



Ogden Dunes Community  
Church

# The Dunes News

May 2013

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## Session Meeting Highlights

**Deacons** - Liaisons between the board of deacons and session was discussed. The Book of Order requires at least one formal meeting annually. Coordination of functions between the two bodies is typically performed by the installed pastor. Without one, it requires more express attention on our part. A representative(s) from the deacons will be invited to the next called session meeting to discuss these issues.

**Sandpiper** - Follow-up concerning Sandpiper's relationship to the Church is continuing. To have single point accountability, it was moved that the Christian Education Committee's responsibility for Sandpiper be ended to avoid confusion with the appointed liaison, Laura Hannon. The motion was approved. Michelle Finck, president of Sandpiper Cooperative, will be invited to the next called session meeting to further the discussion.

**Vacation Bible School** - The Christian Education committee is planning Vacation Bible School for June 10 thru 14 from 9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

**Summer Worship** - Garden Services are planned to start June 16 and run thru September 1 with a service start time of 8:30 A.M. The inside second service will start at 10 A.M.

**Communion** - Session authorized Rev. Smith to administer communion to shut-ins starting in May. Please contact the office if you desire this communion.

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### May Pulpit Supply

Sunday, May 5	Bill Bailey
Sunday, May 12	Rev. Phil Smith
Sunday, May 19	Rev. Phil Smith (Communion)
Sunday, May 26	Bill Bailey



## DIDuKnow?

### Memorial Day

Memorial day is Monday, May 27th. In observance of the holiday, the office will be closed.

### Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School is June 2.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will run June 10th through June 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## Church Cleaning

**Saturday, May 11th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. is indoor spring clean-up at Ogden Dunes Community Church. Please bring a bucket and rags. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Help us to care for God's house!



## 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/](http://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, May 21, at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room for their monthly program and luncheon.

The program for this month will be "Safety Concerns" presented by the Porter County Sheriff and the Town Marshall.

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..."

The following is reprinted from the July 16, 1991 Dunes News. It was meaningful to me then and remains so today. Perhaps God may use it to speak to you as well.

### The Station by Robert J. Hastings

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip which spans the continent. We are traveling by train. Out of the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there our dreams will come true, and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering—waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it!" we cry.

"When I'm 18."

"When I buy a new 450SL, Mercedes-Benz!"

"When I put the last kid through college."

"When I get a promotion."

"When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after."

Sooner or later, we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:14: "This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.

Blessings,

Tom

### Elder In Charge

Sunday, May 5	Tom Cornwell
Sunday, May 12	Jill Wirth
Sunday, May 19	Dave Harbaugh
Sunday, May 26	Julia Hoham

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Christ.**

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**The deadline for the next  
Dunes News is May 15th.**

**May Refreshments**



\* Following the 10:00 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.

		<u>Hostess</u>
* Sunday, May 5	A, B, C, D, E	Patty Harbaugh
* Sunday, May 12	F, G, H, I, J	Joy Newton
* Sunday, May 19	K, L, M, N, O	Jeri Kris
* Sunday, May 26	P, Q, R, S, T	Judy Tarpo

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



**NEW SCHEDULE FOR  
SUMMER SERVICES**

\* Beginning June 16<sup>th</sup> through  
\* September 1<sup>st</sup> we will be having  
\* our first service in the garden and  
\* the 2<sup>nd</sup> service in the sanctuary.

\* Times will be:

\* 8:30 a.m. in the garden  
\* 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

\* Please mark your calendars and  
\* help others to know and  
\* remember.

**Gabriel's Horn**

There will be a collection box for Gabriel's Horn (Portage Women's Shelter) at the front entrance of the church through May 5. Items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, diapers (size 3 & up) and cleaning supplies.