

“Behold,  
I am  
setting a  
plumb line  
in the midst  
of my  
people  
Israel”

Amos 7:8



## A PLUMB LINE

July 15, 2018

United Methodist Church of the Dunes  
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# **The Order of Morning Worship**

## **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 15, 2018

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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### **Gathering**

*\* Invites you to stand, as you are able. Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

*(10:30) Lyric sheets for the worship songs are available from the ushers.*

*Music for the worship songs is available in the narthex.*

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

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

### **Gathering Music**

#### **Chimes**

(8:30) **Welcome & Announcements**  
**Hymn Sing**

(10:30) **Welcome**  
**\*Invitation to Worship**                      *10,000 Reasons*                      Myrin | Redman  
**Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** People of God, open your hearts and minds!

**People:** Listen carefully to what God is saying, for he comes to us today speaking peace, and offering life to all who love him and honor him with their hearts and lives.

**All:** Let's worship God together!

**\*Hymn of Praise #545**                      *The Church's One Foundation*                      (red hymnal)

**Scripture Reading**                      **Psalm 85:8-13**                      (OT page 522 in the pew Bible)

**Special Music**                      *10,000 Reasons*                      Myrin | Redman

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Holy God, why are we always willing to descend into the worst areas life offers to us, but reluctant to come into your presence? Why can we so easily stand on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to dance in your joy? Why are we so quick to trumpet our hollow achievements, and do not seem to be able to hear your whispers of hope for us? Forgive us, God, and fill us with your mercy. May we set our hope in Jesus Christ, who came so we might become your children, inheritors of love, peace, and faithfulness forever. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

(8:30) **\*Hymn of Response #399**    *Take My Life and Let It Be*                      (red hymnal)

(10:30) **Song of Response**                      *Hosanna*                      Ligertwood

**Time for Children**                      Pastor Lou

*(8:30 & 10:30) LEGOS Faithbuilders (for kids K-entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade). The children will be led to the Wiltse Center following Time for Children. Parents may meet their children in the Wiltse Center after the service.*

## **Sharing the Word**

Scripture Reading

Amos 7:7-15

(OT page 811 in the pew Bible)

Sermon

Getting It Right

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Pastoral & Silent Prayers

The 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.**

## **Responding to the Word**

Time of Offering

*Blessings*

Story

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace, comfort for family, protection while we sleep

We pray for healing, prosperity, we pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering

And all the while You hear each spoken need, yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops? What if Your healing comes through tears?

And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near? And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near

We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love. As if every promise from Your Word is not enough

And all the while You hear each desperate plea and long that we'd have faith to believe

When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win we know that pain reminds this heart

That this is not, this is not our home

What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy? And what if trials of this life - the rain the storms the hardest nights are Your mercies in disguise?

Response #94

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(red hymnal)

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow:**

**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to return to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not only with our lips, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Sending Forth**

\*Hymn #181

*Ye Servants of God*

(red hymnal)

