



Ogden Dunes Community
Church

The Dunes News

November 2012

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Session Highlights

The Pastor Nominating Committee - reported that several PIFs (Pastor Information Forms) have been received with 3 being considered for follow-up. More PIFs have been received since evaluation of the first batch. The committee is developing processes for evaluation of PIFs and standardizing the interview process. The committee's objective is to deal with viable candidates in a reasonable time frame and avoid big time gaps while waiting for potentially better candidates.

Appropriate Use of the Sanctuary and Church Property - Two recent funerals have highlighted shortcomings in Session's responsibility to ensure appropriate use of the sanctuary and church premises. The Book of Order sections dealing with funerals was reviewed. A motion was made to review current policy and procedures regarding funerals and other events and provide recommended changes for consideration at the December Session meeting and to appoint a session representative to attend these events with the power to exercise appropriate controls. The Motion was seconded and passed.

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Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ Prime Timers
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November Pulpit Supply

November 4	Chuck Smothermon
November 11	Rev. Phil Smith
November 18	Rev. Phil Smith (Communion)
November 25	Paul Rake



Christian Education

In the Walk With Me Curriculum developed by the Reformed Church of America and Presbyterians for Renewal cited are ten great reasons for the involvement of Christian parents and those who care deeply about children and their spiritual journey.

1. God said so in Deuteronomy 6:6-7
2. It's what Jesus would do
3. The church needs you
4. The kids need you
5. You need this experience
6. Society needs you
7. You are part of a very big picture
8. To teach is to learn twice
9. Childhood is the teachable time
10. You will have a great time and make some new energetic friends

On Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00, a group of children arrive at the church to enjoy activities with Kenny, our Youth Director. He will weave his lesson with guitar in hand, and provide snacks, crafts, and a game or two.

On Sundays, we meet from about 10:30 to 11:15 for Sunday School.

With the Word of God as our compass, the true north is not only just fun, friendship and Bible stories, but also the nurturing of faith in children so that they may grow to be full-fledged followers of Jesus. It is our Mission Statement.

Christian Education Committee
Kenny Easton
Jane Dickey
Mark Lecy

Consecration Sunday

This is the time of year that Ogden Dunes Church, has for some time held its Annual Stewardship Campaign. The Mission and Stewardship Committee has set November 4 as Consecration Sunday. This is a very special event in the life of the church as it is the time in which we gather the financial pledges of the congregation towards next year's budget. It is also a time for each of us to reflect on the many ways that God has blessed us in the past and offer praises to Him for his providence in our lives.

As is our usual custom, there will be a celebration brunch immediately following the morning worship. This will be a catered meal. We invite everyone to come that day and enjoy the fellowship of the church, and we look forward to seeing you there.

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Come join the Prime Timers Tuesday, November 20, 2010 at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room for their monthly program and luncheon.

The program for this month will be a DVD Photo Show entitled, "We Are Thankful" presented by Anne Muntean.

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..."

Dear Friends,

Ten days ago I attended in Bloomington, the funeral of my former senior partner, Fred Eichhorn. He was a contemporary of Denis Ribordy and a similar bon vivant, best known to Hoosiers as, the man who fired Bobby Knight. Perhaps because the church service included secular guests and I.U. personages (or because of my cynicism), the pastor seemed uncomfortable in sharing a belief in the death defying promise of Christ's salvation. Sad, how afraid are we all, when called to witness amongst the intellectuals.

Nevertheless, at that funeral, I could not help but remember long ago, when I was wrongly accused of an improbable event and prayed for God's deliverance. Fred came to my side as a witness. When God answered my prayers, I made the promise many of us make, to remember that deliverance and to "repay" with loyalty his blessing. I am ashamed at having been delivered many times since, from life altering, indeed life threatening events, then only to deny the new promise, become complacent and shirk from remembering each answered prayer. Not much of a witness here.

In the end, all we have is His Grace and the hope that it will extend to us who are unworthy. How does one thank the Lord enough or indeed a mortal now gone. Perhaps the simple reality is to keep trying and, when allowed, to share such sentiments as these with your friends in Christ.

Blessings,
Paul



Ogden Dunes Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair
(Sponsored by the Ogden Dunes Women's Club)
Saturday, November 3, 2012
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Ogden Dunes Community Church

The start of the holiday season would not be complete without enjoying the fine offerings of area artisans at this annual event.

The church will again play host to some thirty talented artists and craftsmen, as they display their unique wares for sale- - a perfect opportunity to find gifts for those hard-to-shop-for friends and family. The popular ODWC bake and concession table will also be on hand.

December Movie Night - The Nativity Story

(Event date to be provided in December's Dunes News)

Mary and Joseph's journey together as they bring the Messiah into the world.

Elders In Charge

November 4	Tom Cornwell
November 11	Karen Compton
November 18	David Harbaugh
November 25	Jeri Kris

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lead people to the
transforming love of
Christ.**

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

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November Refreshments



Following the 10:00 am. 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.

Hostess

Sunday, Nov. 4—Church Brunch

Sunday, Nov. 11—I, J, K, L

Sunday, Nov. 18—M, N, O, P

Sunday, Nov. 25—Q, R, S, T

Claudia Kleyweg

Carol Cornwell

Julia Hoham

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, November 25 and also on Sunday, December 23 and Sunday, December 30.



Kids Got Talent/Community Food Drive & Brunch

Kids of all ages from church and community—
Come share your talent
and join us for brunch!

Food Drive—Friday, Nov. 16

7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Talent Show/Brunch—
Saturday, Nov. 17

10:30 a.m.

**All in the Spirit
of -
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**