



Arise, shine;
for your light has come,
and the glory of the *LORD*
has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

Epiphany

December 31, 2017

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

Epiphany

December 31, 2017

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

As the church gathers, please feel free to get acquainted with your neighbor.

A "" invites you to stand, as you are able.*

Please silence your cell phone.

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: The word comes forth from the mouth of God! A new name shatters Caesar's rod!

People: Let us hear our new name, let us turn to the light, let us build a new earth, let us celebrate new life!

***Carol #254**

We Three Kings

(red book)

Carols of the Congregation's Choosing

(two verses each)

Prayer for Epiphany (unison)

All: You speak to us in many ways, through rushing wind or still small voice, in Scripture's Word or through your grace, and we in turn find many ways, to hear the world's insistent voice break through the silence and take your place. Forgive our sin. Help us hear your voice above the clamor of this world, recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen.

Sharing the Word

The Scriptures are opened to the people through the reading of lessons, preaching and music.

Welcome and Sharing of Ministry

Time for Children

Pastor Lou

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

Toddlers-Young 5's may attend Bible Friends in the Nursery.

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

Carols of the Congregation's Choosing

(two verses each)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

(OT page 654 in the pew Bible)

Matthew 2:1-12

(NT page 1 in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Good News for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

Special Music

Sermon

Arise, Shine

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Responding to the Word

We respond to God's Word by offering prayers, our gifts and our service for the world and one another.

Call to Prayer

Surely the Presence of the Lord

** (red book) No. 328

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Pastoral and 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.

Offertory

Molly Grettenberger, harp

***Doxology**

This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

Sending Forth

The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's Blessing.

***Hymn of Dedication #251**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

(red book)

***Benediction and Chimes**

***Postlude**

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Sunday, December 31, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Don Reis (10:30) Barry Huntington

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Rob & Betty Roberts, Ed & Liz Lystra
(10:30) Neal Miller, Vaughn Umphrey, Elizabeth Dales

Greeters: (8:30) Jim & Nancy Humphrey (10:30) Earl & Connie Dean

Welcome Center: (8:30) Dale & Pam Zurakowski (10:30) Darlene Graska

No "Children in Worship" Program today.

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Madalyn Hanson

Coffee Fellowship: The Congregation Potpourri

Sunday, January 7, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Kay Cansfield (10:30) Neal Miller

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Jim & Mary Merritt, Denny Stuart, Ron DeNardo
(10:30) Robert Zitta, Tom Pennington, Elizabeth Dales, Bill DeBone

Greeters: (8:30) Gary & Karyn Gillan (10:30) Connie Widdis

Welcome Center: (8:30) Mary Merritt (10:30) Gregg Kelly

Children in Worship: Pam Zurakowski, Amanda Nixon, Jennifer Taylor, Gynell Schaner

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

Coffee Fellowship: Don & Vicki Reis, Michael & Suzanne Moynihan

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 (louis.grettenberger@gmail.com, 231-883-9806)
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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY **December 31, 2017**

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care (for children ages 0-5 years) – Nursery
- 8:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group "Marking Time" – Room 4 downstairs. Visitors are always welcome to attend this group.
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 11:30 AM Ray Vander Laan Series – LL 13/14

MONDAY **January 1, 2018 – NEW YEARS DAY**

CHURCH CLOSED

TUESDAY **January 2, 2018**

- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
- 6:30 PM UMW Board Meeting – Conference Room
- Bear Den – Room 6

WEDNESDAY **January 3, 2018**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ'
- 9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge
- 5:15-6:15 PM Wednesday Supper (ham potato soup) – Social Hall
- 6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room
- 6:00 PM Disciple IV – Room 10
- 6:00-7:00 PM Chimers/Jr. Singers – Choir Loft /Choir Room
- 6:00-7:00 PM Youth Small Groups – Youth Room
- 6:00-7:00 PM Child Care – Nursery (birth – 1st grade)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **January 4, 2018**

- 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 Cub Scout Committee Meeting – Room 10
- Wolf Den and Webelos I

FRIDAY **January 5, 2018**

Pastor Lou's Day off

SATURDAY **January 6, 2018**

No Scheduled Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PAGE 1

OPEN MINDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS: Welcome to the Church of the Dunes. If you are a first-time visitor 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."

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO REMAIN IN THE SERVICE TODAY. Nursery is the only programming today. Children's Worship Bulletins can be found in front of the Welcome Center in the Narthex or by the west Sanctuary door in the Cry Room.

NO CARILLON RINGER REHEARSAL, YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL, OR YOUTH GROUP TODAY.

