



**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2018**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 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.

Prelude

Invitation to Worship – Chimes

Welcome and Sharing of Ministry

Introit

Majesty

Chancel Choir

Hayford

***Call to Worship**

Leader: How wonderful it is to sing our praises to God!

People: Praise the Lord who gathers us together!

Leader: God's mercy is given generously to all in need.

People: We are never out of the reach of God's love.

Leader: We come to worship and celebrate the God of all creation.

People: How great is our God! God's power is absolute, and God's understanding is beyond comprehension.

Leader: So, come, sing out your praises to God. Offer to God that worship that belongs to God alone!

***Hymn of Praise #139**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(red book)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from Your strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade the gift of Your wisdom. Help us we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-2

Leader: Brothers and sisters, there is now no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed us from the power of sin that leads to death. So be at peace. Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

People: Amen.

Introduction of New Staff Member

Pastor: Dear friends, today we recognize the ministry of _____, and consecrate her to a special task in the service of Jesus Christ. In the name of the congregation I commend you to this work and pledge to you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Almighty God, look with favor upon _____ who reaffirms her commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give her courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

We Sing Glory to God

Chancel Choir

Drennan/Williams

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—Children in K-5th grades will be lead to their Children in Worship rooms downstairs (rooms 8,9,11&12).

Parents, please pick up your children at 12:15 from their rooms downstairs.

Sharing the Word

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

Song of Illumination

Ancient Words

DeShazo

Chancel Choir

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31

(OT page 634 in the pew Bible)

Psalms 147:1-11

(OT page 556 in the pew Bible)

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

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Super Powers

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.

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

Call to Prayer #393

Spirit of the Living God

** (red book)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (Repeat)

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.

Communion and Offering

Liturgy pages 13-15 (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) leave for class during the 10:30 service following communion.

Sending Forth

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

***Hymn of Dedication #77**

How Great Thou Art

(red book)

***Benediction and Chimes**

***Postlude**

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Sunday, February 4, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Karyn Gillan (10:30) Jan Lipfert

Organist: Marna Jeffery; **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) Ed & Liz Lystra (10:30) Dan & Debbie Starkey

Welcome Center: (8:30) Barry & Bron Kram (10:30) Michelle DeVito

Children in Worship: Gay Cole, Amanda Nixon, Jennifer Taylor, Gynell Schaner

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

Coffee Fellowship: Elizabeth Dales, Susan Thorpe

Sunday, February 11, 2017 Boy Scout Sunday

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

Organist: Marna Jeffery; **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) Carol Scherpenisse (10:30) Dolores Quackenbush

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

Nursery: Karen Aspenson

Coffee Fellowship: Dorothy Corradi, Darlene Graska

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 **February 4, 2018**

- 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 Carillon Ringers Rehearsal – Choir Loft
- 9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group “Jerusalem” – 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
- 11:45 AM-12:45 PM Financial Peace University – Room 4
- 12:15-1:00 PM Youth Choir – Choir Room
- 6:00-8:30 PM Youth Group ½ Super Bowl Party at the Zellman's

MONDAY **February 5, 2018**

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
- 6:00-8:00 PM ASL Class – Room 4
- 7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY **February 6, 2018**

- 9:30-11:00 AM Abiding in Christ Study – Ryder Lounge
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
- 6:30 PM UMW Board Meeting – Cry Room
- 6:30 PM Worship – Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Missions – Ryder Lounge
- Bear Den – Room 6

WEDNESDAY **February 7, 2018**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ'
- 9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge
- 5:15-6:15 PM Wednesday Supper (Chicken Tetrizzini) – Social Hall
- 6:00-7:15 PM Men's Study – Room 13/14
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Women – 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-1st grade) – Nursery
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **February 8, 2018**

- 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 – Wiltse Center Kitchen
- Wolf Den
- Webelos 1

FRIDAY **February 9, 2018**

Pastor Lou's Day off

SATURDAY **February 10, 2018**

- 9:00 AM Youth Dipping Strawberries – Social Hall and Kitchen

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.

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."

