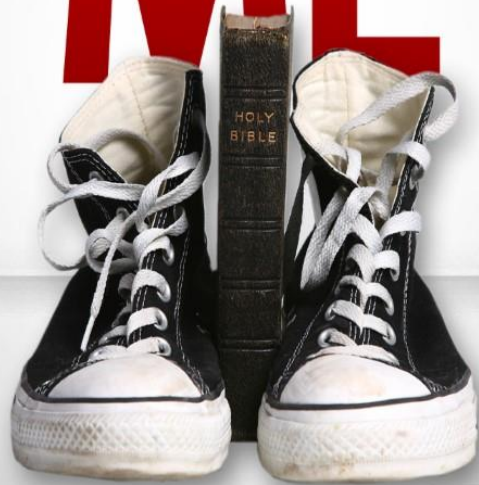


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**Mark 8:34**

**September 16, 2018**

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# **The Order of The Order of Morning Worship**

## **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 16, 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**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

(8:30) Introit ***Give Thanks to the Lord*** Williamson  
Chancel Choir

(10:30) Invitation to Worship ***Come, Now is the Time to Worship*** Doerkson

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

Leader: The heavens shout of God's glory!

**People: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!**

Leader: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

**People: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.**

Leader: Come, let us praise the God of creation.

**People: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #89** ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*** (red hymnal)

**Old Testament Reading** **Isaiah 50:4-9a** (OT page 645 in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Anthem** ***With a Voice of Singing*** Shaw  
Chancel Choir

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

**Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away. Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

#### **Response**

(8:30) Hymn #383 ***This Is a Day of New Beginnings*** (red hymnal)

(10:30) ***Lord I Need You***  
Reeves | Stanfill | Maher | Nockels | Carson

Time for Children

Pastor Lou

(8:30 & 10:30) *LEGOS Faithbuilders* (for kids K-5<sup>th</sup> grade).  
Teachers will lead the children to the Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8).  
Parents may meet their children there after the service.

### Encouragement Moment

#### Response

(8:30)

#### ***Standing in the Need of Prayer***

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

1. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
2. Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
3. Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

(10:30)

*Lord I Need You* (reprise)

### **Sharing the Word**

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

(NT page 41 in the pew Bible)

Sermon

Moving Forward

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

#### Pastoral 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**

#### Offering

Response #94

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(red hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessing flow:

Praise God, all creature 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)

God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves—our words, our thoughts, our actions—be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. Amen.

### **Sending Forth**

\*Final Hymn #555

*Forward Through the Ages*

(red hymnal)

Benediction

Chimes

\*Parting Music

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Don Reis (10:30) Jan Stuart  
**Sound Board Operators:** (8:30) Gail Ringelberg (10:30) Blair Miller  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Tom & Jackie Laughlin, Bob Whipkey, Sara Houseman  
(10:30) Doug Mitchell; Matt Horist, Cole Horist, Gary Gillan  
**Greeters:** (8:30) Dick & Karen Hanby (10:30) Blair & Jill Miller  
**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Jerry & Linda Gibbs (10:30) Darlene Graska  
**LEGO Faithbuilders:** (8:30) Justin Graegin (10:30) Don & Kathy Dahlstrom  
**Nursery:** Kisa Weesies, Madalyn Hanson  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Phyllis Simmons, Marj Bullerdick

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Harold Merz (10:30) Jerry Gibbs  
**Sound Board Operators:** (8:30) Gail Ringelberg  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Tom & Jackie Laughlin, Doug & Susan Thorpe  
(10:30) Doug Mitchell; Matt Horist, Cole Horist, Gary Gillan  
**Greeters:** (8:30) Mary Nelson (10:30) Dan & Debbie Starkey  
**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Harold & Gail Merz (10:30) Marilyn Ulrich  
**LEGO Faithbuilders:** (8:30) Darcie Clapp, Dan Malseed (10:30) Dan Malseed  
**Nursery:** Kisa Weesies, Judy Hanson  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Harold & Gail Merz

**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.

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## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY**                    **September 16, 2018**

