



**Transfiguration Sunday
February 11, 2018**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2018

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.

Gathering Music

Chimes

Welcome and Sharing of Ministry

Boy Scout Recognition

Invitation to Worship

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. McChesney

Bells of Glory

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord has called you here this day.

People: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.

Leader: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

People: Lord, make us ready to serve you.

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

People: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise #64

Holy, Holy, Holy

(red book)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Dear Lord,

The darkness of winter has been our companion. Now the days are lengthening. Bring your light to us, that we might see your glory and work for you; offering hope and peace to this world.

Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in the moment that we don't take time enough to understand its significance. Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank you for the blessing of unexpected revelations. Give us wisdom and strength to be your disciples and proclaim your transforming love to all people. We ask this, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Forgiveness

Leader: To you the light of love and ministry has been revealed. Rejoice! You have been blessed by God to be witnesses; to proclaim God's love to all. Be at peace!

People: Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30)

Archer Lee Dulaney

pp. 39-43 (red book)

Song of Praise (10:30)

Here I Am to Worship

Jr. Singers

Hughes

Sending Forth

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

***Hymn of Dedication #117 *O God Our Help In Ages Past* (red book)**

***Benediction and Chimes**

***Parting Music**

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Sunday, February 11, 2017 Boy Scout Sunday

Liturgists: (8:30) Carol Kirchner (10:30) Dan Martin

Soundboard: (8:30) Nathan Burns (10:30) Roger Cox

Ushers: (8:30) Martin & Nancy Hillila, Paul Koons, Lori Koons

(10:30) Edward Snider, Logan Snider, Kent Taylor, Weston Taylor

Greeters: (8:30) Sue Hafner (10:30) Scouts

Welcome Center: (8:30) Barry & Bron Kram (10:30) Dolores Quackenbush

Children in Worship: Laura Burns, Jen Cryst, Carin Snider, Tracee Cole

Nursery: Karen Aspenson

Coffee Fellowship: Dorothy Corradi, Darlene Graska

Sunday, February 18, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Don Woodward (10:30) Kathleen Bush

Soundboard: (8:30) (10:30) Roger Cox

Ushers: (8:30) Martin & Nancy Hillila, Gregg Kelly, Brendan Kelly

(10:30) Edward Snider, Logan Snider, Kent Taylor, Weston Taylor

Greeters: (8:30) Jim & Mary Merritt (10:30)

Welcome Center: (8:30) Don & Ruth Woodward (10:30) Gay Cole

Children in Worship: Laura Burns, Justin & Teracia Graegin, Pete Hicks, Linda Taylor

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

Coffee Fellowship: Cathy Shick, Sue Hafner

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, lgrettenberger@umcdunes.org)
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Covenant Missionaries.....	Rev. Nkemba & Mbwizu Ndjungu and Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	February 11, 2018	Boy Scout Sunday
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	
9:35 AM	Library Open House – Library	
9:45 AM	Carillon Ringers Rehearsal – Choir Loft	
9:45 AM	FaithLink Discussion Group “2018 Winter Olympics” – Room 4 downstairs. Visitors are always welcome to attend this group.	
10:30 AM	Worship Service – Sanctuary	
10:45 AM-12:15 PM	Children in Worship – Worship Centers	
11:15 AM-12:15 PM	Youth Sunday School – Youth Room & the Pit	
11:30 AM	BBQ Book Discussion “Jesus at 2000” – Ryder Lounge	
11:30 AM	Ray Vander Laan Series – LL 13/14	
11:30 AM-12:15 PM	Parenting Discussion Group – Wiltse Center	
11:30 AM	Library Open House – Library	
11:45 AM-12:45 PM	Financial Peace University – Room 4	
12:15-1:00 PM	Youth Choir – Choir Room	
6:00-7:30 PM	Youth Group – Youth Room, Social Hall, Wiltse Center	
MONDAY	February 12, 2018	
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread	
6:00 PM	Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center	
6:00-8:00 PM	ASL Class – Room 4	
6:00 PM	Youth Council – Conference Room	
7:00 PM	Bells of Glory – Choir Loft	
TUESDAY	February 13, 2018	
9:30-11:00 AM	Abiding in Christ Study – Ryder Lounge	
1:00 PM	Esther Circle – Ryder Lounge	
	Bear Den – Room 6	
WEDNESDAY	February 14, 2018	Ash Wednesday
8:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Communion of Imposition of Ashes Service – Sanctuary	
9:00 AM	Morning Coffee – Russ’	
9:15 AM	Ash Wednesday Breakfast – Wiltse Center	
9:30 AM	Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge	
10:30 AM	Kids & Coffee Playground – Nursery	
5:15-6:15 PM	Wednesday Supper (Pork BBQ) – Social Hall	
6:00-7:15 AM	Men’s Study – Room 13/14	
6:00 PM	Wednesday Women – The Pit (Room 7)	
6:00 PM	Knitters – Conference Room	
6:00 PM	Disciple IV – Room 10	
6:00-7:00 PM	Jr. Singers/Chimers – Choir Room/Choir Loft	
6:00-7:00 PM	Youth Small Groups – Youth Room	
6:00-7:00 PM	Child Care (birth-1 st grade) – Nursery	
6:15 AM	Ash Wednesday Family Service with Communion and Imposition of Ashes – Sanctuary	
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir – Choir Loft	
THURSDAY	February 15, 2018	March Dunes Digest Deadline
9:30 AM	Weight Watchers – Social Hall	
6:00-7:00 PM	Tiger Den	
6:30 PM	Adult Council – Conference Room	
7:00 PM	Creativity, The Arts, and God – Social Hall	
	Wolf Den	
	Webelos 1	
FRIDAY	February 16, 2018	
	Pastor Lou’s Day off	
SATURDAY	February 17, 2018	
	Ruth Circle prepping for Chili Fundraiser – Social Hall Kitchen	

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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."

