

**And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”**



## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 29, 2018**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES**

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# The Order of Morning Worship

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

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.*

*(10:30) Lyric sheets for the worship songs are available from the ushers.*

*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

#### *Great is the Lord*

arr. Pethel

Jubilation Choir

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Come to us even now, O Lord of Life,

**People: And fill this place with your presence!**

Leader: We praise your name and rejoice in your love,

**People: We stand in utter amazement of who you are!**

Leader: Everyone who calls upon you will find fulfillment,

**People: They will rejoice forever, because you are God!**

Leader: Rejoice and give thanks!

**People: Halleluiah! Amen!**

#### \*Hymn of Praise #723

#### *Shall We Gather at the River*

(red hymnal)

#### Confession

Leader: Look upon us, loving Savior, sift our thoughts and assess our feelings. Deal firmly with those things that have inhibited our love and diverted our energies.

**People: Loving God, whatever you see as self-righteous, censure; as twisted, straighten; as heartless, soften; as fruitless, prune; as infected, cleanse.**

Leader: Flood your relentless Spirit through our whole being, sweeping away guilt and its lethargy, and by the saving grace of Christ Jesus, heal the hidden springs of our personality.

**People: We pray this from the depth of our hearts. Amen.**

#### Words of Assurance

Leader: In Christ Jesus we are a radically renewed community. Old things are done away with, all things become new. We are agents of grace and reconciliation. With every step or stumble, Christ will be with us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### Congregational Response

(8:30) Hymn #420

#### *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

(red hymnal)

\*(10:30)

#### *Amazing Grace | My Chains Are Gone*

Tomlin | Newton | Giglio

#### 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).*

#### Anthem

#### *Holy Nation*

arr. Wolaner

Jubilation Choir

## Sharing the Word

Scripture Reading	John 15:1-8	(NT page 104 in the pew Bible)
*(8:30) Hymn #572	<i>Pass it On</i>	(red hymnal)
*(10:30)	<i>Holy Spirit</i>	Torwalt   Torwalt
Scripture Reading	Acts 8:26-40	(NT page 120 in the pew Bible)
Sermon	Connecting and Connected	Rev. Louis Grettenberger

### Pastoral Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Responding to the Word

*Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) dismissed for Sunday School at the 10:30 service during the offertory.*

Time of Offering	<i>Higher Ground</i> Jubilation Choir	arr. Kirkland
*Response #75	<i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell</i> (verse 1)	(red hymnal)

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.**

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)	(Source: <i>Prayer for Justice and Peace, Iona</i> )
<b>We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe, that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done, and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. Amen.</b>	

## Sending Forth

*Hymn #133	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	(red hymnal)
*Benediction		
*Chimes		
*Parting Music		

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**Sunday, April 29, 2018**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Marion Fitch (10:30) Kathleen Bush  
**Sound Operators:** (8:30) Blair Miller (10:30) Roger Cox  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Pete & Betsy Peterson, Dan & Darleen Houle  
(10:30) Ron & Jodie Kurburski, Mike & Suzanne Moynihan  
**Greeters:** (8:30) Bruce & Bonnie Buckley (10:30) Brian, Jen, Caleb and John Cryst  
**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Don & Kathy Dahlstrom (10:30) Darlene Graska  
**Children in Worship:** (10:30) Carin Snider, Linda Taylor, Pam Zurakowski, Justin & Teracia Graegin  
**Nursery:** Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Sherry Baker

**Sunday, May 6, 2018 Communion**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Eldon Eldred (10:30) Eldon Eldred  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Dale & Pam Zurakowski, Dick Hanby, Bruce Buckley  
(10:30) Rich Cole, Don Adams, Gary & Karyn Gillan  
**Greeters:** (8:30) Gregg Kelly, Brendan Kelly (10:30) Gregg Kelly, Allison Kelly  
**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Larry & Marion Fitch (10:30) Joann Jarvi  
**Children in Worship:** (10:30) Gay Cole, Jen Cryst, Jennifer Taylor, Gynell Schaner  
**Nursery:** Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

