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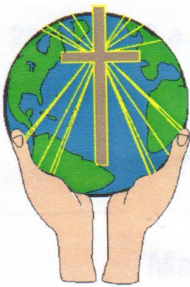
# The Dunes News

April 2014

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**Begin the Easter Journey with us as . . .**

**Ogden Dunes Church  
- presents -**



## GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

**A music/drama production**

**Sunday, April 6 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Brunch to follow**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Bring a friend!**

*“We are a church without walls: A church out of yesterday  
proclaiming the truth for today in ways as new as tomorrow.”*



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- ◆ Donations for Gabriel's Horn
- ◆ Easter Flower Donations

## The Pastor's Pen

We are entering the season which leads up to Easter. Easter and Hope are synonymous. It's a reminder that there is life beyond this one. True life. Eternal life. Glorious life. Those who live on what might be called "the outskirts of hope" need a transfusion. Hope gives it.

I think of all those who live with dreaded diseases. They live on "the outskirts." They fight the gallant battle, endure the horrible reactions of medical treatment and anxiously await the results of the next checkup. These are folk for whom a hope transfusion is essential. *Easter provides it!*

And then there are those who still grieve over the loss of a loved one. Death has come like a ruthless thief, snatching away a treasured presence and leaving only hollowed memories in its wake. The sadness of those who mourn casts a spell of loneliness too powerful for spoken words or shallow songs to break. What is missing? To paraphrase the statement of Oscar Wilde:

*Something is dead in each of them,  
And what is dead is Hope.  
There is nothing like Easter to bring it back to life.  
Easter has its own anthems:  
Jesus lives, so shall I:  
Death: thy sting is gone forever!  
Easter has its own Scriptures:  
I know that my redeemer lives, and at the  
Last He will take His stand on earth.  
Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from  
My flesh I shall see God. (Job 19:25, 26)  
Easter has its own Proclamation:  
"He is not here; He has risen!"*

I cannot explain what happens, nor do I need to try. The simple fact is this: there is something altogether magnificent, therapeutic, and reassuring about Easter morning. When people gather in houses of worship and lift their voices in praise to the risen Redeemer. The demonic hosts of hell and their damnable prince of darkness are temporarily paralyzed. We are an Easter People with a Hallelujah Song!

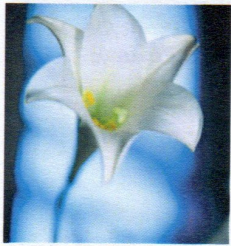
Come and join us for our Easter drama/musical and Easter services!  
Pastor Sewdin

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## PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Come join the Prime Timers Tuesday, April 15, at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room for their monthly program and luncheon.

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 Karel Kearl at 763-6493.



## Ogden Dunes Community Church

Invites you to join us as we celebrate  
**Lent and Easter**

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Potluck/ Lenten  
Meditation

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., "God So Loved The World"** presented  
by our Sanctuary Choir and Chancel Bell Ringers  
followed by a Brunch

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday** Worship Service

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday** Worship Service

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Good Friday** Prayer Vigil

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. Easter "Sunrise" Worship** Service  
followed by **Easter Brunch**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Regular Easter** Worship Service

These services are all open to the community.

Everybody welcome!

## DIDuKnow?

### Good Friday

The church office will be closed on  
April 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good  
Friday.

### Gabriel's Horn



There is a collection box for  
Gabriel's Horn (Portage  
Women's Shelter) at the  
front entrance of the  
church.

Items needed: paper towels, toilet  
paper, diapers (sm-med size) laundry  
detergent, dishwasher detergent,  
pillows, blankets, gas card certificate  
(for purchase of gas **only**), Mr. Clean  
multi-surface, Lysol wipes, cleaners  
and toilet bowl cleaner. Thank you for  
your donations.

## Maundy Thursday

What is Maundy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week all about?  
The word "Maundy" is a shortened version of the Latin word  
*mandatum*, which means commandment.

At the Last Supper. Jesus gave His friends a new  
commandment. He told the disciples, "I give you a new  
commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved  
you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34, NRSV).

As Christians gather to eat and share Holy Communion on  
Maundy Thursday, we should make a special effort to exhibit our  
love and respect for one another. Let us seek out people whom  
we don't naturally have affection for and express our wish that  
the living Christ may dwell in them and bless them.

## 30 Pieces of Silver

Judas betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of  
silver. We will redeem Judas' betrayal  
by giving 30 pieces of silver (coins) for  
a worthy mission cause. We will be  
collecting your  
"redemptive silver  
coins" on Palm Sun-  
day. **The money  
will go to Gabriel's  
Horn.** Thank you for  
participating.



## Sermon Titles

Sunday, April 6

**Music/Drama Production Entitled "For God So Loved the World"**

Sunday, April 13

**Palm Sunday: "Learning from a Donkey"**

Thursday, April 17

**Maundy Thursday: "Follow the Leader"**

Sunday, April 20

**Easter Sunday: "The Winning Loser"**

Sunday, April 27

**Doubting Thomas Sunday: "Seeing is Believing"**

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

**The deadline for the next  
Dunes News is April 15th**

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**April Refreshments**

After the 10:00 am. service, refreshments, including coffee, will be available in the Fellowship hall following worship. 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, April 6	Hospitality Committee Brunch (11:00)
Sunday, April 13	A, B, C, D, E Patty Harbaugh
Sunday, April 20	Deacon's Breakfast Between Services
Sunday, April 27	F, G, H, I, J Debby Bailey

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



**Flower Donations  
Sought**



The regal white Easter lily is a fitting symbol of Easter, embodying purity, joy, hope and life. The

shape of the lily is like a trumpet proclaiming that "Christ has Risen Indeed!" The Worship Committee will be decorating the Sanctuary for the glory of God on Easter Sunday. If there is someone you would like to honor on Easter Sunday, please consider making a donation of Easter Lilies. It could be a single plant (\$9.00) or two plants (\$17.00). Donations should be placed in the Offering Plate or turned into the office by Sunday, April 6.