Benediction

Chimes

\*Parting Music

**Sunday, July 15, 2018**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Robert Mann (10:30) Neal Miller

**Special Music:** Leeah Cole, Riley Evans

**Sound Board Operators:** (8:30) Rick Clapp (10:30) Roger Cox

**Ushers:** (8:30) Sam Easterly, Bill Chappell, Roger & Sandee Klop

(10:30) Gary Erickson; Tina, Rodney, Brooke and Tate Zellman

**Greeters:** (8:30) Roger & Bonnie VanderMolen (10:30) Darlene Graska

**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Harold & Gail Merz (10:30) Cathy Shick

**LEGO Faithbuilders:** (8:30) Kathy DeBone

(10:30) Kathy Dahlstrom, Michelle DeVito, Gabe Houseman

**Nursery:** Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

**Coffee Fellowship:** Rob & Betty Roberts

**Sunday, July 22, 2018**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Roger Klop (10:30) Ray Komray

**Special Music:** Bonnie Buckley, Marna Jeffery, Carol Kirchner

**Sound Board Operators:** (8:30) Gail Ringelberg

**Ushers:** (8:30) Sam Easterly, Bill Chappell, Roger & Sandee Klop

(10:30) Gary Erickson, Craig Weisenauer, Ron Kurburski, Logan Snider

**Greeters:** (8:30) Darrell Boyce, Mark Boyce and Paul Boyce (10:30) Gay Cole, Katie Cole

**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Dale & Pam Zurakowski (10:30) Ron & Sue Wierda

**LEGO Faithbuilders:** (8:30) Justin Graegin, Philip Weesies

(10:30) Pam Zurakowski, Ian Evans

**Nursery:** Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

**Coffee Fellowship:** 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:**

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Covenant Missionaries.....	Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>July 15, 2018</u></b>	<b><u>Dunes Digest Deadline</u></b>
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery	
8:30 AM	Worship Service – Sanctuary	
8:45-9:30 AM	LEGO Faithbuilders – Wiltse Center	
9:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center	
9:30-10:20 AM	Youth Sunday School – Youth Room, lower level	
9:45 AM	FaithLink Discussion Group "Asylum" – Room 4 lower level	
10:30 AM	Worship Service – Sanctuary	
10:45-11:30 AM	LEGO Faithbuilders – Wiltse Center	
6:30-7:30 PM	Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Lou– Ryder Lounge	
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>July 16, 2018</u></b>	
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread	
10:00-11:00 AM	Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Lou – Ryder Lounge	
6:00 PM	Dunesmen – Social Hall	
6:00-8:00 PM	ASL Classes Room 4 and 13/14	
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>July 17, 2018</u></b>	
9:00 AM	ROMEOS – Rendezvous	
6:30 PM	Invitation & Welcome – Ryder Lounge	
6:30 PM	Tech Team Meeting – Conference Room	
6:30 PM	Staff Parish Relations Committee – Room 13/14	
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>July 18, 2018</u></b>	
8:30 AM	Communion – Sanctuary	
9:00 AM	Morning Coffee – Russ	
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>July 19, 2018</u></b>	
9:30 AM	Weight Watchers – Social Hall	
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>July 20, 2018</u></b>	
	Pastor Lou's Day Off	
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>July 21, 2018</u></b>	
	No Scheduled Activities	
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>July 22, 2018</u></b>	
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery	
8:30 AM	Worship Service – Sanctuary	
8:45-9:30 AM	LEGO Faithbuilders – Wiltse Center	
9:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center	
9:30-10:20 AM	Youth Sunday School – Youth Room, lower level	
9:30 AM	Blood Pressure Screenings – Wiltse Center	
9:45 AM	FaithLink Discussion Group "Incivility" – Room 4 lower level	
10:30 AM	Worship Service – Sanctuary	
10:45-11:30 AM	LEGO Faithbuilders – Wiltse Center	
6:30-7:30 PM	Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Lou – Ryder Lounge	

## **Welcome to Church of the Dunes**

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We are glad to have you here today, and hope you feel God's love. You are invited for refreshments in the Wiltse Center fellowship area during the time between the two worship services. Refreshments are also available after the second service. You are welcome to participate in the activities, events, and classes offered here. If you have questions or need directions to locations in the church, please ask a volunteer at the Welcome Center, a pastor, or an usher; they are happy to assist. Thank you for being here today. We hope to see you again soon. *Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**HEARING LOOP UPDATE:** The sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing loop. It is operating properly after recent short-term power outages caused the system to be out of order for a short time. If you experience any difficulties using the system, please notify an usher, the sound technician, or the church office at (616) 842-7980. Your help with this is appreciated. To use the system, please sit in pews marked with small blue signs with the T-coil hearing loop symbol.

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR LOU:** Pastor Lou is hosting informal coffee and conversation times in the Ryder Lounge this evening from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. and tomorrow (Monday) morning at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Stop by to chat, get better acquainted, ask a question, or just say hello. These informal conversation times are also scheduled for Sunday, July 22 and Monday, July 23.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS HUNGER SUNDAY:** On Sunday, July 22, we will collect a special hunger offering to support the Haiti Hot Lunch program. Checks may be made payable to Church of the Dunes. Please specify "Haiti Hot Lunch" on the memo line.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC** will be held next Sunday, July 22 from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Wiltse Center fellowship area.

**MISSIONARIES** Dr. Lester and Debbie Dornan will be speaking at Church of the Dunes on August 7 in the evening. Church of the Dunes supports Les and Debbie's mission work in Nepal. Please watch upcoming bulletins and the August Dunes Digest newsletter for details.

**WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the 8:30 a.m. service for dates in August and September. If you are willing to help with this, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the church office.

**MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Monday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge here at the church. This month's book is [Echo](#) by Pam Muñoz Ryan. All are welcome.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Church of the Dunes has an active email and phone prayer chain. If you have a prayer request, please contact Kay Cansfield at [kbcansfield@gmail.com](mailto:kbcansfield@gmail.com) or (616) 846-2569, or contact the church office. If you would like to be on the prayer chain and be notified of prayer requests by email, please contact Kay. If you would like to be notified by phone, please contact Phyllis Nickey at (616) 842-7059.