**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:**

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## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY**      **April 29, 2018**

- 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 "Teacher Walkouts" – Room 4 lower level
- 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
- 2:00 PM Gathering/Service for Elaine Bolthouse – Social Hall
- 6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group – Social Hall, Youth Room, Wiltse Center

### **MONDAY**      **April 30, 2018**

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
- Noon – 3:00 PM Dunes Golfers Potluck/ Cook Out at the Peterson's (or Social Hall in case of rain)
- 1:00 PM Caregivers – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00-8:00 PM ASL (American Sign Language) Classes – Room 4 & 13/14
- 7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

### **TUESDAY**      **May 1, 2018**

- 9:30-11:00 AM The Beatitudes Study – Ryder Lounge
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
- Bear Den-Room 6

### **WEDNESDAY**      **May 2, 2018**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ' Restaurant
- 9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge
- 5:15-6:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper (Potato Bar) – Social Hall
- 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

### **THURSDAY**      **May 3, 2018**

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
- 6:00-7:00 PM Tiger Den
- 7:00 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting – Room 10
- 7:00 PM Creativity, The Arts, and God – Social Hall
- 7:00 PM Mary Circle – Ryder Lounge
- Wolf Den, Webelos I

### **FRIDAY**      **May 4, 2018**

Pastor Lou's Day Off

### **SATURDAY**      **May 5, 2018**

- 9:30-11:30 AM Children's Musical Rehearsal

## **CALENDAR NOTES FOR SUNDAY MAY 6, 2018**

- Communion Sunday
- 11:30 AM Children in Worship Team Lunch – Ryder Lounge

## **Welcome to Church of the Dunes**

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We are glad to have you among us today, and hope you feel God's love. You are invited for refreshments in the Wiltse Center fellowship area during the time between the two worship services. Refreshments are also available after the second service. You are welcome to participate in the activities, events, and classes offered here. If you have questions or need directions to locations in the church, please ask a volunteer at the Welcome Center, a pastor, or an usher; they are happy to assist. Thank you for being here today. We hope to see you again soon. *Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**MAY 20<sup>th</sup> CHILDREN'S MUSICAL NEWS AND REQUESTS:** Please contact Megan Horist at [mhorist@umcdunes.org](mailto:mhorist@umcdunes.org) for more information on the items below.

- Children ages 3 years – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to participate too. Rehearsals for this youngest group are Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. from now through May 16.
- Large appliance-size cardboard boxes are needed to build the set. Do you have one or more to share? Could you help us connect with a source for them?
- We're looking for help to create the set for the musical. No experience or special skills needed, just a willingness to share an hour or two of your time cutting, painting, or pitching-in to put the set together.

**"CAMBERSHIP" CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDRAISER GOAL EXCEEDED:** Thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our goal to have 10 (ten) \$200 camp scholarships for UMC Dunes kids and youth who wish to go to summer church camp. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**MEN'S CHURCH LEAGUE MONDAY NIGHT SOFTBALL:** We welcome interested softball players for UMC Dunes' team. We are practicing at local fields in Grand Haven on Monday evenings; the 10-game schedule starts May 7. Tomorrow's practice game is at Mulligan's Hollow at 7:00 p.m. The player fee is \$40. Please contact Mark Walling at [scoutmaster\\_mark@yahoo.com](mailto:scoutmaster_mark@yahoo.com) or (616) 843-4444 for more information. Fans are always welcome.

**UMW IS LOOKING FOR FABRIC SPONSORS:** UMW is making school bags for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). 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!

**SCHEDULE REMINDER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION "CHILDREN IN WORSHIP" FOR GRADES K-5:** 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.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME,** take me out with the crowd, buy me some peanuts and crackerjack... Bring your family, invite neighbors, and invite friends and join us for 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. Plan to get there early for autograph signing and playing catch on the field from 1:15 – 1:30 p.m. Gates open at 1:00 p.m. Dale Zurakowski will be in the Wiltse Center between services **today** to answer questions and take reservations and payments.

