



**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES
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The Order of Morning Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

Chimes

Welcome

Invitation to Worship

A Jubilant Peal

by Helman

Bells of Glory

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise #89**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(red book)

Confession

Leader: O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day-to-day lives.

People: **Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives.**

Leader: In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us.

People: **Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us; keep sending loving and compassionate leaders to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Song of Response

(8:30) **Hymn #2036**

Give Thanks

(black book)

(10:30)

10,000 Reasons

by Myrin | Redman

Jr. Singers

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—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

Scripture Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

(OT page 137 in the pew Bible)

Time of Reflection

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

(NT page 89 in the pew Bible)

Sermon

Save Us from the Serpent's Bite

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

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.

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

Offering

There is a Balm in Gilead

Trad. Spiritual arr. Dobrinski

Bells of Glory

Prayer of Dedication

We recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love. May our offerings distribute this love to the world: the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know and the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Hymn #261

Lord of the Dance

(red book)

*Benediction

*Chimes

*Parting Music

Sunday, March 11, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Don Reis (10:30) Jerry VanderMolen

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

Musicians: Molly Grettenberger, harp; Paige Horist, accompanist; Marna Jeffery, organist; Jr. Singers; Bells of Glory

Ushers: (8:30) Larry & Christine Kieft, Margaret Cook, Jo Somerville
(10:30) Gary Erickson, Tom Grilley, Craig Weisenauer, Pete Hicks

Greeters: (8:30) Dorothy Corradi (10:30) Rick, Darcie, Claire & Ian Clapp

Welcome Center: (8:30) Don & Vicki Reis (10:30) Dave & Karen Hoffman

Children in Worship: Jennifer Taylor, Alissa/Brandon Steury, Gay Cole Amanda Nixon

Nursery: Karen Aspenson

Coffee Fellowship: Bill & Kathy DeBone, Carol Wilhelm

Sunday, March 18, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Kay Cansfield (10:30) Greg Kelly

Soundboard: (8:30) Don Woodward (10:30) Blair Miller

Ushers: (8:30) Larry & Christine Kieft, Margaret Cook, Jo Somerville
(10:30) Gary Erickson, Tom Grilley, Craig Weisenauer, Rick Clapp

Greeters: (8:30) Bonnie DeNardo (10:30) Doug & Lynnda De Vries

Welcome Center: (8:30) Dorothy Corradi (10:30) Earl & Connie Dean

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

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Kisa Weesies

Coffee Fellowship: Larry & Marion Fitch, Greg & Sheila Daniels

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	March 11, 2018	Family Promise/UMCOR 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	
9:30 AM	Prayers of Jesus Lenten Study – Ryder Lounge	
9:45 AM	FaithLink Discussion Group “Infrastructure” – Room 4	
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 “Bitten by a Camel” – Ryder Lounge	
	No DVD Discussion Series (formally Ray Vander Laan) today	
11:30 AM-12:15 PM	Parent Discussion Group – Wiltse Center	
11:45 AM-12:45 PM	Financial Peace University – Room 4	
12:15-1:00 PM	Youth Choir – Choir Room	
5:30-10:30 PM	Youth Group Green Themed Feast – Wiltse Center	
MONDAY	March 12, 2018	
10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread	
6:00 PM	Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center	
6:00 PM	Youth Council – Conference Room	
7:00 PM	Bells of Glory – Choir Loft	
TUESDAY	March 13, 2018	
10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Quilt Workshop – Wiltse Center	
1:00 PM	Esther Circle – Ryder Lounge	
5:00-9:00 PM	R.E.A.D. Tutor Training – Social Hall	
6:30 PM	Worship Committee – Conference Room	
	Bear Den – Room 6	
WEDNESDAY	March 14, 2018	
9:00 AM	Morning Coffee – Russ’	
9:30 AM	Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge	
10:30 AM	Kids & Coffee Playground - Nursery	
5:15-6:15 PM	Wednesday Supper (Corned Beef & Cabbage) – Social Hall	
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	
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir – Choir Loft	
THURSDAY	March 15, 2018	April Dunes Digest Deadline
9:30 AM	Weight Watchers – Social Hall	
5:00-9:00 PM	R.E.A.D. Tutor Training – Social Hall	
6:00-7:00 PM	Tiger Den	
6:30 PM	Adult Council – Ryder Lounge	
7:00 PM	Creativity, The Arts, and God – Social Hall	
	Wolf Den, Webelos I	
FRIDAY	March 16, 2018	
	Pastor Lou’s Day off	
SATURDAY	March 17, 2018	
	No Scheduled Events	

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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."

TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY. (Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) As Methodists, we are convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. Because of our gifts on this special giving Sunday, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues. In fact, it's our generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). An envelope for this offering is included in this morning's bulletin.

