AM	Morning Coffee – Russ'	
9:30 AM	Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge	
12:00-2:00 PM	Grand Rapids Children's Ministry Network Luncheon – Ryder Lounge	
5:15-6:15 PM	Wednesday Night Supper (Shepherd's Pie)	
6:00 PM	Disciple IV – Room 10	
6:00 PM	Finding Calm in an Anxious World Study – Ryder Lounge	
6:00 PM	Wednesday Women – the Pit (Room 7)	
6:00 PM	Knitters – Conference Room	
6:00-7:00 PM	Child Care (birth-1 <sup>st</sup> grade) – Nursery	
6:00-7:00 PM	Jr. Singers – Choir Room	
6:00-7:00 PM	Youth Small Groups – Youth Room	
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir – Choir Loft	
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>April 19, 2018</u></b>	
9:30 AM	Weight Watchers – Social Hall	
6:30 PM	Adult Council – Ryder Lounge	
6:30 PM	Pack Meeting – Wiltse Center	
7:00 PM	Creativity, The Arts, and God – Social Hall	
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>April 20, 2018</u></b>	
	Pastor Lou's Day Off	
7:00-9:00 PM	Camp New Day Fundraiser Concert – Sanctuary and Wiltse Center Lobby Area	
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>April 21, 2018</u></b>	
	No Scheduled Activities	

## **CALENDAR NOTES FOR SUNDAY April 22, 2018**

8:30 & 10:30 Services	Hunger Offering for Supper House, Mission Moment for 70 x 7
9:30 AM	Blood Pressure Clinic – Wiltse Center

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**OPEN MINDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS: Welcome to the Church of the Dunes.** If you are a first-time guest or a life-long member, we want you to feel at home in the circle of God's love. This is a place where all who come are welcome. Please take time to note the persons sitting near you. If you see a new-comer in your pew, welcome them and invite them to the coffee hour. If a regular attender is missing, send them a card, or give them a phone call when you get home. When we pass the friendship pads, take time to put names and faces together. "For there is no longer Jew or Greek, male or female, slave or free, for we are all one in Christ Jesus."

**COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGES:** Please stop by the table in the Wiltse Center **TODAY** to support the care package project. Parents and grandparents, sign up a child/grandchild to receive a care package; congregation, sign cards and/or contribute to the cost of filling and mailing the packages. Please disregard the dates listed in the April Dunes Digest - we need to send these before school ends. Thank you for your support!

**CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER "CAMPERSHIPS" APRIL 16 GOAL:** We are raising Camperships to help Church of the Dunes kids and youth go to church camp. Our goal is to raise ten (10) \$200 Camperships (camp scholarships) by April 16. To sponsor a campership, please make your check payable to Church of the Dunes and write "Camperships" on the memo line. Thank you!

**MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL:** We are welcoming interested softball players for UMC Dunes' team. The church has had a team for over 25 years, and we're looking forward to continuing the tradition. We play at local fields in Grand Haven on Monday evenings; the first practice game is **tomorrow evening** April 16, at Mulligan's Hollow at 8:15 p.m. The 10-game schedule starts May 7. The player fee is \$40. Please contact Mark Walling at [scoutmaster\\_mark@yahoo.com](mailto:scoutmaster_mark@yahoo.com) or (616) 843-4444. Fans are always welcome!

**THE CHILDREN'S MUSICAL:** Children ages 3 years – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. **beginning April 18.** We'll present the musical on May 20 during both services. For more information, please contact Megan at [mhorist@umcdunes.org](mailto:mhorist@umcdunes.org).

**RUTH AND MAX BLOOMQUIST CONCERT FOR CAMP NEW DAY** will be held here at Church of Dunes this Friday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. This fundraiser supports Camp New Day, an organization that provides summer camp opportunities for kids with parents who are incarcerated. A free will offering will be collected. Ruth and Max are a popular West Michigan duo who play acoustic, folk, and Americana music.

**REGISTER SOON FOR THE UMC DUNES FAITH-FOCUSED CONFERENCE AT GULL LAKE, MAY 11-12:** The registration deadline is Sunday, April 22. The conference theme is "Getting Out of the Boat," where Pastor Lou and Pastor Rick Blunt will lead engaging discussion sessions that explore how God might challenge us to do something impossible, amazing, or that we didn't know we could, or should do. Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday; the event concludes by 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. The Dunesmen are hosting, and men, women, couples, and singles are welcome. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex, on the Dunesmen bulletin board, and in the church office.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME, TAKE ME OUT WITH THE CROWD, BUY ME SOME PEANUTS AND CRACKERJACK:** Bring your family, invite neighbors, and invite friends to the West Michigan Whitecaps baseball game on Sunday, June 10. Game time is 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$12.50 per ticket, parking is \$7.00 per car. Gates open at 1:00 p.m. Plan to get there early for autograph signing and playing catch on the field from 1:15 – 1:30 p.m. Dale Zurakowski will be in the Wiltse Center between services **today** and on April 22 to answer questions and take reservations and payments. Reservation deadline: May 13.