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery
- 8:30 AM Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
- 8:45-9:45 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8)
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:40-10:20 AM Youth Sunday School – Pit & Youth Room
- 9:45-10:20 AM FaithLink Discussion Group "Caring for Widows" – Room 4 lower level
- 10:00-10:25 AM Kid's Choir – Social Hall
- 10:30 AM Elements Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:30-11:45 AM Bible Friends – Nursery
- 10:45-11:45 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8)
- 11:30 AM-12:15 PM Youth Choir – Choir Room
- 11:30-12:20 PM DVD Bible Study "My Rock and My Fortress" – Room 13/14
- 11:30-12:20 PM BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group – Youth Room, Social Hall, Wiltse Center

### **MONDAY**                    **September 17, 2018**

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
- 6:00 PM Dunesmen – Social Hall
- 6:00-8:00 PM ASL Classes – Rooms 4 & 13/14
- 7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

### **TUESDAY**                    **September 18, 2018**

- 9:00 AM ROMEOS – Rendezvous
- 9:30-11:30 AM Women's Study – Ryder Lounge
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00 PM Nominations – Conference Room
- 6:30 PM Invitation & Welcome – Ryder Lounge

### **WEDNESDAY**                    **September 19, 2018**

- 8:30 AM Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ' Restaurant
- 4:00-5:00 PM Kid's Connection – Wiltse Center
- 5:15-6:00 PM Supper – Social Hall, Menu: Spaghetti
- 6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room
- 6:00-7:00 PM Youth Small Group – Youth Room
- 6:00-6:30 PM Chimers – Choir Loft (grades 2-6)
- 6:00-7:00 PM Singers – Choir Room (grades 2-6)
- 6:45-7:30 PM Jubilation Choir – Choir Loft
- 7:30-8:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

### **THURSDAY**                    **September 20, 2018**

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
- 6:30 PM Pack Meeting – Wiltse Center
- 7:00 PM Creativity, the Arts & God – Social Hall
- 7:15-8:30 PM Men's Bible Study – Room 4

### **FRIDAY**                    **September 21, 2018**

- Pastor Lou's Day Off

### **SUNDAY**                    **September 23, 2018**

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery
- 8:30 AM Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
- 8:45-9:45 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8)
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM Messy Spirituality – Ryder Lounge
- 9:40-10:20 AM Youth Sunday School – Pit & Youth Room
- 9:45-10:20 AM FaithLink Discussion Group "Death & Dying" – Room 4 lower level
- 10:00-10:25 AM Kid's Choir – Social Hall
- 10:30 AM Elements Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:30-11:45 AM Bible Friends – Nursery
- 10:45-11:45 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8)
- 11:30-12:15 PM Youth Choir – Choir Room
- 11:30-12:20 PM DVD Bible Study "The Time Has Fully Come" – Room 13/14
- 11:30-12:20 PM BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group – Youth Room, Social Hall, Wiltse Center

## **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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**TODAY, A MEMBER OF THE ENCOURAGEMENT TEAM** will talk with us about this church as a community - and family - of faith. This team has been formed by the Church Council and Finance Committee to address the current operating budget shortfall. Today, and on the next two (2) Sundays, a member of the team will share his or her thoughts about the needs of our church and living the Good News. Thank you for listening and for considering the important messages these folks have to share.

**RSVP SOON FOR HOMECOMING SUNDAY OCTOBER 21:** Use the attendance pad to RSVP by noting "Homecoming" and how many people will be attending. *Example: Homecoming (2).* This very special event is an opportunity to connect with long-time friends, learn more about Church of the Dunes and its heritage, and enjoy a delicious lunchtime meal. There are activities and things to see for all ages. RSVP today...and bring friends!

**BELLS OF GLORY** is looking for three more ringers. Would you like to join a great group of musical people and ring bells in the adult bell choir? Music Director Meg would like to hear from you! Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m. Bells of Glory plays for worship one Sunday per month. Contact Meg at [mhorist@umcdunes.org](mailto:mhorist@umcdunes.org).

