



**Ogden Dunes Community
Church**

The Dunes News

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The Pastor's Pen "Advent"

We are now in the season of Advent. Over 300 prophecies were actually fulfilled at the coming of the Christ Child. This is unlike the National Enquirer which makes its physic predictions in January only to reveal at the end of the year that just a certain percentage of the predictions had actually been fulfilled.

The Bible says that the Christ Child would come from the Tribe of Judah; that He would be born of a virgin; that He would be born in Bethlehem; that He would have a miraculous ministry; that He would suffer and die; but three days later, He would resurrect from the dead. Everything was fulfilled as the Bible said.

The Christ Child is not a figurine. He cannot be found in a crèche. He is the ascended Lord sitting at the right hand of Father God. To acknowledge Jesus as "Lord," means to turn full control over to Him.

The next time you pray and address Jesus as "Lord," here is the A, B, C of what you are really saying:

- You **A**ffirm your allegiance to Him
- You **B**ow to His authority in all areas of your life
- You **C**ommit to Him all you are, have, and hope to be

The Christmas season can be summed up in one word - INCARNATION. It means: "God became flesh." It is beyond human understanding that the Creator of the universe, who is infinite and eternal, condescended to be born of a virgin in an insignificant town called Bethlehem. How amazing!

- Though many have made Christmas a smorgasbord of commercialism, don't allow it to keep you from celebrating GOD DID BECOME FLESH!
- Remember that to experience Christmas, it is necessary to have Christmas (The Christ Child) in your heart, for you will never find it under a tree.
- Let the Season remind you that God is not distant, too busy, or engrossed with other challenges not to care for you; after all, GOD DID BECOME FLESH and has identified with all of us.

Have a Blessed Christmas,
Pastor Sewdin

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♪ Duneland Advent Festival ♪

Sanctuary Choir and Chancel Ringers will be performing at the Duneland Advent Festival on Friday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Chesterton.

This is a wonderful addition to all of the holiday festivities as Christmas music is performed by groups from many churches.

Come out and support Ogden Dunes Church Sanctuary Choir and Chancel Ringers!



Historical Society of Ogden Dunes

3rd Annual Holiday Tea
at Hour Glass Museum

Sunday, Dec. 8

2 sittings-Noon and 3 p.m.

\$10 per person

If interested in attending, please enclose a check along with your name and the time of the sitting that you would like to attend and put it in the Historical Society of Ogden Dunes mailbox at entry.

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!

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Come join the Prime Timers Tuesday, December 17, 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 Kearnl at 763-6493.



Advent 2013
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December 4th Hanging of the Greens

(4:30 pm Decorating, 5:30 Supper)

December 24th, 4:30 P.M. Family Service

December 24th, 9:00 P.M. Candlelight Service

Donations for decorations/poinsettias will be taken after Dec. 2nd, cards will be in the Narthex.

Angel Tree

The Deacons will have an Angel Tree to help send needed Christmas presents to boys and/or girls in our area. Some children in our area are in families that are currently struggling and these presents can help make their Christmas special. The Angels are provided by the Portage Trustee. We would like to encourage you to participate in our Angel Tree this year as we plan to have a list of 15 Angel Tree Children. Gift due date to be announced.



Ogden Dunes Annual Tree Lighting

Please join us for the traditional Ogden Dunes Christmas tree lighting, cookies and hot cocoa, and visit from Santa! Sunday, December 8th at 5 p.m. at the Christmas tree to be followed at the Ogden Dunes Community Church for cocoa and cookies.

Sermon Titles For Advent

The theme of the sermons for advent are entitled "The Anatomy of Christmas."

Sunday, December 1	"The <u>Star</u> of Christmas" (First Sunday of Advent)
Sunday, December 8	"The <u>Heart</u> of Christmas"
Sunday, December 15	"The <u>Eyes</u> of Christmas"
Sunday, December 22	"The <u>Womb</u> of Christmas"
Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)	"The Good News to All People At Christmas"
Sunday, December 29	"Dealing With The Mistakes of Our Lives in 2013"

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

**The deadline for the next
Dunes News is Dec. 15th.**

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December 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.

		<u>Hostess</u>
Sunday, Dec. 1	K, L, M, N, O	Jeri Kris
Sunday, Dec. 8	P, Q, R, S, T	Cheryl Engel
Sunday, Dec. 15	U, V, W, X, Y, Z	Judy Selund
Sunday, Dec. 22	A, B, C, D, E	Jill Green
Sunday, Dec. 29	F, G, H, I, J	TBA

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the love and support you have given to me and my family during Joe Bell's illness and following his death. I'm so very grateful. Thank you members of the Sanctuary choir for helping to make Joe's memorial celebration so moving. I love the way our church friends and members are always involved in quiet giving. "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38

Thank you again,
Jean Bell