**UMW IS MAKING SCHOOL BAGS FOR UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief):** Fabric sponsors needed. We need money to purchase the fabric to make the bags. We buy heavy-duty fabric so that the bags last. \$40 will pay for the fabric for 24 bags. If you can help in any way, please mark your Offering Envelope "School Bags" and include a donation. Please note "School Bags" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

### 2018 Weekly Average

\$8,674

### Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship

Last Week: 241

Last Year: 236

## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to attend the classes and ongoing studies at the church.*

### **FaithLink Discussion Group, Sundays at 9:45, Room 4, lower level**

*Facilitator: Ed Lystra*

Today's class features speaker Larry Kieft, board member for Grand Haven Board of Light and Power. Larry will be discussing the pending changes at the Board of Light and Power. The FaithLink discussion group features a different topic each week. All are welcome to attend.

### **Evening Study: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World, Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Ryder Lounge**

*Facilitator: Pastor Eldon Eldred*

Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World. Reading for Wednesday, April 18, pages 63-87.

### **New Adult Education opportunities begin in May.**

Details will be provided in next week's bulletin and in the May issue of the Dunes Digest newsletter.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS FOR 8:30 AM SERVICES:** The sign-up sheet for first service Welcome Center volunteers is located on the bulletin board next to the church office.

**SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION "CHILDREN IN WORSHIP" FOR GRADES K-5:** Beginning today, Christian education time for kids in K- grade 5 will end at 11:45 a.m. Please make a note of this new ending time, and pick up your children from their worship centers on the lower level of the church.

**HUNGER SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, April 22 is Hunger Sunday. This month's Hunger Offering will go to Supper House. Please make your check payable to Church of the Dunes and write Hunger Offering in the memo line.

**APRIL MISSION MOMENT:** Next Sunday, April 22, a special offering will be collected to support the Muskegon branch of 70x7. This organization offers Christ-centered re-entry and job placement programs for those released from prison. Please join us next week to learn more about this important mission. To contribute, make checks payable to Church of the Dunes and write 70x7 in the memo line of your check.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC:** Next Sunday, April 22 from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Wiltse Center.

**THE MONDAY EVENING READING GROUP** meets Monday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge to discuss Surprised by Joy by C.S. Lewis. Everyone is welcome each month. This group is led by Gayle Cox.

**JUBILATION CHOIR** will rehearse April 25 from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir loft. We will sing during worship on Sunday, April 29. Come sing with us!

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY ON SUNDAYS:** There are openings to sponsor flowers on Sundays in April and May. The flower sign-up chart is on the wall outside the Wiltse Center. The cost is \$30; church office staff will order the flowers for you. For more information, please contact the church office at (616) 842-7980.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" may be placed on the backside of our blue Response Cards, which are available at the Welcome Center in the narthex. You may also call the church office on or before Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. each week or e-mail your request to [jblanchard@umcdunes.org](mailto:jblanchard@umcdunes.org).

Please let the church office know in a timely manner if you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or are homebound and desiring a visit. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family. Because of confidentiality laws in place, we have no way of knowing unless you tell us. We would like to be supportive but we also need your help. Thank you.

## PRAISE GOD FOR

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Robyn Daane to the Glory of God.

**THANK YOU:** I want to thank all the members of my church community who made the celebration of my husband's life such a wonderful experience. To Roger Klop, Don Reis and Herm Tannis, special thanks for ushering and showing the face of our church to those attending the memorial service. And to Vicki Reis for being at her organizing best. To the fabulous bakers who sent cookies and treats, my grandchildren send their wholehearted appreciation along with all other members of my family. All the cards and support from so many, especially those in the caregivers group, kept me going through a very difficult time. I am so blessed to have you all in my life. Susan Robertson

**CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** April 16-Matthew Bauer, Donnie Boyer; 17-Larry Amstutz; 18-Larry Fitch; 19-Aleeta Haskins, Katja Mestrom; 20-Rick Barnhill, Nancy Parsons, David Rowley; 22-Kathryn Ackerman (16 yrs.); 23-Wendy Boonstra, Allison Kelly (15 yrs.).

**PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR:** Hawthorn Hill, DesMoines, Iowa; and William Harry Lovelace, Missionary.

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## INFORMATION

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. Please note: Pastor Lou's day off is Friday.

**DEADLINES:** Bulletins-Wednesdays at 3 p.m.; Dunes Digest Newsletter-the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month.

**A HELPING ELBOW:** Would a supportive elbow, wheelchair, walker, or umbrella make your walk from the parking lot into church easier, safer, and more comfortable? Ushers and greeters are available to assist. To make advance arrangements, please call the church office by noon on Friday at (616) 842-7980. If you prefer, please stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a bright yellow card that signals your request for a helping elbow. On Sunday morning when you arrive, place the card on your dashboard so it is visible from the entrance. An usher or greeter will come out to assist you.

**PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE IS VIDEO-TAPED** and the sermon only is posted for later viewing on our church website. Every effort is made to focus our camera only on the pastor. On very rare occasions, persons seated near the front of the church may appear in this sermon video. We do not have the time or facility to edit out these images. If you have objections to inadvertently appearing in a sermon video that will be posted on the church website, we would encourage you to find seats toward the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to take pictures or video of your children during a musical performance in our worship services or other church activities, however, please refrain from posting any videos or photos to public places, such as Facebook or YouTube, as the **musical performances are copyright protected** and some parents may not have consented to public use of images.

**WEEKDAY BUILDING ENTRANCE:** We are encouraging everyone to use the main entrance, by the offices, during the week. We are looking to enhance our security and provide better foot traffic efficiency. During Sunday events, the regular entrances will be utilized.