UMC DUNES IS HOSTING FAMILY PROMISE THIS WEEK: Today we begin our hosting week for the families from **Family Promise**. As always we could use volunteers to host overnight, to help setup and to provide food supplies. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Family Promise bulletin board near the office. The welcoming environment and support provided by the Church of the Dunes is very much appreciated by our families. Thank you. Dave Hoffman (616-847-8438)

SIGN-UP FORMS FOR FRIENDSHIP DINNERS are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please join us for this delicious and fun way to get better acquainted with members and friends of the church. Beginning this spring, once a month for four months, groups of 7 – 8 people will get together for a meal. Each couple or individual takes a turn acting as host. Couples and singles are welcome. For more information, contact Ruth Woodward at (231) 865-3801.

BRASS PLAYERS ARE WANTED to enhance music in worship, especially on special Sundays. Did you play brass in high school or college and would like a reason to dust off that trumpet or other brass instrument? Are you currently playing brass on your own or in a group and would be willing to share your musical gifts with the church? If so, please contact Megan Horist, Director of Music, at mhorist@umcdunes.org. Thanks!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR "SHIPWRECKED: JESUS RESCUES" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Crew leaders are needed. The task is simple and fun. Help guide a small group of children through interactive VBS stations. Supper for all is served each evening. VBS is June 17 – 21. For more information, visit www.vbspro.events/p/events/2c1g or contact Laura Burns, Director of Children's Ministries.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR "GETTING OUT OF THE BOAT" FAITH-FOCUSED CONFERENCE: The Dunesmen invite you to this year's faith-focused conference at Gull Lake, Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12. Men, women, singles, and couples are welcome. Information and registration forms are available on Dunesmen's bulletin board located in the hallway from the sanctuary to the church office, and at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME: Mark Sunday June 10 on your calendar to attend a West Michigan White Caps baseball game with members and friends of Church of the Dunes. Game time is 2:00 p.m. Bring your family, invite neighbors, and invite friends to join us. Cost is \$12.50 per ticket. More information to follow.

THE MONDAY EVENING READING GROUP meets on Monday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge to discuss The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff. Everyone is welcome each month. This group is led by Gayle Cox.

THIRD WEDNESDAY COMMUNION: On the third Wednesday morning of the month, a communion service is held in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. The service is about 30 minutes long. The next Wednesday morning communion service is scheduled for March 21. All are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

2018 Weekly Average

\$8,799

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship Last Week: 312 Last Year: 257

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES TODAY

All are welcome every Sunday; coffee is provided.

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

What the Prayers of Jesus Tell Us About the Heart of God by Shane Stanford

As we read the prayers of Jesus in the Gospels and Acts, we will identify vital lessons Jesus is teaching us about God, and discover the truths that anchor our faith. Christ prays for us, empowers, and sends us. What does this mean to us today? Books available at class. *Facilitator: Ruth Woodward*

FaithLinks Discussion Group: Sundays, 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Room 4, lower level

Today's topic: "Infrastructure" *Facilitator: Ed Lystra*

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

Today's topic: "Teach Kids to Communicate Emotions Wisely," 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.

BBQ (Basic Beliefs and Questions): Sundays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Ryder Lounge

Discussion of the book Bitten by a Camel, by Kent Dobson. *Facilitator: Jill Miller*

Kent Dobson climbed Mount Sinai in search of the God who had eluded him. Instead, he got bitten by a camel. Dobson was climbing the ladder of Christianity, too: a worship leader, teacher, and ultimately senior pastor of one of the largest and most prominent churches in America. But he was growing disillusioned with the faith, at least inside the shell of organized religion. He soon left the church, but his quest for God became more intense than ever. Please provide your own book.

DVD Discussion Series (formerly Ray Vander Laan Series) **will not meet today or March 18.** The DVD and discussion about the life and message of the Apostle Paul will resume on Sunday, March 25 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Room 13/14 lower level *Facilitators: Gwen and John Bartels*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Tom Braak, missionary to Haiti from Faith in Action International. Tom was very seriously injured in a vehicular accident while in the mission field. Faith in Action International is a Christian mission organization that spreads the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in Haiti and empowers people to meet their basic physical needs. For more information about Tom's work or to donate toward medical expenses, visit www.faithinactionint.org or call Tammy Davison, Administrative Director for Faith in Action International at (616) 843-5133.

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

Thank you for all of the beautiful birthday cards I received and a special thank you to the Panera Knitting Group. Rose Umphrey

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: March 12- James Lavengood; 13-Kara Boyer, Samuel Easterly, Leta Henrickson (93 yrs.), Helen Lystra; 14-Gary Gillan; 15-Shirley Chappell, Jake Cook; 17-Bert Haskins, Bob Jenson, Shirley Staehlin, Weston Taylor (16 yrs.), Joseph VanderStel, 18-Jeanne Fett, John Zevalkink.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Della Lamb Community Services, Kansas City, MO; and Pierre Diamba Many and Elizabeth McCormick, Missionaries.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.