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS TO BE HELD SOON - This class will be held on Sunday morning following the second service. If you are interested in learning more about the church or are interested in joining the Church of the Dunes, please contact the church office at 616-842-7980, or jblanchard@umcdunes.org, or Pastor Lou at louis.grettenberger@gmail.com.

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 were one of the donators or makers, please visit the Wiltse Center today to pick yours up to take home. Next week, those that have not been picked up will be offered to anyone who would like one.

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!

PRE-ORDER CHOCOLATE-COVERED STRAWBERRIES! The Youth are making chocolate-dipped strawberries for Valentine's Day! Today is the last day to place a pre-order. Members of the youth group will be taking orders between services in the Wiltse Center. Pre-order forms are also available at the Welcome Center in the narthex. Order pick-up will be between services and after 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, February 11. Order a dozen for \$13, or a half-dozen for \$7. Contact Ashley Boersma with any questions. Thank you for supporting the Dunes Youth Ministry!

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE is February 11 following the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. The Library Committee has worked hard to make our library more user friendly, updated, comfortable, and inviting for all ages. Please stop by to see this hidden gem and learn about the no-fuss lending system. We look forward to seeing you!

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is February 11. We will collect food for the Love in Action Food Pantry. It is the pantry hub for 11 church pantries and Hope House, Harbor Hall, and Gracious Grounds. Brown grocery bags to fill with your donations will be available today near the Welcome Center in the narthex. There is a large community draw for food from this one place. Please help us fill the shelves.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY is February 11. The Cub Scouts who meet regularly at UMC Dunes will help lead our 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. All Boy Scouts are welcome to wear their uniforms to church that day.

BAPTISM on February 11 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us as we welcome this newest member of our church family.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LENTEN BREAKFAST: Wednesday morning, February 14 in the Wiltse Center, following the 8:30 a.m. Service of Imposition of Ashes and Communion in the Sanctuary. A reservation form is included in this bulletin. (This 8:30 a.m. service replaces the February 21 morning communion service. Third Wednesday communion will resume in March.)

CHILI LUNCH is 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 are welcome.

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

2018 Weekly Average

\$9,885

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship

Last Week 323

Last Year 272

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: "The Value of Grand Parents," 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

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.

ALMA COLLEGE CHOIR IS COMING! AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!

Our church has the privilege of hosting the Alma College Choir who will bless us with a concert on **Friday, February 23, at 8:00 p.m.** We are looking for church families who will be willing to provide housing Friday night for a pair of students as well as breakfast on Saturday morning. The singers will be leaving the church Saturday morning at approximately 9:30 a.m. If this is something you are willing/able to do, please call, email, or text Gwen Bartels at gbartels@brookdale.com or 616-403-8579.

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.

LEARN-A-GAME (formerly Game Day) begins on Sunday, February 25 from 1 – 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, appropriate for adults and children middle-school-aged and older. Please join us.

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.

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 the Starkey family in honor of Joni Starkey's birthday.

Dear Church Family, There is no way I can say thank you enough for all of the caring prayers, flowers, beautiful cards and gifts. I'm so grateful for God giving me each of you as my church family, and the love that is helping me heal. Thank you. Sincerely, Elaine Bradford

All done with my second knee replacement and I can happily report to you that I'm recovering well. Many thanks to all who sent cards, visited, phone calls, brought food, and the beautiful flowers. I'm blessed to belong to such a caring church family. Bruce Buckley

Dear Dunes Family, Thank you so much to those who sent cards, made food and prayed for the success of my recent surgery. I am so thankful for the ease with which I am tolerating the surgery and the recovery. It is such a blessing and I thank God every day for modern medical techniques and the skill of my surgeon. The hardest part will be limiting activity for 6 weeks. Pray for that too! Love, Marion Fitch

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: February 5 – Lori Koons, Gail Ringelberg, Ruth Woodward; 6-Nicole DeSchaaf, Noah Hicks (15yrs.); 8-Nancy Foster; 9-Madelyn Larson; 10-Richard Hanby, Donald Woodward; 11-Mike Anthes, Julie Kelly, Evan Miller, Pearl Patterson (96 yrs.).

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Bethlehem Community Center of Winston-Salem, NC; and Betty Tshala, Missionary.

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, 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.