

HISTORY OF THE
*Ogden Dunes
Community Church,
Presbyterian*

The first organizing meeting of what was to become the congregation of the Ogden Dunes church met in November, 1951. The group became a mission group of the First United Presbyterian Church of Gary. On February 22, 1953, a Sunday School was established and a student from McCormick Seminary was hired as temporary supply. The first service of worship was held in Ogden Dunes Fire Station on Sunday, April 12, 1953. The following July, Logansport Presbytery approved the church's petition and the Ogden Dunes Community Church, Presbyterian was established. The service to celebrate the official organization of the church was held Sunday evening October 11, 1953 in the Fire Station. The cornerstone for the current church building was set in place in 1958.

The Rev. Homer Ogle was called as part-time minister in November, 1953. He served until the summer of 1956. Subsequent ministers have been:

Rev. Dan Brand.....1956-61
Rev. James Banks..... 1962-67
Rev. Ted Kelley1968-71
Rev. Gordon Butcher..... 1972-80
Rev. James Russell 1981-86
Rev. Nancy Becker.....1987-2003
Rev. Robert Leach 2005-2010
Rev. Lloyd Sewdin 2013 to present

The Ogden Dunes Community Church serves Christ in the local community in many ways and warmly welcomes all who come to our worship and our fellowship.

REQUEST *for*
INFORMATION/REGISTRATION

I would like more information about the Memorial Garden.

I wish to register for the interment program.

I am:

- a current church member
 a friend of the church
 a non-member

I have enclosed a check for the appropriate amount as detailed in the brochure.

I would like to contribute to the Garden Endowment Fund. My check (*made payable to Memorial Garden Fund*) is attached.

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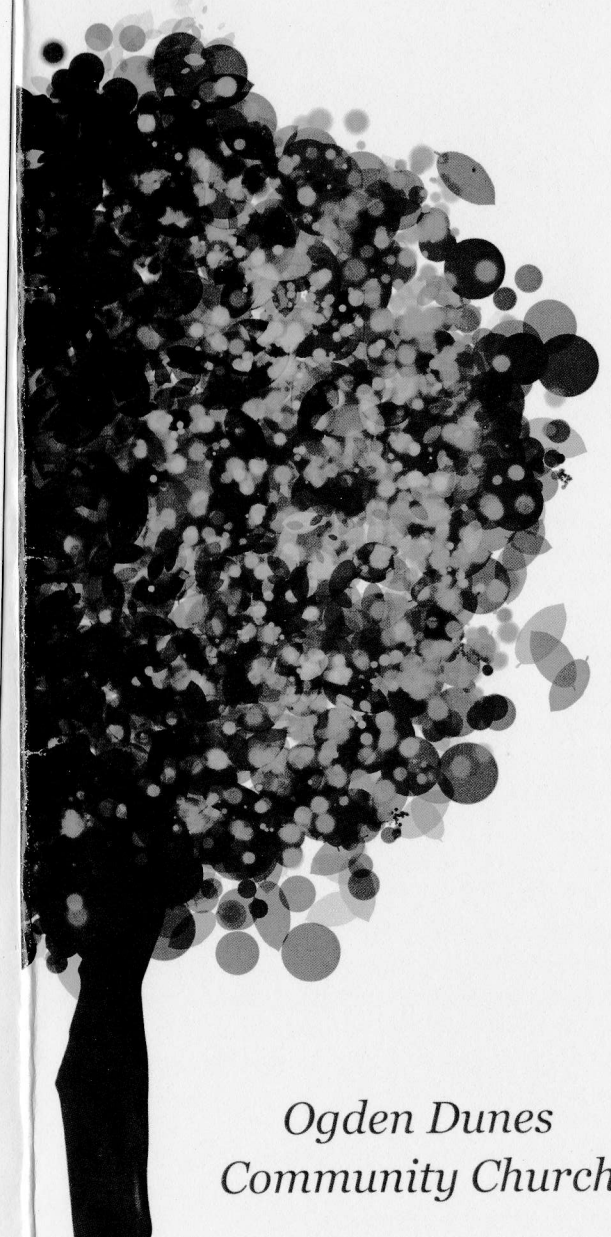
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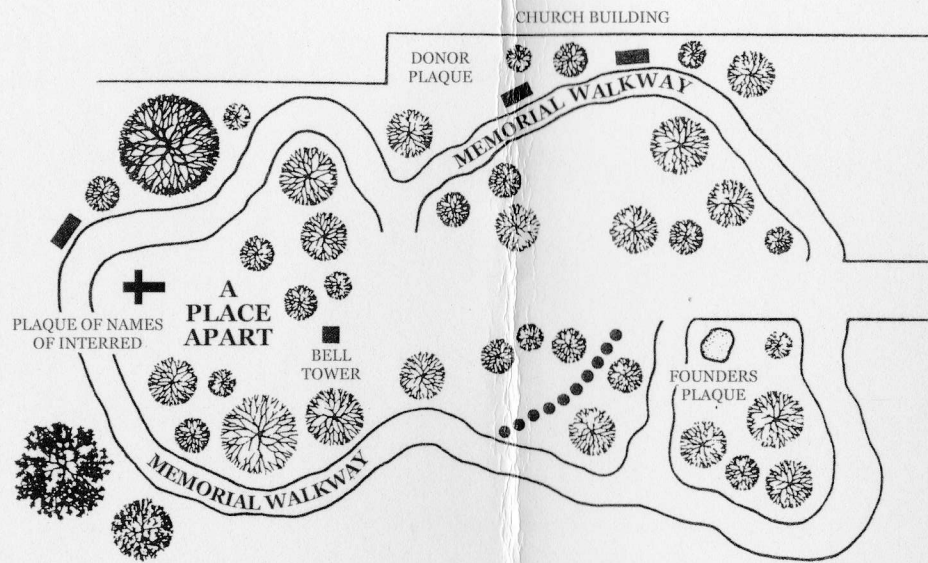
Detach this card and send to:

