REV. KURT BORDEN | OCTOBER 20, 2019
10:45A.M. MODERN WORSHIP

TOUCHING GOD 2.0

DAGGER OF DESTINY

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Judges 3:12-30

Once again the Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight, and the Lord gave King Eglon of Moab control over Israel because of their evil. Eglon enlisted the Ammonites and Amalekites as allies, and then he went out and defeated Israel, taking possession of Jericho, the city of palms. And the Israelites served Eglon of Moab for eighteen years. But when the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help, the Lord again raised up a rescuer to save them. His name was Ehud son of Gera, a left-handed man of the tribe of Benjamin. The Israelites sent Ehud to deliver their tribute money to King Eglon of Moab. So Ehud made a double-edged dagger that was about a foot long, and he strapped it to his right thigh, keeping it hidden under his clothing. He brought the tribute money to Eglon, who was very fat. After delivering the payment, Ehud started home with those who had helped carry the tribute. But when Ehud reached the stone idols near Gilgal, he turned back. He came to Eglon and said, "I have a secret message for you." So the king commanded his servants, "Be quiet!" and he sent them all out of the room. Ehud walked over to Eglon, who was sitting alone in a cool upstairs room. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you!" As King Eglon rose from his seat, Ehud reached with his left hand, pulled out the dagger strapped to his right thigh, and plunged it into the king's belly. The dagger went so deep that the handle disappeared beneath the king's fat. So Ehud did not pull out the dagger, and the king's bowels emptied. Then Ehud closed and locked the doors of the room and escaped down the latrine. After Ehud was gone, the king's servants returned and found the doors to the upstairs room locked. They thought he might be using the latrine in the room, so they waited. But when the king didn't come out after a long delay, they became concerned and got a key. And when they opened the doors, they found their master dead on the floor. While the servants were waiting, Ehud escaped, passing the stone idols on his way to Seirah. When he arrived in the hill country of Ephraim, Ehud sounded a call to arms. Then he led a band of Israelites down from the hills. "Follow me," he said, "for the Lord has given you victory over Moab your enemy." So they followed him. And the Israelites took control of the shallow crossings of the Jordan River across from Moab, preventing anyone from crossing. They attacked the Moabites and killed about 10,000 of their strongest and most able-bodied warriors. Not one of them escaped. 30 So Moab was conquered by Israel that day, and there was peace in the land for eighty years.

Welcome!

Welcome to the Modern Service of First Methodist Midland. We are glad you are here! We strive to be an authentic, real place where all people can learn more about the glorious Lord we love. You are surrounded by real people, none of us are perfect, but we try to do better each day. Forgive us, we can be a little shy, lost in our own little world. If you have a question or would like more information, please speak to one of the ushers. Better yet, just say hello to someone around the room and let us get to know you.

Assisting in Worship

Director of Modern Worship Arts § Mat Cowan
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Join us this Wednesday evening for faith, fellowship, family, and fun.

- **5:15 p.m.** - Vespers: A thirty minute service of scripture, prayer, quiet, and communion. (**Chapel**)
- **5:30 p.m.** - Dinner (**Atrium**)
- **6:15 p.m.** - Children: Bible Study, Music and More (**Rm. 229 & 210**)
- **6:30 p.m.** - Adults: In-depth Bible Study on the book of Revelation led by Pastors Steve and Kurt (**Worship Center**)
  Youth ReBound: Games with devotional (**Basement**)
- **7:15 p.m.** - Choir Rehearsal and Modern Worship Rehearsal **(All are welcome)**

Prices:
$8 Adults
$7 Seniors 65+
$5 Children
$21 Family Max

October 23

Menu: Pasta bar, veggies, and garlic bread
Dessert: Lemon bars

FAMILY FUN AT FIDDLESTICKS FARMS

Join us at **Fiddlesticks Farms** for some **food**, **fun**, and **fellowship**!

Sunday, October 27th from **4:00 p.m.** to **6:30 p.m.**
Location: **Fiddlesticks Farms**, 5610 E. County Rd 120
To Register Visit: **www.firstmethodistmidland.com**

$12 PER PERSON
*Ages 3 & under are **free!***

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A Spiritual Formation Retreat led by Daniel Harris

November 1-2
The Way Retreat Center, Midland

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