



**Baptism of the Lord  
January 7, 2018**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES**

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# The Order of Morning Worship

## *Baptism of the Lord*

January 7, 2018

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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### 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**

**Chimes**

**Welcome and Sharing of Ministry**

**Introit**

*Lifting Up My Voice*

Dan Whittemore

Chancel Choir

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

**People: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.**

Leader: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children.

**People: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.**

Leader: Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love.

**People: Amen.**

### \*Hymn of Praise #723

*Shall We Gather at the River*

(red book)

**Confessional Prayer** (unison)

**All: Lord, you have blessed us with life. We praise you for this blessing. What we have done with our lives has both delighted and perplexed you. We are far too often inclined to be stubborn and arrogant, believing that we are all powerful, that we have no need for you. But there is an emptiness in us - a place where we are raw and hurting, bleeding, and bruised. We have tried our own healing methods, and they have not worked. We feel as though we are an oar-less, sail-less boat drifting in water, unable to gain direction, unable to see the shore. We long for home and hope. From across these waters, you have called us. Now let us come to you in contrition, seeking your healing and forgiving love. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance and Forgiveness**

Leader: The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### \*Gloria #238 (refrain only)

*Glo - o-o-o - ria, In excelsis deo.*

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## **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-5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### **Anthem**

***We Bow Down and Holy Is the Lord Almighty***

Paris/Lamb

Chancel Choir

### **\*Hymn of Illumination #344**

***Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore***

(red book)

### **Scripture Readings**

**Psalm 29**

(OT page 487 in the pew Bible)

**Mark 1:4-11**

(NT page 33 in the pew Bible)

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Sermon**

**The Voice of the Lord**

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.*

### **Liturgy for Baptismal Covenant Service, pages 50-51**

(red book)

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion—Words of Institution and Blessing of the Elements**

*Bowls of water are provided at the front in order to dip your hands. As you remember your baptism, feel  
the cleansing of the water and God's grace by marking your brow with a cross.*

*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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) dismissed for Sunday School during the 10:30 service.*

## **Sending Forth**

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

### **\*Hymn of Dedication #724**

**On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand**

(red book)

### **\*Benediction and Chimes**

### **\*Postlude**

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**Sunday, January 7, 2017**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Kay Cansfield (10:30) Dan Martin

**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

**Sunday, January 14, 2017**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) John North (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) Denver Todd (10:30) The DeSchaaf Family

**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

**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:**

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## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY**                    **January 7, 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 – Choir Loft  
9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group “Movie, Culture, Faith” – 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 Youth Sunday School – Youth Room & the Pit  
11:30 AM BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge  
11:30 AM Ray Vander Laan Series – LL 13/14  
11:30 AM Parenting Discussion Group – Wiltse Center  
12:15 - 1:00 PM Youth Choir – Choir Room  
6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group – Wiltse Center, Youth Room & Social Hall

### **MONDAY**                    **January 8, 2018**

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread  
10:00 AM -4:00 PM Quilt Class – Wiltse Center  
6:00 PM Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center  
6:00-8:00 PM ASL Classes – Room 4 and Rooms 13/14  
6:00 PM Youth Council – Conference Room  
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

### **TUESDAY**                    **January 9, 2018**

- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge  
1:00 PM Esther Circle Tea Party at Vicki Reis' Home  
6:30 PM Worship Commission – Conference Room  
6:30 PM Missions – Room 13/14  
7:00 PM Trustees – Ryder Lounge  
Bear Den – Room 6

### **WEDNESDAY**                    **January 10, 2018**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ'  
9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge  
5:15-6:15 PM Wednesday Supper (Shredded Chicken Walking Tacos) – Social Hall  
6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room  
6:00 PM Disciple IV – Room 10  
5:45-7:15 PM The Story of God – Ryder Lounge  
6:00-7:00 PM Youth Small Groups – Youth Room

### **THURSDAY**                    **January 11, 2018**

- 9:00 AM Craft Circle – Ryder Lounge  
9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall  
1:00 PM Friends – Ryder Lounge  
6:00-7:00 PM Tiger Den  
7:00 PM Creativity, The Arts, and God Social Hall  
7:00 PM Ruth Circle – Ryder Lounge  
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### **FRIDAY**                        **January 12, 2018**

Pastor Lou's Day off

### **SATURDAY**                    **January 13, 2018**

No Scheduled Activities

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PAGE 1**

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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."

**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](mailto:jblanchard@umcdunes.org), or contact Pastor Lou at [louis.grettenberger@gmail.com](mailto:louis.grettenberger@gmail.com).

**ESTHER CIRCLE** meets on Tuesday, January 9 at 1:00 pm at Vicki Reis' home. Please RSVP to Vicki by Monday, January 8.

**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...HOW EAST IS IT ANYWAY?** Each class includes a short video featuring the energetic, funny and Christian founder of Financial Peace University. You will have a personal workbook to enter your private thoughts, goals and honest opinion of your financial status and how you would like it to change. Through discussion and tried and true methods you will quickly realize the path to financial peace and become a better financial steward of God's resources. Become part of the over 4.5 million people that have changed their lives! Church of the Dunes classes start January 14 and run through March 11 from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm on Sundays. Go online to [www.FPU.com/1052482](http://www.FPU.com/1052482) to register your membership and order your materials. Shipping is free! Call Susan Thorpe at 248-310-2312 if you have questions.

**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 6-7:30pm 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](mailto:aboersma@umcdunes.org)).

**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.

**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.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

### 2017 Weekly Average

\$10,067

### Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship

Last Week 203

Last Year 166

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

## 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](mailto: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 Jane and James Brown in honor of their anniversary.

Dear Whole Church Family: Your prayers and cards have made my recovery speedy. Proof that prayer works. Thank you so very much. I think of all of you and keep you in my prayers. Happy New Year to all. Much love, Joyce Martyn

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: January 9- Ar Sar Ni Grettenberger (11 yrs.), Sofia Grilley (14 yrs.), Ronald Kurburski; 10-Terri Lyttle, Vicki Reis, Jennifer Taylor; 11-Joseph Danicek, Al Evans, John Robertson, Candy Van Wieren; 12-Ashley Boersma, Ruth Kelly (94 yrs.), Lori Olthoff, Grant Taylor, Jillaena Weesies (14 yrs.); 13-Laura Burns, Ed Lystra; 14-Michele McCracken, Laurie Warren.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Alpine Community Center, Alpine, Texas; and Eun Ha Choi, missionary.

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**DEADLINES:** Bulletins-Wednesdays at 3 p.m.; Dunes Digest Newsletter-the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.