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Ogden Dunes Community
Church seeks to joyfully
lead people to the
transforming love of
Christ.

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**December Refreshment
Schedule**

		Hostess
Sunday, Dec. 4	A,B,C,D,E	Karen Compton
Sunday, Dec. 11	F,G,H,I,J	Lana Shank
Sunday, Dec. 18	K,L,M,N,O	Joy Newton
Sunday, Dec. 25	P,Q,R,S,T	TBD

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 Sue Squire at 762-1428.



**God's Love in
Three Dimensions**

The Breadth

"God so loved the world"

The Length

"that He gave His only begotten Son"

The Height

"But shall have everlasting life"

*"This is What Christmas
Is All About"*



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**The Dunes
News**

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Ogden Dunes Community Church
Presents

**"Journey To
Bethlehem"**

Walking Tours



Friday, December 2nd 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 3rd 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Free to the public

**For more information you may call the church
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Poinsettia Donations

Again this year, the Sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas Eve. We will be using red and white —

Poinsettias 6 ½" will be \$ 9.00 each
Poinsettias 7 ½" will be \$20.00 each

Please indicate size and color, include a check for the correct amount and leave in the church office. **The deadline for ordering is Monday,**



Nobel Prize On The Love Of God

John M. Templeton, A united Presbyterian elder, announced creation of a "Nobel Prize" for religion initially worth \$88,400.00 annually (a lot more now) to a person of any faith who is deemed significantly "instrumental in widening humanity's knowledge of the love of God." But while this is a magnanimous gesture, how can one explain "God became Man"? God divested Himself of Divinity and put on Humanity through the Christ Child." There is no human worth to such love!!

Epigram

John 3:16 tells us two things:

1. When God loves, He loves the world.
2. When God gives, He gives His Son.

Such is the boundless love of Almighty God.
That is the revelation of Christmas!

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Gather with the Prime Timers for music, fellowship and a hearty meal. Mark Tuesday, December 20 at noon in the church fellowship room on your calendars.

The program for this month is a sing along with the Sandpiper Preschool children and a special visit from Santa. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend this event. There are no age qualifications to join this group. A festive meal will be served for \$9. For more information, call Judy Petrou at 763-2186.



HEAVEN'S CHRISTMAS PRESS RELEASE

Whenever an organization of the White House wants to announce some news worth knowing, they do so through "Press Releases." Likewise, on the very first Christmas, God sent His angel with a "Press Release" to all humanity on earth. Here it is:

- "I bring you good "tidings"it is **Good News!**
- ". . .news of great joy"it is **Joyful News!**
- ". . .which shall be to all people"it is **Global news!**
- ". . .there is born" it is **Nativity News!**
- ". . .to you"it is **Personal News!**
- ". . .this day"it is **Breaking News!**
- ". . .a Savior"it is **Saving News!**
- ". . .who is Christ"it is **Messianic News!**
- ". . .the Lord"it is **Life-Changing News!**

Thank You

Thank You For Your Donations for the Food Drive. The Church and the Community gave 155 bags of groceries. The monetary donation was \$2,300.00. Thank you for participating and for giving so generously.

The Incarnation (Pastor's Pen)

The word "incarnation" means "invested with flesh or bodily nature or form." For an angel to become a worm, or a man to be invested with the form of an ant, or the brilliant sun to leave its orbit and be debased into a wandering atom cannot compare with the self debasing act of God in assuming human nature and form. God assumed flesh, took on a body, limited Himself by human nature, was revealed in humanity and bridged the gulf from infinitude to finitude. There is no analogy of this in Nature, History or Experience. This cannot be explained by categories of Logic. It is given to us by revelation.

The incarnation means that God whom we can never know by searching, made Himself known through Jesus Christ. It is this Christ Who can be incarnate in us (Galatians 4:19; John 17:21). He can change our character, disposition, volitions and nature. What He did historically in the incarnation (the first Christmas), He can do personally in us: He offers forgiveness and the gift of eternal life FREE OF CHARGE!!

The Christ Child is no longer in a state of humiliation but He is the Exalted One. This was accomplished through His resurrection, His ascension and His exaltation to God's right hand. There He assumed the position of sovereignty, influence and power. His Name (Jesus) is above every name and He receives worship from all categories of being. THE