



Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

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April 8, 2018

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

The Heavens Are Telling
Organ/Piano Duet

arr. Ball

Chimes

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are people of the twenty-first century, far removed from the upper room.

People: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Leader: We have put away the festive trumpets, the fancy clothes, the chocolate bunnies of Easter Sunday. Must the message of Easter be put away for another year?

People: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Leader: We still seek the One who offers victory over death, whose love conquers evil.

People: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Leader: We gather to worship the risen Christ, who offers us new life.

People: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

***Hymn of Praise #308**

Thine Be the Glory

(red book)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, and musical preference all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name. May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name. Forgive our tendency toward separation and division, and remind us that we are your Easter people.

Words of Assurance (1 John 1:1-2)

Time for Children

Pastor Lou

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

8:30—Worship bags for children 5 and up are available in the Cry Room.

10:30—Toddlers-Young 5's may attend Bible Friends in the Nursery.

10:30—K-5th grades will be lead to a special Children in Worship in the Wiltse Center.

Parents, please pick up your children following the service in the Wiltse Center.

Response

O for a Thousand Tongues
Organ/Piano Duet

arr. Smith & Hustad

Sharing the Word

***Hymn of Illumination #364** *Because He Lives* (red hymnal)
Scripture Reading **John 20:19-31** (NT page 110 in the pew Bible)
Sermon **From Few to Faith** Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Responding to the Word

Sacrament of Communion and Time of Offering A Service of Word and Table II #12 (red book)

Communion will be served by intinction. Come forward via the center aisle as the ushers direct to receive the elements, returning via the side aisles.

You may bring your offering and place it in the plates in the center aisle toward the front or by the center, rear sanctuary door.

Youth (6th-12th grades) dismissed for Sunday School during the 10:30 service.

Sending Forth

***Hymn #318** *Christ is Alive* (red book)
***Benediction**
***Chimes**
***Parting Music**

Sunday, April 8, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Rich Cole (10:30) Dan Martin

Instrumentalists: Cathy Shick, piano; Marna Jeffery, organ

Ushers: (8:30) Pete & Betsy Peterson, Dan & Darlene Houle
(10:30) Ron Kurburski, Edo Mestrom, Mike & Suzanne Moynihan

Greeters: (8:30) Paul & Lori Koons (10:30) Gary & Kay Erickson

Welcome Center: (8:30) Don & Vicki Reis (10:30) Sandra Breasbois, Betty Johnston

Children in Worship Special: (10:30) Meeting in the Wiltse Center following Time for Children

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Judy Hanson

Coffee Fellowship: Don & Jan Lipfert, Rick & Jane Turner

Sunday, April 15, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Bron Kram (10:30) Dave Hoffman

Ushers: (8:30) Pete & Betsy Peterson, Dan & Darlene 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 Special: (10:30) Jennifer Taylor, Gynell Schaner, Gay Cole, Amanda Nixon

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Madalyn Hanson

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 Ndjungu and Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>April 8, 2018</u>	<u>Communion</u>
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 “Black Panther” – Room 4	
10:30 AM	Worship Service – Sanctuary	
10:45-11:30 AM	(4 yrs.-5 th grade) Children in Worship Special – Wiltse Center	
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	
6:00-7:00 PM	Youth Group – Social Hall, Youth Room, Wiltse Center	
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>April 9, 2018</u>	
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread	
10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Quilters Workshop – Wiltse Center	
6:00 PM	Dunesmen – Social Hall	
6:00 PM	Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center	
6:00-8:00 PM	ASL Classes – Room 4 & 13/14	
6:00 PM	Youth Council – Conference Room	
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>April 10, 2018</u>	
9:30-11:00 AM	The Beatitudes Study – Ryder Lounge	
1:00 PM	Esther Circle – Ryder Lounge	
7:00 PM	Trustees – Conference Room	
	Bear Den – Room 6	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>April 11, 2018</u>	
9:00 AM	Morning Coffee – Russ’	
9:30 AM	Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge	
10:30 AM	Kids & Coffee Playgroup – Nursery	
5:15-6:15 PM	Wednesday Night Supper (Hot Dogs & BBQ Ham Sandwiches)	
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 st grade) – Nursery	
6:00-7:00 PM	Jr. Singers/Chimers – Choir Room/Choir Loft	
6:00-7:00 PM	Youth Small Groups – Youth Room	
6:45 PM	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft	
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir – Choir Loft	
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>April 12, 2018</u>	
9:00 AM	Craft Circle – Ryder Lounge	
9:30 AM	Weight Watchers – Social Hall	
6:00-7:00 PM	Tiger Den	
7:00 PM	Creativity, The Arts, and God – Social Hall	
7:00 PM	Ruth Circle – Ryder Lounge	
	Wolf Den	
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<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>April 13, 2018</u>	
	Pastor Lou’s Day Off	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>April 14, 2018</u>	
	No Scheduled Activities	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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."

TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY FOR KIDS age 4 years – 5th grade. Today's "Children in Worship" Christian education classes will feature a fun and interactive telling of the Easter story during the 10:30 a.m. service. To participate, children should come to the service and then will be dismissed for this activity in the Wiltse Center, after the service has begun. Please pick up your children in the Wiltse Center after the service ends.

6th – 12th GRADERS, PLEASE JOIN US THIS EVENING FOR board games and root beer floats. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall on the lower level of the church. Have a favorite game? Bring it along and teach it to others. All youth in grades 6 - 12 are welcome.

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.

DUNESMEN MEN'S GROUP MEETS THIS WEEK: Dunesmen (men who are members, friends, and guests of the church) are invited to our 2018 kick-off meeting on April 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall, located on the lower level of the church. A light meal will be served. The program topic is the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. We will hear first-hand experiences of some of our Red Bird mission trippers. RSVP to Al Kochanowski at alkochjr@gmail.com or (616) 446-0562 so we can prepare enough food.

JUBILATION CHOIR rehearsals will be Wednesdays April 11 and 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!

CAMPERSHIPS FUNDRAISING GOAL IS APRIL 16: We are raising Camperships (camp scholarships) 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 SOFTBALL: We are welcoming interested softball players for our Men's Monday Night Church League thru NORA (Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority). UMC Dunes' team has been playing for over 25 years. We look forward to continuing the tradition. We play at local fields in Grand Haven on Monday evenings; the first practice game is 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 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.

FAITH-FOCUSED CONFERENCE AT GULL LAKE, MAY 11-12: It's time to sign up for "Getting Out of the Boat," the May 11 and 12 Faith-Focused Conference at Gull Lake Ministries. 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. The \$122 fee per person includes meals and lodging. A few reservations are available for Saturday only at \$50 per person.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME: 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 on April 15 and 22 to answer questions and take reservations and payments. Reservation deadline: May 13.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

2018 Weekly Average

\$8,674

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship Last Week: 395 Last Year: 525

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to attend any of these ongoing studies.

NEW SPRING STUDIES BEGIN THIS WEEK!

BBQ (Basic Beliefs & Questions) New book begins today, Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Ryder Lounge

Facilitator: Jill Miller

Grounded: Finding God in the World – A Spiritual Revolution. Author Diana Bass writes about spirituality that transcends ritualistic religious practices and focuses on finding God in the world in which we live. In a renewed perspective called, "Emergent Christianity," she likens the journey of discovering God in the environment, in relationships with others, similar to Native American and Celtic understandings of experiencing God. Please provide your own book.

Women's Study: The Beatitudes, Begins April 10, Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ryder Lounge, 8 weeks

Facilitators: Cathy Shick and Mary Anne Miller

The Workbook on the Beatitudes by Dunnam and Dunnam Reisman.

The Beatitudes offer promise and blessedness to the humblest, the weakest, and the weariest. Jesus' masterpiece sermon is the blueprint for Christ-like living with ethics of grace. This study connects Bible wisdom, Christian tradition, and theological insight with how you live your life each day. Come grow with us! **There is a sign-up sheet by the office to help us determine how many books to order. Books are \$8.**

Evening Study: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World, Begins April 11, Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Ryder Lounge

Facilitator: Pastor Eldon Eldred

Anxious For Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World. Max Lucado's newest book provides a roadmap for battling with and healing from anxiety of daily living. Please join us as we discuss how to apply Lucado's faith-based prescription for coping. All are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet on the Adult Education bulletin board near the church office, or just come to class. Please bring your own book. Lucado's books are readily available through online and local bookstores.

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR COLLEGE/MILITARY CARE PACKAGES: Please stop by the table in the Wiltse Center on **April 8 or 15** 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 so much for your support!

FROM THE SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE: We are encouraging everyone to use the main entrance, by the offices, during the week. Please observe the signage that is posted. We are looking to enhance our security and provide better foot traffic efficiency. During the Sunday events, the regular entrances will be utilized.

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.

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 the family of Tina Zellman in honor of her birthday on April 6.

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is in honor of the birth of Landyn Douglas McCracken born March 31, son of Kevin and Michele McCracken, grandparents Tom and Judy Hanson and great-grandmother Joyce Martyn.

THANK YOU very much for the beautiful flowers, all the lovely cards and for your continued prayers. Thank you also Pastor Eldon for your thoughtful and comforting visit. I am so grateful for my church family. Love, Rose Lampson

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: April 9- Marina Ellis, Barry Kram, Sandy VanderMoere; 11- Joseph Albaugh, Margaret Cook, Harriet Johnson, Eric Moerland, Susan Robertson; 14- Betty Kasemodel; 15- John North, Debbie Page.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Gum Moon Residence Hall, San Francisco, CA; and Mozart Makafui Adevu and Ngoy Mulanga Kalangwa, Missionaries.

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.

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

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

WE'RE HAPPY TO LEND 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.