



Ogden Dunes Community Church

# The Dunes News

February 2014

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## The Pastor's Pen

Ernest Hemingway once said: "Time is the least thing we have of." We spend so much time doing things that steal our minutes and siphon the significance from our house. It is said that at the end of life's journey, the average person will have spent six months waiting at stoplights, eight months opening junk mail (not to mention spam e-mail), five years standing in line and one and one-half year looking for car keys. I wonder how much time do we spend watching mindless T.V. commercials and decoding the hieroglyphics we call the tax code each year? I wonder. . .

A better question might be: "If we can spend all day busy with the necessary but ultimately insignificant stuff, what significant tasks are we leaving out of the time we have?" I'll give you the answer in one word: PRAYER!

I've discovered that prayer is more assumed than achieved, more preached than practiced, done quickly in a crisis but rarely done in the calm. God doesn't guarantee that He will fix our problems when we pray, but life will definitely adjust our perspective.

Here are THREE DON'TS to dispel intimidation and THREE DO'S that will jump start your prayer engine:

*Don't Worry About Length.* God values brevity over verbosity.

*Don't Worry About Eloquence.* It's not flowery words but a faithful heart that counts.

*Don't Worry About an Audience.* Jesus suggests that we find a scheduled place and close the door. Authentic prayers are to be brought before an audience of ONE (God)!

*Do Prioritize.* Prayer deserves first place. God will take care of everything else (Matthew 6:33).

*Do Listen.* Prayer isn't a one way communication. It is interaction with the omniscient God.

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**Do Plan.** This is very important. Plan to have an intentional time with God.

The Bible says: "Pray without ceasing!" (2 Thessalonians 5:17) "Let your requests be made known to God through prayer with thanksgiving." (Philippians 4:6)

The poet reminds us that "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of" (Tennyson).

May God bless you.  
Pastor Sewdin

### The Jelly Bean Prayer

**Red** is for the blood Jesus gave.

**Green** is for the grass He made.

**Yellow** is for the sun so bright.

**Orange** is for the edge of night.

**Black** is for the sins we made.

**White** is for the grace He gave.

**Purple** is for His hour of sorrow.

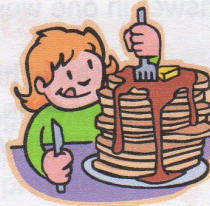
**Pink** is for our new tomorrow.

### Pancake Breakfast

**Where:** Ogden Dunes Community Church

**When:** This Saturday, February 1, 8:00 a.m.  
– 11:00 a.m.

Please join us in supporting the Portage Food Pantry AND a Families, Teens and Youth Ski Trip. Come out of hibernation and enjoy some fellowship with your neighbors and fellow church members. The breakfast features pancakes, sausage, muffins, fruit parfaits, coffee, tea, milk and orange juice. Donations are welcome.



### Coat Drive



A Coat drive is being held to benefit the Portage Resale Shop.

Please put your donations in the box marked Coat Drive in the church narthex.

### Sermon Titles

Sunday, Feb. 2

"Facts Meet Truth: From Ashes to Beauty"

Sunday, Feb. 9

"Loved with an Everlasting Love" (Based on God's love for us as mirrored by Hosea's love for his unfaithful wife).

Sunday, Feb. 16

"When the Clothes don't Fit!" (Jesus' encounter with a "dead" Lazarus).

Sunday, Feb. 23

"How to Mend and Keep Healthy Relationships" (Based on selected verses in the Bible; key principles to mend broken relationships and keep healthy relationships).



## DID u Know?

### Primetimers

Primetimers will not be meeting this month.

## Youth / Family Ski Trip

**Where:** Center Lake Bible Camp & Caberfae Peaks Ski Resort

**When:** Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 2

**Who:** All are welcome – There will be chaperons for Middle School and High School Youth – Families with younger children are welcome



## HAPPY VALENTINE

For God so lo**V**ed the world  
that He g**A**ve His only  
on**L**y  
begott**E**n  
So**N**  
That whosoever  
bel**L**ieves in Him  
will **N**ot perish  
but have **E**verlasting life

## Bible facts

Did you know that:

- There are 66 books in the Bible?
- Micah and Nahum are the middle books of the Bible?
- 3 John is the book with the fewest words?
- Psalms has the most chapters?
- There are 1,189 chapters in the bible?
- Psalm 117 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?
- Psalm 117 is also the shortest chapter in the Bible?
- Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible?
- There are 31,101 verses in the Bible?
- Psalm 118:8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible? "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man" (NIV).
- John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible? It has two words: "Jesus wept."
- Esther 8:9 is the longest verse in the Bible? It has 78 words.





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lead people to the  
transforming love of  
Christ.

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Dunes News is Feb. 15th.

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## February Refreshments

After the 10:00 am. service, refreshments, including coffee, will be available in the Fellowship hall following worship. 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, Feb. 2	F, G, H, I, J
Sunday, Feb. 9	K, L, M, N, O
Sunday, Feb. 16	P, Q, R, S, T
Sunday, Feb. 23	U, V, W, X, Y, Z

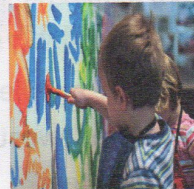
Please call Jeri Kris at 926-8451 to volunteer to be a host/hostess for later dates.

### Hostess

Debby Bailey
Cheryl Engel
Julia Hoham
Eileen Woodard



## Sandpiper Open House



Do you want your child to experience a very nurturing and fun learning environment? Join the Sandpiper

Preschool for their Open House for the Fall 2014/Spring 2015 school year on Wednesday, February 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Space is available for the 2-day class (must be 3 years old by August 1) and the 3-day class (must be 4 years old by August 1). For more information, call Peggy Lawrence at 219-775-4100 or go to [www.sandpiperpreschool.com](http://www.sandpiperpreschool.com)