

SPEAK, LORD.

YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING.

I SAMUEL 3:10



**Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 14, 2018**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 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

Introduction of New Staff Members

Pastor: Dear friends, today we recognize the ministry of Megan Horist and Carla Kocher, and consecrate each of them 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 Carla and Megan who reaffirm commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them 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.

Opening Prayer

(1 Samuel 3, John 1)

***Hymn #451**

Be Thou My Vision

(red book)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

(Psalm 139)

Awesome God, you have made all of creation and each cell of our bodies. You know our thoughts and you know our sins. We desperately try to hide our mistakes, our weaknesses, our embarrassments. But you know it all, and so we come before you now asking for your forgiveness. Even as you know the limits of our human capabilities, we know the unlimited power of your love. Forgive us, cleanse us, make us whole.

Words of Assurance and Forgiveness

(Psalm 139, 1 Corinthians 6)

Leader: The God who has made us will never desert us. The God of creation is creating still, making us new. The God whose love gave us the gift of Jesus Christ is the same God whose love forgives and sustains us.

People: Amen.

Anthem

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Bells of Glory

Arr. By Dave Howland

Sharing the Word

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

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.

***Hymn of Illumination #454**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

(red book)

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

(OT page 241 in the pew Bible)

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

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Listening for God

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 #2086

Open Our Eyes

*(black book)

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and to say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

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

***Doxology #2087**

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

*(black book) vs. 1 & 4

**We will glorify the King of kings, We will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.
Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I am.**

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

May these gifts given with generosity and love help our church and our world become more peaceful, caring, fair and free. Amen.

Sending Forth

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

***Hymn of Dedication #2234**

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

(black book)

***Benediction and Chimes**

***Postlude**

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Sunday, January 14, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) John North (10:30) Neal Miller

Organist: Marna Jeffery; **Soundboard:** (8:30) Don Woodward (10:30) Blair Miller

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

Greeters: (8:30) Denver Todd (10:30) Denny & Jan Stuart

Welcome Center: (8:30) Jack & Char Grevel (10:30) Darlene Graska

Children in Worship: Laura Burns, Jen Cryst, Carin Snider, Alissa/Brandon Steury

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kelly Grilley

Coffee Fellowship: Dale & Pam Zurakowski, Jack & Char Grevel

Sunday, January 21, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Marion Fitch (10:30) Dave Hoffman

Organist: Marna Jeffery; **Soundboard:** (8:30) Blair Miller (10:30) Blair Miller

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

Greeters: (8:30) Donna Jean Lock (10:30) Janet Joiner

Welcome Center: (8:30) Gregg Kelly (10:30) Joann Jarvi

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

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

Coffee Fellowship: Bill & Kay Cansfield, Margaret Cook

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 **January 14, 2018** **Family Promise Arrives**

- 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 “Churches in Small Towns” – 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
- 11:45 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 (Healthy Feast) – Youth Room & Social Hall

MONDAY **January 15, 2018** **Dunes Digest Deadline**

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

TUESDAY **January 16, 2018**

- 9:00 AM ROMEOS – Rendezvous Restaurant
- 9:30-11:00 AM Abiding in Christ Study – Ryder Lounge
- 10:30 AM Kids & Coffee Playgroup – Nursery
- 6:00 PM Invitation & Welcome – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY **January 17, 2018**

- 8:30 AM Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ’
- 9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge
- 5:15-6:15 PM Wednesday Supper (Hamburger Stroganoff) – Social Hall
- 5:45-7:15 PM Story of God – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00-7:15 PM Men’s Study – Room 13/14
- 6:00 PM Wednesday Women – The Pit
- 6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room
- 6:00 PM Disciple IV – Wiltse Center
- 6:00-7:00 PM Jr. Singers/Chimers – Choir Room/Choir Loft
- 6:00-7:00 PM Youth Small Group – Youth Room
- 6:00-7:00 PM Child Care (birth-1st grade) – Nursery
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **January 18, 2018**

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
- 1:00 PM Friends – Ryder Lounge
- 6:30 pm Adult Council – Ryder Lounge
- 6:30 PM Pack Meeting – Wiltse Center
- 7:00 PM Creativity, The Arts, and God Social Hall

FRIDAY **January 19, 2018**

Pastor Lou’s Day off

SATURDAY **January 20, 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."

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.

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 contact Pastor Lou at louis.grettenberger@gmail.com.