**CHURCH OF THE DUNES ANNUAL CONFERENCE** is Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. This is Church of the Dunes' annual meeting. Action items are voted on by church members, but all are welcome and encouraged to attend. This may be your first opportunity to meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford.

**HELP CHURCH OF THE DUNES STAY CONNECTED WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Is your son or daughter attending a college or university? Please let us know where he or she is attending and share his or her contact information with the church office. We'd like to have our contact list updated by September 14. To provide the information, please email the church office at [jblanchard@umcd.org](mailto:jblanchard@umcd.org) or call (616) 842-7980. Thank you!

**WALK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** This year's CROP Walk takes place on October 7 and begins at Hope Reformed Church. We are forming a group of CROP walkers from Church of the Dunes, and all are invited to participate. Join us and make a difference in the lives of people across our world. For more information, and walker envelopes, contact Blair Miller. He is usually available after both services in the entry way near the church office, or email him at [bchm58.44@gmail.com](mailto:bchm58.44@gmail.com).

**FROM THE SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE:** Since the start of 2018, nearly 700 people have attended a "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events" class put on by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office. The class is offered on three upcoming dates: September 17, November 1, and December 15. There is no charge, but registration is required. Visit [www.miottawa.org/AdminEventReg/loadCalendar.action](http://www.miottawa.org/AdminEventReg/loadCalendar.action) to register.

**HUNGER SUNDAY** is next Sunday, September 23. A special offering will be collected to support the Salvation Army.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** are scheduled for next Sunday, September 23, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Wiltse Center fellowship area.

## BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### 2018 Weekly Offering

For Operating Expenses  
September 9 Offering: \$7,909

### Weekly Average Received

\$9,273

### Weekly Average Budgeted

\$10,645

### Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship      Last Week: 321      Last Year: 297

## IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

During the summer months we have seen a significant decrease in offerings to the church. The shortfall in offerings to budget in June was \$9,000. In July, the shortfall was \$11,000. As we settle into after-summer routines, we ask for your current and ongoing support for our church so that we may continue our important mission in this church and the community. If you are in a position to catch up on offerings missed while you were away, or to assist with making up the shortfall, your gifts would be welcome and appreciated.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Sign up by contacting the church office or online at [www.umcdunes.org](http://www.umcdunes.org) and click the "Giving" tab.

## CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

**CHILDREN:** LEGO Faith Builders takes place during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, beginning right after the Time for Children and ending shortly after at the conclusion of each worship service. LEGO Faith Builders meets in the Hosanna room (Room 8), on the lower level of the church.

**YOUTH:** Youth Sunday school begins today. Times and classroom locations are in the calendar in this bulletin.

**ADULTS:** Several fall classes and discussion groups have begun, and others begin in the coming days and weeks. There are 10 classes offered this fall, on a wide variety of topics. Class descriptions and schedules can be found on the Adult Ministries bulletin board near the church office or pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.

*Note:* From September – November, the DVD Discussion group will be studying "Faith Lessons on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah." The Simon Peter study will begin later in the year.

## 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 FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary are given by Ginger Collins in memory of Lawrence & Erma Collins.

**PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR:** United Methodist Community Center, Warren, OH, and Gordon Graner, Missionary.

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Sept 17	Stuart Roeder
Sept 18	Anna Marie Ackerman (18 yrs.), Sandra Amstutz, Geraldine Ling (94 yrs.), Kevin McCracken, Mary Merritt, Edo Mestrom
Sept 19	Bob Polk
Sept 20	Kaia DeSchaaf (12 yrs.)
Sept 21	Meg Taylor (11 yrs.)
Sept 22	Sophie Martin (15 yrs.)
Sept 23	Elaine Starkey

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

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

**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.

**THE WORSHIP SERVICES ARE VIDEO-TAPED** and sermons are posted for later viewing on our church website. (Currently, we are experiencing technical difficulties with posting the sermons on the website, and are working to address the issue.) 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.

**CHURCH OF THE DUNES IS ON FACEBOOK:** Please like 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!