BEING BAPTIZED THIS MORNING is Archer Lee Dulaney, son of Hunter & Jennifer Dulaney. Archer was born in Muskegon, Michigan on November 23, 2017. Archer's sponsor is Krystal Waters.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE TODAY: Please stop by our library after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services to see many user-friendly updates, and learn about the no-fuss lending system. All are invited. We hope to see you there.

CHOCOLATE-COVERED STRAWBERRIES YOUTH FUNDRAISER: Today is order pick-up day. If you ordered chocolate-covered strawberries, please pick them up in the Wiltse Center today between services, or after the 10:30 a.m. service. Extras will be for sale on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you for supporting UMC Dunes Youth!

MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ASH WEDNESDAY LENTEN BREAKFAST: Please make your reservation **today**, if you have not already. Reservation forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. The breakfast is Ash Wednesday morning, February 14 in the Wiltse Center, following the 8:30 a.m. Service of Imposition of Ashes and Communion in the Sanctuary.

ANGEL AND TIN ANGEL DECORATIONS TO PICK UP A few years ago, several members donated and/or hand-crafted angel decorations for use during Advent. If you recall which are yours and wish to take them home, please do so. All are welcome to take home a decoration or two. Please help yourself.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY: Today's food donations will go to the Love In Action Food Pantry. This is the pantry hub for 11 church pantries, and Hope House, Harbor Hall, and Gracious Grounds. Thank you for making a difference.

CHILI LUNCH FEBRUARY 18. Nothing says "comfort" more than chili and corn bread on a cold winter day. Please join us for lunch immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Wiltse Center. Ruth Circle is hosting. There is no charge for lunch, but donations toward Ruth Circle's mission, Center for Women in Transition, are welcome.

ALMA COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT FEBRUARY 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. United Methodist Church of the Dunes has the honor of hosting the 42-member Alma College Choir who will be blessing us with their voices at a concert here at our church. The concert is free; a free-will offering will be taken. Host families are still needed, please contact Gwen Bartels if you can help at gbartels@brookdale.com or 616-403-8579.

ATTENTION ROMEO'S – CHANGE OF VENUE: We will be meeting at the Rendezvous Restaurant for our third Tuesday of every month gathering.

LEARN-A-GAME (formerly Game Day) begins on Sunday, February 25 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage. We'll learn and play the game "Fuddy Duddy." Learn-A-Game will meet on the fourth Sunday of each month; a different game will be featured each time. Games are selected for players ages pre-teen through adult. Please join us for an afternoon of fun.

THE MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will be meeting on Monday, February 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge to discuss *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Everyone is welcome each month. This group is led by Gayle Cox.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

2018 Weekly Average

\$8,565

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship

Last Week 236

Last Year 254

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Lenten Study: Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Ryder Lounge

Begins February 18 and continues through Lent

What the Prayers of Jesus Tell Us About the Heart of God by Shawn Shaner

Read the prayers of Jesus in the Gospels and Acts, identify vital lessons Jesus is teaching us about God, and discover truths that anchor our faith opening us to greater actions. Christ prays for us, empowers us, and sends us. What does this mean for us today? Let's take a look and grow together. Facilitator: Ruth Woodward. Coffee and treats provided. *Please sign up on the bulletin board near the church office.*

Parent Discussion Group: Sundays 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Wiltse Center

Today's topic: "Use Mealtimes to Build Relationships," from the **The Christian Parenting Handbook** by Scott Turansky and Joann Miller, RN. Facilitators: Val Martin and Karen Grettenberger
All parents of any age are welcome to drop in and join the conversation.

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Room 13/14, lower level

The Workbook of Living Prayer by Maxie Dunnam

Join your brothers in Christ as you explore the many powerful ways of faithful relationship.

Facilitators: Gregg Kelly and Doug Mitchell

INSTRUMENTALISTS NEEDED! We are looking for instrumentalists to enhance our music in worship. Do you play? All instrumentalists wanted. The immediate need is for acoustic guitar, flute, violin, percussion, and brass. Please contact Megan Horist, Director of Music, at meghorist@gmail.com for more information. Thanks!

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.

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; church office staff will order the flowers for you.

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.

DUNES DIGEST DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15 Articles and announcements for the March issue of the Dunes Digest are due this Thursday, February 15. Please send them to umcdunes.communications@gmail.com.

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

The flowers on the altar are from Jim and Nancy Humphrey in memory of their parents.

The flowers in the window are from Gail Smart in memory of her Dad who would have been 100 on the 12th.

Rose and Virgil Umphrey send a special thank you for the many cards they received in honor of their anniversary.

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: February 12- Mary Kay Alguire, Kathy DeBone, Thomas Laughlin; 15-Alice Furst, Richard Minuth; 16-Georgia Heckaman, Susan Wierda; 17-Jacob Larkins (14 yrs.), Eric Magner, Darlene Ogle, Sandee Klop.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Camp Aldersgate. Little Rock, AR; and Rukang Chikomb and Alfred Zigbuo, Missionaries.

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.

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? If a supportive elbow, wheelchair, walker, or umbrella would make would make your walk from the parking lot into church easier, safer and more comfortable, please let us know. Ushers and greeters are available to assist. Please stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a bright yellow card that signals your request. 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. To make advance arrangements, please call the church office by noon on Friday at (616) 842-7980.