**ATTENTION YOUTH ARTISTS (GRADES 6 – 12):** A youth art show is being planned at Church of the Dunes. The theme is "Nature," based on Acts 4:24 "*O Lord, it is you who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them.*" Youth artists are invited to submit sculptures, paintings, or drawings to be included in the show. Art show organizers will mat paintings and drawings that are 8x10 and 11x14. It is requested that larger pieces be submitted ready to display. Watch upcoming bulletins for details about how and where to submit art for this show.

**CHURCH OF THE DUNES IS ON FACEBOOK:** You're invited to like and follow us on Facebook. Enter United Methodist Church of the Dunes in the Facebook search bar to find the page. We hope to see you there.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

### 2018 Weekly Average

\$9,603

### Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship

Last Week: 242

Last Year: 349

## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**CLASS AND DISCUSSION GROUP SUGGESTIONS:** Plans are underway for fall studies and we would appreciate your input and ideas. Contact Jan Stuart at (231) 366-7252 or leave your suggestion on the forms provided at the Welcome Center.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMER SUNDAY CLASSES

**CHILDREN: LEGO FAITH BUILDERS** takes place in the Wiltse Center during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, beginning right after the Time for Children and ending at the conclusion of each worship service. Kids hear a LEGO-themed devotion and a Bible story, then build the story with LEGOs. Kids from kindergarten through entering grade 5 are invited.

**YOUTH: THE SKIT GUYS VIDEO AND DISCUSSION** meets from 9:30 – 10:20 a.m. in the Youth Room on the lower level of the church. The Skit Guys videos are fun to watch and offer great food for thought on a variety of faith-based topics. Youth in grades 6 – 12 are welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment.

**WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Wednesdays at noon.

**DUNES DIGEST** is Church of the Dunes monthly newsletter. It is available by email or by mail. If you are not receiving it and would like to, please contact the church office at (616) 842-7980 or [jblanchard@umcdunes.org](mailto:jblanchard@umcdunes.org). To submit information or an article, please send it to [communications@umcdunes.org](mailto:communications@umcdunes.org), or leave it at the church office. The deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE** at Church of the Dunes. Authorization forms are available at the church office. To sign up online, go to [www.umcdunes.org](http://www.umcdunes.org) and click the "Giving" tab.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available if you would like one to use during the worship services. Please ask an usher or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you would like one to borrow for more than just Sunday morning, there are several copies available in the church library. They are in a purple container in the northeast corner of the library.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" If there are Joys and Concerns you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Wednesday at noon each week at (616) 842-7980 or e-mail [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 ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Mary Nelson in memory of her daughter Vickie Lynn.

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Eldon for his visits, all the prayers and concerns, the flowers, and lap blanket at the time of my back surgery. Surgery went well; now it's my IBF that is a problem. I'm working to get better. You are a very caring church family. Blessings. Mo Cordes

**THANK YOU:** Dear Friends, thank you so much for the lovely flowers, visits, prayers, and so many cards of encouragement. They helped so much. On top of that came birthday flowers and many beautiful cards. I am so blessed to be part of this church family. Carol Rolph

**THANK YOU:** A quick note of thanks for the beautiful flower arrangement with the reminder that many are praying for us. We have been very blessed by the support we continue to receive through this difficult time. The text messages, cards, visits, and hours of yard work for us by Jim Merritt and Dale Zurakowski have been phenomenal! Thanks to Mary and Pam for sharing their hard-working husbands with us. Please continue to remember us in the days ahead. Thanks! Love, Gail & Rog Smart

**PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR:** Red Bird Mission, Beverly, KY; and Cynthia Ceballos and Deirdre Zimmerman, Missionaries.

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

July 16	Bonnie Buckley
July 17	Karissa Bush, Kierra Bush, Suzanne Moynihan
July 18	Debra Mann
July 19	Darcie Clapp, Marcy Willey, Brian Woodward
July 20	Timothy McPherson
July 21	Fay Hutchens
July 22	Marge Brower, Russell Cox

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**THE WORSHIP SERVICES ARE VIDEO-TAPED** and the sermon is posted for later viewing on our church website. Every effort is made to focus the camera only on the scripture readers and the pastor. On rare occasions, those seated near the front of the church may appear in a sermon video. If you wish to avoid inadvertently appearing in a sermon video that will be posted online, please find seats toward the back of the sanctuary.

**IMPORTANT NOTES ON TAKING PICTURES:** 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.