

Ogden Dunes Community Church

The Dunes News

April 2013

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Session Meeting Highlights

Bi-law Revisions - A draft of revisions is being evaluated by the trustees before being submitted to Session.

PNC - the current plan is to conduct at least 3 telephone interviews per week with respective pastors.

Committee Assignments - committee chairpersons reported the following committee additions: Christian Education -Mark Lecy and Jane Dickey; Stewardship and Mission - Judy Selund. The Committee - Jacque Nagy, Nancy Johnson and Deana Lecy.

Sandpiper - As follow-up from the February meeting, Sandpiper's relationship to the Church was discussed. It was **moved** that Laura Hannon be appointed as the liaison to Sandpiper with the hope of strengthening the relationship.

Worship Committee - Motion made to approve purchase of new electronic piano for \$4,300 made. **Motion passed**.

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Special Points of Interest:

- Pulpit Supply
- Sandpiper Wine Tasting



Sandpiper Preschool's Beer and Wine Tasting Spring Fling **May 18** 6:00-10:00 p.m. Location: Ogden Dunes Fire House To purchase tickets: \$20 in advance or \$25 at door (per person) online payments are encouraged at: www.sandpiperpreschool.com/payments/ or call 219-545-8655 Live and Silent Auction 100% of proceeds directly support our educational programs at Sandpiper Cooperative Preschool 50/50 Raffle **Beer & Wine Tasting** Additional beer & wine available on a per glass price with the opportunity to buy full bottles or cases. Live Music

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Come join the Prime Timers Tuesday, April 16 at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room for their monthly program and luncheon.

The program for this month will be the "History of the Brown Mansion" by Serena Sutliff.

The luncheon will be catered by Town and Country. Join us and bring a friend. We welcome guests and potential new members. Please honor your reservation. If you have any questions, call Anne Muntean at 763-4989.

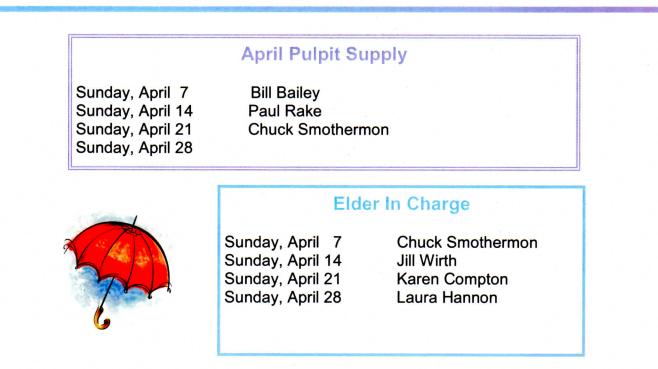
"....An Elder shares..."

Today, in every ship's manifest, the purser keeps a list designated as the "souls" on board. This carries over into aircraft, where the last thing the flight attendant does before taking off, is to count the passengers and list them as the number of "souls" aboard. No other secular anachronisms seem to still recognize the soul as the body's living component.

You may recall a modern script writer's rendition of the concern, when one of the "Soggy Bottom Boys" in "O Brother Where Art Thou" is asked about his encounter with the Devil. Delmar asks the musician why he traded his "ever lovin' soul" for an enhanced ability to play the guitar. He responds, "Why not? I weren't using it." So too, when our psyche is so fraught with computer enhanced awareness, why not trade our souls for something more useful and modern.

But as we get older, and God nudges us with increased urgency to decide what is important, maybe we should reflect earnestly on our separate souls as they relate with His church. To be sure, we go on Sunday in order to be in the presence of the Holy, to be among believers and to have our interaction with others influenced by His presence among us. But this is not the church's sole purpose. Perhaps it is time to reconsider His Great Commission to us—in the vernacular, to "save souls." In humility, we might do well to reflect upon our "ever lovin' souls" and not "refuse this office to which we are each appointed" as if it were some evangelical's nostrum.

Thanks, Paul



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The deadline for the next Dunes News is April 15th.

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April Refreshments

Following the10:00 a.m. Worship service, refreshments,
including coffee, will be available in the Fellowship hall. If
your last name begins with the letter of the day, please
provide snacks of your choice. The host/hostess for the
day will set snacks and coffee out for everyone's enjoyment after the service.

* Sunday, April 7 F, G, * Sunday, April 14 K, L, Sunday, April 21 P, Q, * Sunday, April 28 U, V,

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Please call Jeri Kris at 926-8451 to
volunteer to be a host/hostess for
later dates.



LITURGISTS NEEDED

If you have been a Reader in the past but did not go through the Liturgist training, we can still use your services. There is a wonderful booklet in the office that anyone participating in Worship should read. Also, if you would like to have some training, just let a member of the Worship Committee know. Carol Smith is the person to contact if you want to be a part of this group (938-4225).