CHURCH OF THE DUNES WILL BE HOSTING FAMILY PROMISE OF THE LAKESHORE beginning January 14. This is an extra hosting due to special circumstances at Family Promise. I appreciate all of the volunteers who have agreed to help during this unplanned hosting. I could use a couple more volunteers for Overnight Hosting. Please give me a call if you would like to help. The generosity and support of the Dunes' congregation shows what a welcoming family we are. Thank you, Dave Hoffman (616-847-8438).

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.

LOOKING FOR A VALENTINE'S GIFT FOR YOUR SWEETHEART? The Youth are making chocolate-dipped strawberries for Valentine's Day! They'll be taking pre-orders next Sunday through February 4, with pick-up 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!

THE YOUTH ARE BUILDING SLEDS FOR THE WINTERFEST CARDBOARD SLED RACE, and they need your help! Do you want to help design? Create? Put on the finishing touches? All assistance is welcome! The work will be done on Sunday evenings in the Social Hall from 6:00-7:30 pm each Sunday until January 21 for the race on Saturday, January 27. Please contact Ashley Boersma to let her know you can help! (call 616-842-7980 ext. 25, or email her at aboersma@umcdunes.org).

ATTENTION ROMEO'S – CHANGE OF VENUE: We will be meeting at the Rendezvous Restaurant for our third Tuesday of every month gathering. Herm Tanis (616-846-4388).

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 any church participants who would like one, not just to those who were photographed.

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.

"RINGERS" FOR THE SALVATION ARMY RAISED \$444 ON DECEMBER 16. Thanks to all who rang and to all who donated. Bill Cansfield

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

2017 Weekly Average

\$10,317

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship

Last Week 288

Last Year 252

New Adult Education Classes Beginning: All Welcome!

Sundays: Beginning January 14 – 6 weeks: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Ryder Lounge. **New Book Study!**

Jesus at 2000, Marcus Borg Six internationally known Jesus scholars talk about the historical, religious, and cultural significance of Jesus. A wide range of perspectives offered, from historical Jesus scholarship to Jewish studies, early Christian history, world religions, and religion and culture. *Participants responsible for buying their own book (As little as \$2 on Amazon - Read Intro and Chapter 1 before 1st class). Jill Miller facilitating.*

Tuesdays: Beginning January 16 – 8 weeks: 9:30 – 11:00 am, Ryder Lounge. **New Woman's Study!**

Abiding In Christ by Maxie Dunnam – Do you want more assurance and connection in your Christian life? How do we remain in Christ? Let's explore how to renew our strength, find direction, and gain confidence by cultivating that relationship! *Sign-up Sheet by Office, \$8 books need to be ordered ahead. Cathy Schick facilitating.*

Wednesdays: January 10, 17 & 24: 5:45 – 7:15 pm. **New, Three-week Session!**

Season 2 of the Story of God, DVD study, narrated by Morgan Freeman and produced by National Geographic. Morgan Freeman continues in his quest to find how most religions perceive the topics of the chosen people, heaven and hell, and proof of God's existence. You do not need to have seen the first season to participate in this educational look at the Faith. No homework, no stress, just come and engage with open mind and open heart! *No registration. Val Martin facilitating.*

Wednesdays: Beginning January 17 – 7 weeks: 6:00 – 7:15 pm, Room 13/14: **New Men's Study!**

Workbook Of Living Prayer by Maxie Dunnam – Improve your communion with God!

This Internationally acclaimed study from Upper Room Ministries written for new and seasoned believers, shows us how to experience the many inspirational ways to enrich our prayer life. *Sign-up Sheet by Office, \$8 books need to be ordered ahead. Doug Mitchell and Greg Kelly facilitating.*

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.

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 given by Don and Diana Adams in memory of the birth date of their son, David.

Thank you to everyone for the lovely birthday cards. They made my day. Carol Graske

Thank you to our Church of the Dunes family for the prayers, cards and words of sympathy on the death of my brother, Robert Steiner. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring church family. Connie & Earl Dean

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: January 15-Carol Finke; 17-Taylor Klein; 18-Mark Ellis (11 yrs.), Linda Gibbs; 19-Gary Erickson, Gary Johnson, Betty Thompson; 20-Norma Vos (98 yrs.); 21-Thomas Bauer.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Atlantic Street Center, Seattle, Washington; and Tendai Paul Manyeza, missionary.

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.

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.