



Ogden Dunes Community Church

The Dunes News

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You are invited to the Ogden Dunes Community Church 4th Annual Pumpkin 5K run/walk sponsored by the Deacons!

Purpose: A fundraiser for Heifer International, a philanthropic organization that aims to provide sustainable food, via live stock, to those in need in third world countries.

Cost: The admission fee is \$20.00. This will provide you with lunch and a Tee-shirt.

- Designate on the check memo line "Heifer International"

When: Sunday, October 19, at 11:30 a.m. The race will start at the church.

Deadline: October 1, 2014 is the deadline for signing up.

Places to Sign-up: You can choose one of three places to sign-up:

- At Ogden Dunes Community Church Bulletin Board
- Or, at Kratz Field
- Or, at both Tennis Courts around town.

Come with your running shoes and participate in this worthy cause and **HAVE FUN!**



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From The Pastor's Pen ***"How Can I Know There Is A God?"***

Ever so often I am asked the question: "What about the fate of the people who have died and have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ?" Though it is a difficult question, nevertheless, the Bible does provide an answer.

Psalm 19 contemplates the beauty of the heavens including the stars, sun and moon. These are not there for mere aesthetics. They serve a larger purpose. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies proclaim the work of His hand" (v.1). The beauty of Nature and Creation is to reveal that behind it, there is a Master Mind, an Architect who created it all. The Bible reveals Him as God Almighty. So, Creation serves as an invitation to those who have never heard the Gospel to acknowledge God's existence.

The Apostle Paul writing 1,000 years later, affirms what the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 19. He said: "Since the creation of the world, God's invisible attributes, eternal powers and divine nature, have been already seen...by what He has made, so that EVERYONE IS WITHOUT EXCUSE" (Romans 1:20).

Therefore, the splendor of the sky is not a mere distraction or cosmic accident; rather, it is the intentional work of a Creator God. As such, Nature reveals a God of might, intelligence and One who creates everything with intricate details. A God of order and beauty.

But there is still another witness to God's Existence. The Scripture tells us in Romans chapter 2, verses 14-16, that God has placed within every human being "The Voice of Conscience." Missionaries have discovered that in every culture, there was always evidence of a Moral Law. Where did it come from? Of course, God! What is it? The Conscience! God has placed within every heart the ability to discern right from wrong. His justice will be meted out to everyone based on two criteria — The Book of Nature and the Voice of Conscience.

So, think about it! Everyone is without excuse! This God, whom You may not believe in, does love you. He has revealed His love through the spectacular beauty of Creation, the Wonders of Nature and the still, small voice called Conscience. Above it all, He sent His Son to die on the cross so that everyone can experience forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life! Even if you do not believe in Him, He does love you!

May God bless you.
Pastor Sewdin

Gospel And Song Month

The Sermons in October will follow the theme of "Gospel and Songs."

The first week emphasis will be on Grace.

The second week emphasis will be on Love.

The third week emphasis will be on Faith.

The fourth week is Reformation Sunday!

Religious News

- Muslim Indonesia has issued a ban on the teachings of the Islamic State formerly known as ISIS. Indonesia which has the largest Muslim adherence says that “the ISIS teachings are not a religious issue; rather, it is a group promoting an extreme version of Wahhabi Islam, a radical movement believing in the fundamentalist ideals of the religion.” (ENS)
 - A coalition of more than 50 religious leaders, led by mostly conservative Catholics, Evangelical and Jewish activists, has called on president Obama to sharply escalate military action against Islamic extremists in Iraq. They say “nothing short of the destruction” of the Islamic State can protect Christians and religious minorities now being subjected to “a campaign of genocide.” (RNS)
 - Speaking at St. Peter’s Square, Pope Francis said: “The news coming from Iraq leaves us incredulous and appalled. All this seriously offends God and seriously offends humanity. You cannot bring hatred in the name of God. You cannot make war in the name of God.” (RNS)
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Wednesday Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m., there is a study based on the movie, “God is not Dead.” The study is centered around the various personalities of the movie. The problems they encountered. Their responses. In the month of October, consideration will be given to:

- The skeptical young lady who received the news that she had cancer. **How does God fit into this news?**
- The elderly Christian woman suffering from Alzheimer. **Meanwhile, where is God?**
- The obnoxious, godless, money-seeking career-oriented son who has no time for God.
- The two Christians who were unable to get a good working rented car for a couple of days. **Was it a happenstance or was it providential?**

Come and join in the discussion of “Where is God when Everything’s Going Wrong?”

PRIMETIMERS NEWS



Come join the Prime Timers' at noon on Tuesday, October 21, in the Church fellowship room for a catered lunch (\$8.00), a great program and fellowship with friends and neighbors.

The program will be presented by Ogden Dunes residents Dena Green and Neil who will tell us about their two-month tour to Singapore, Thailand, Dubai, United Emirates, Kuala Lumpur, Malta, Spain and points in between.

Visitors are welcome! Age is irrelevant. For reservations or questions call Karel Kears at 763-6493.

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

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October Refreshment Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 5—A, B, C, D, E
Sunday, Oct. 12—F, G, H, I, J
Sunday, Oct. 19—K, L, M, N, O
Sunday, Oct. 26—P, Q, R, S, T

Hostess

Judy Selund
Patty Harbaugh
Jeri Kris
Judy Spornick

If your last name begins with the letters of the day, please consider bringing something to share for about 8-10 people. The Hostess will be responsible for preparing coffee, setting out refreshments, and cleaning up for that morning. If you are interested in volunteering to be a host /hostess for a future date, please call Jeri Kris at 926-8451.



Missions

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY is October 12th. This is an opportunity for everyone to turn their faith into action by taking specific steps to create hope and opportunity for hungry people. There are 3 things we can do: PRAY, ACT and GIVE. A special offering will be taken.

What is "Bread For the World?" It is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision-makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Hunger is not a partisan issue. "Bread for the World" works with thousands of individual members, churches and denominations to ensure its presence in all U.S. Congressional districts by advocating changes in policies and conditions that allow hunger to persist. So, let's get on board and end hunger!