*Ogden Dunes
Community Church*
116 Hillcrest Road, #113
Ogden Dunes, IN 46368

THE MEMORIAL
GARDEN &
A PLACE APART



*Ogden Dunes
Community Church*



THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

It had long been the dream of many members of the Ogden Dunes Community Church that a memorial garden be planted on the grounds as part of our outdoor chapel which was a gift from Mrs. Justin Foldessy. With the help of many people, this dream became a reality in the spring of 1982.

Initial gifts toward construction of the garden were given by the children of Helen and Robert Green and the Garden Founders. Others in the congregation also pledged donations.

The Garden Endowment

A garden, however, is a living, growing place which requires continuing care. Therefore, an endowment fund was established solely for the perpetual care of the garden. No monies pledged annually for church support are used.

Gifts may be given in any amount, and if desired, may be given in memory of a loved one. All gifts are acknowledged.

Gifts to the Garden

Donor gifts of \$300 or more will also be acknowledged on a bronze plate affixed to the donor plaque in the garden. Only monetary memorial gifts are accepted.

A PLACE APART

From the earliest times, Christians have utilized their churches and churchyards as places of interment at the time of death. This practice witnesses to our faith in Jesus Christ who is the Resurrection and the Life. Therefore, it is entirely fitting that the church provide facilities for Christians to inter ashes of loved ones following cremation.

Yet in today's society, increasing mobility has often led to lack of enduring ties to any one community. Thus, A Place Apart, is especially meaningful. Here the Ogden Dunes Community Church offers a final resting place to its members and friends in the beautiful, natural setting of the Dunes which has held meaning during their lives.

Ashes

Ashes interred in A Place Apart are buried directly in the soil and not in containers. They are not scattered, but rather buried between plantings in undesignated areas. Family members may wish to be present for the interment in the garden as the minister conducts a short pray service. A memorial service may be held in the sanctuary at a different time.

Records

The Ogden Dunes Community Church assumes responsibility for keeping and maintaining all records appropriate to interment of ashes including a Certificate of Cremation from a Funeral Home.

Fees

The fee for interment of members of the church is \$500 including a memorial service in the sanctuary. The fee for friends of the church is \$750 and \$1250 for non-members plus additional fees if a service in the sanctuary is desired. All interments will receive perpetual maintenance and the name of the interred on a bronze plaque placed in the garden.

