



Ogden Dunes Community  
Church

# The Dunes News

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## Session and Congregational Meeting Highlights

July 10 and July 15

**Session Meeting** - Session meetings are scheduled the second Tuesday of every month and are open to all Congregants. Those with concerns can raise them at these meetings. It was moved to request that Presbytery, as a routine matter, advise Session of the subject matter of concerns communicated to it so that Session can properly address such concerns. Discussion had revealed that this has not been Presbytery's practice in the past. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Congregational Meeting** - A July 15, 2012 called meeting of the Congregation of Ogden Dunes Community Church was called to order by Moderator, Reverend Phil Smith, at 9:30 a.m., for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. The floor was turned over to the Clerk of Session who moved that the Session's slate of candidates as follows: Rebecca Hunt, Debby Bailey, Nancy Johnson, Jacque Nagy, Butch Kleyweg, Sean Kilroy, David Larson, Jr., Ken Engel, Paul Rake and Mark Lecy be elected as the ODCC Pastor Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded. Discussion: The clerk announced that Presbytery had approved formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee at the June session meeting; that Session set the committee size at 10 and set a deadline of July 7 for additional nominations. He reported that no additional nominations were received. The motion passed. Jim Yackel, the Transitional Care Consultant will work with the committee to get things underway. The first task will be to establish a Church Information Form. Upon its approval by Session and COM, it will be published and from that point forward candidates will start submitting their interest.

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- ◆ Church Picnic
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## Beach Worship



Everyone is welcome to join the Ogden Dunes Community Church worship services at the West End Beach on:

Friday, August 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars. Kenny Easton will be leading the Youth, Family and Friends Beach Service. So grab beach chairs and invite a friend to attend!

## Congregational Emails

The office will be sending more and more Congregational Emails to keep us informed of pertinent information. If you want to be included, please, be sure that the office has your email. If, perchance, you do not receive something that is sent, check to see what can be done. As we all know, snafus happen. There are times that when sending a group of emails, some do not go through for a variety of reasons. Please understand that this is never intentional. We want everyone to be on the same page. Thank you.

## CHURCH PICNIC



It is official! Mark your calendar! The Deacons will be hosting the annual church picnic on Sunday, August 19th after the 10:00 a.m. service. Since this is a potluck picnic, we are requesting the following food items:

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| A-I | Fruits or Vegetables |
| J-R | Salads               |
| S-Z | Desserts             |

Meats and beverages will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



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"....An Elder shares...".

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline"  
- 2 Timothy 1:7

My son Kristofer recently attended a Spring Hill Day Camp. Spring Hill runs high energy Christian camps led by many young people who have a heart of Christ. At the end of the session each counselor presents a Bible verse and character trait specific to the personality of each camper – a nice way to recognize each child and in many cases introduce them to a new Bible verse. 2 Timothy 1:7 was read for Kristofer and his featured character trait was Boldness.

The context of the verse relates to Timothy and most likely his lack of confidence with sharing his faith. How this relates to our daily lives might seem obvious – be confident and proud of your faith in Jesus Christ. How the spirit of power, of love and self-discipline relates to our Church Family at Ogden Dunes Community Church is quite inspiring. We are using God's spirit to help navigate through this transitional time.

The spirit of power is interesting to me. Power and humility seem to oppose each other at times, but the spirit of power is present and can inspire us to do good things. God is giving us the power to stay strong, step up, reach out and stand firm as we all lead our church without a Pastor. What spirit of Power moments stand out for you?

The spirit of self-discipline is present in our daily lives. Our commitment to make good choices for ourselves and loved ones is constant. We continue to use this spirit to show love, forgiveness, restraint and passion for our church. What Self-Discipline moments stand out for you?

There are countless ways the spirit of love is present within an individual, group or event at ODCC. A stand out for me is worship planning and guest preaching. The time, preparation and commitment given to lead worship and deliver an inspiring message is all about love. What spirit of Love moments stand out for you?

On Sunday, July 15 Phil Smith delivered a message about Gratitude. I am grateful for all who took the time to read Dunes News – August, 2012.

Mark Lecy

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## Sympathies

The Church extends our deepest sympathies to the family of Imogene Jones who passed away earlier in the year and was recently interred in the Memorial Garden. Imogene was a supervisor in the Gary schools for many years as well as the first female Assistant Superintendent in the Portage Township Schools.

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transforming love of  
Christ.**

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

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**A Message from Session**

The Session wants all members of the congregation to be aware that Session meetings are open to anyone from the congregation who might wish to attend. This is a good way to keep abreast of the business and discussions being conducted by Session on behalf of the church. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER  
SERVICES**

Continuing through **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will be having our first service in the garden and the 2<sup>nd</sup> service in the sanctuary.

Times will be:

**8:30 a.m. in the Garden;**  
**10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**



Please mark your calendars and help others to know and remember.

**Volunteers Needed**

The church is looking for volunteers in the church gardens. Call the church office at 762-1184 if you are willing to help.