**Reservation deadline: May 13.**

**CALLING ALL KIDS:** You are invited to "Shipwrecked: Jesus Rescues" Vacation Bible School, June 17 – 21. Supper is served for all at 5:15 p.m. VBS fun and activities for ages 4 years – 6<sup>th</sup> grade begin at 6:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome! Register soon at [www.vbspro.events/p/events/2c1g](http://www.vbspro.events/p/events/2c1g), or contact Laura Burns, Director of Children's Ministries.

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

**GULL LAKE FAITH-FOCUSED CONFERENCE:** There is still room available for this May 11 and 12 event featuring engaging presentations and discussion topics, beautiful scenery, and delicious food. Contact the church office, Al Kocharowski, or Dale Zurakowski for more information.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

### 2018 Weekly Average

\$9,621

### Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship    Last Week: 348    Last Year: 336

## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

### **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, May 2: pages 115-140.*

### NEW STUDY BEGINS IN MAY

### **Messy Spirituality, a book by Mike Yaconelli, Sundays, 9:35 – 10:25 a.m., Ryder Lounge, Begins May 13**

Meets May 13, 20, June 2, 10, 17

*Facilitator: Ruth Woodward*

Through this book, we will explore ideas that can cut us loose from the tyranny of ought-tos and the deep spirituality of being loved by the God who meets us and transforms us in the midst of messy and unpredictable lives. *Please sign up to help us know how many books to order. The sign-up sheet is on the Adult Ministries bulletin board, located near the church office.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONCERT FUNDRAISER THANK YOU:** It is with grateful and humble hearts we send an enormous thank you to our Faith Family at UMC Dunes for the overwhelming support you gave to the Benefit Concert for Camp New Day on Friday, April 20. The Steering Committee was so encouraged by the attendance and the response from those who could not attend the event. I think Ruth and Max were also pleased at the wonderful, receptive audience. At the door we took in about \$2300; overall the donations have reached \$4800. This was our first attempt at holding an actual fundraiser for camp, and we were so pleased with the response, and of course Ruth and Max do not disappoint an audience when they perform. Thank you so much. Larry and Marion Fitch.

**COLLEGE AND MILITARY CARE PACKAGE UPDATE:** Thank you for your participation and support of this project. This annual tradition is a fun way for Church of the Dunes to let our college students and members of the military know we have them in our thoughts and prayers. Twenty-three (23) care packages were sent to locations all over the country. Each care package included a card signed by members of the congregation and a Starbucks gift card. Each package also included a note to let recipients know how they can stay in touch with Church of the Dunes through Facebook, sermons on the website, sermon podcasts, and by subscribing to the Dunes Digest.

**MONDAY EVENING READING GROUP** will meet on May 21 at 6:30 p.m., a week earlier than usual because of the Memorial Day holiday. May's book is The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. All are welcome.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" If there are Joys and Concerns you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. each week at (616) 842-7980 or e-mail [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 Sherry Baker in memory of William T. Baker.

**FLOWERS IN THE WINDOW** are given by Dolores Quackenbush in memory of Harold Quackenbush.

**THANK YOU** so much to my amazing church family. My mother Bette De Vito suffered a broken leg and your care and concern for her and me has been so appreciated. Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl, the well wishes, the wonderful roses, Pastor Eldon's visits, the calls, prayers, and the most wonderful question, "How is your mom?" My mom and I are truly blessed to have such an amazing church family. Michelle DeVito

**CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** April 30- Stephen Batchelder, Anna Bowen, Karyn Gillan, Jessica Moerland, Jeff Shimp; May 1-Claire Dancz

; 2-Rose Lampson (91 yrs.), Emily Parsons; 4-Lou Grettenberger, Linda Hamm, David Klein; 6-Helen Preston; 7-Libby Brouwer, Sue Kropscott; 8-Tom Grilley, Kay Moessner.

**PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR:** InterServ, St. Joseph, Missouri; and Shirley Townsend-Jones, Church and Community Worker.

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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.

**FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY ON SUNDAYS:** 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.

**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.