NAME TAGS: If you would like a new magnetic name tag, please write your name on the list on the clipboard on the table in the Cry Room near the name tag rack. Once your name tag has been completed you may find it on or near the clipboard. Please allow up to two weeks for your name tag to be completed. An alphabetical listing including name tag numbers may be found in the notebook located in the Cry Room. If you forget your name tag please use a handwritten one from the Welcome Center.

SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK & WHITE: THOUGHTS ON RELIGION, MORALITY, AND POLITICS, by Adam Hamilton, Sundays in the Ryder Lounge 11:30 am-12:30 pm. This class is led by Jill Miller. Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us. This class will not be meeting today. Please join us on January 7.

THE MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will be meeting on Monday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge to discuss *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. Everyone is welcome each month. This group is led by Gayle Cox.

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY...WHY TAKE THIS CLASS? "We found the class useful and worthwhile, even though our finances are in good shape. It seemed like every class I learned something I didn't know, or got a good tip for the future. We have been using those lessons and tips ever since!"-Church of the Dunes member. "I took this class as a member for a girl from Harbor House. Bruce and I have always lived this way, not formally Dave Ramsey but basic principles so our first year of marriage when Bruce got Hepatitis we survived because we could be frugal and had savings."-Joyce B. Change the way you think about and handle money and your future will change starting today! Classes are for Church of the Dunes members as well as members of the community. Go online to www.FPU.com/1052482 to register your membership and order your materials. Class starts January 14 and runs through March 11 from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm on Sundays in a lower level classroom. Call Susan Thorpe at 248-310-2312 if you have questions.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

2017 Weekly Average

\$10,067

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship	218 - 12/24/2017	93 - 12/25/2016
Christmas Eve Attendance 7 pm	248 - 12/24/2017	362 - 12/24/2016
Christmas Eve Attendance 11 pm	196 - 12/24/2017	264 - 12/24/2016

THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED. You may pick yours up from the church office Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. These are available by request to anyone who would like one, not just to those who were photographed.

THE 2018 FLOWER CHART is now posted on the wall outside the Wiltse Center. You may sign up to sponsor the sanctuary flowers on a specific Sunday. The cost is \$30 and the church office staff will order the flowers for you.

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.

WHEN THE GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED DUE TO THE WEATHER, CHURCH OF THE DUNES WILL BE CLOSED, AND ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED. If the weather turns bad later in the day or on the weekend, we will contact Wood TV8 to notify the congregation of any cancellations. You may access Wood TV8's closings on your television, computer or tablet, or cell phone.

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

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.

NEED A HELPING ELBOW? Ushers and/or Greeters would love to lend you a supportive elbow, wheelchair, walker, or umbrella if it would make the walk from the parking lot to the sanctuary more comfortable and safe for you on Sunday mornings. Please stop by the Information Center (Welcome Center) to pick up a colorful card with the umbrella logo pictured here. Place it in your car in a window visible to the church's main entrance and a Greeter or Usher will come out to assist you. If you cannot pick up a card from church, or to request assistance ahead of time, please call the church office by noon on Friday with your name, which service you will attend, and car make and color, and we will make arrangements.

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" may be placed on the backside of our blue Response Cards, which are available at the Information/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

The flowers on the altar are from Vicki Reis in memory of her mother Ida Cecchini (the Hat Lady).

Harbor Hall for men was a joyous and festive place for 9 men plus staff this Christmas thanks to all the decorations donated by you! Some were also shared with Hope House and Providence Place. Thanks also to Mary Circle and Ruth Circle for the gift cards and bus passes and those who brought goodies. Thanks to everyone who donated warm clothing. Thank you ALL! Joyce and Bruce Bowling.

Thank you, Church of the Dunes, for the cards & flowers for my 90th birthday. Also, thanks for visits from Eldon and other church groups. It really makes me feel good. Anna Land

Thank you to all those who assisted in the parking lot during Journey to Bethlehem. Doug Mitchell

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: January 1- Eh Ter Gaw Grettenberger, Hefzur Grettenberger (15 yrs.), Shofi Grettenberger (14 yrs.), Chantal Grettenberger (13 yrs.), Richard Suchecki; 2-Karen Grettenberger, Sierra Olthoff; 3-Milena Grettenberger, Norann Kelly, Marnie Mathews; 4-Ellen Grafton; 5-John Cole, Lisa DeBone, Laura Grafton, Patrick Warren; 6-Greg Preston; 7-Carol LeCocq, Guy Reece.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Global: Improving peoples' livelihoods and nutrition by providing livestock and training; ad Farhan Gadit, staff.