



Ogden Dunes Community
Church

The Dunes News

November 2013

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October Session Meeting Highlights

October 8, 2013

Rev. Sewdin - The reports on Rev. Sewdin's recovery from heart by-pass surgery are encouraging. His current ETA at Ogden Dunes is mid-November. Session is going to follow-up to determine his status with his prior Congregation so that specific matters during this transition period can be addressed. While his health care costs are covered via the Presbyterian Pension and Health Care policy, the status of premium payments, living expenses, etc are not clear. The manse is being vacated by the current tenant and the delay in Rev. Sewdin's arrival allows more time to get it ready. Volunteers to do miscellaneous clean up, repair and painting are still needed.

Bi-Laws - A review of a draft of bi-laws which have been revised by the trustees has been delayed due to the matters relating to the call of Rev. Sewdin. As this review resumed, it became clear that the work and background leading to the revisions needed to be refreshed. In addition to the Church, there are three separate legal entities associated with it - the Church Corporation, the Endowment Fund and the Memorial Garden. The bi-laws at issue relate to the way the Church elects its trustees and officers, holds meetings and deals with property. The existing bi-laws are antiquated. The trustees will revisit their work and resubmit it to the session for approval. Once the session approves the revisions the congregation will have to vote to approve them. Matters relating to the Endowment Fund and Memorial Garden are unaffected by the bi-laws under current review, but their governing documents also need to be scheduled for review and needed revision.

Consecration Sunday - A pot-luck dinner is planned after the November 3rd Worship Service. Letters and minutes for missions leading up to it are underway.

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Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ Consecration Sunday
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Food Drive

- There will be a food drive to raise money for the Food Pantry on November 15th from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in front of the Ogden Dunes Community Church. Coffee and donuts will be served by the Deacons as the community makes their donations.

Consecration Sunday

Just a reminder that Consecration Sunday will be held on Nov. 3, 2013. On that day, we will again be gathering and dedicating the pledges to meet next year's budget. Perhaps for one reason or another you will not be making a pledge on that day, we still hope that you will attend worship and the potluck afterwards. Entrees will be provided and we are requesting the following items:

A-G	Side Dish
H-M	Salad
N-R	Vegetable Dish
S-Z	Dessert

Come be a part of the fellowship.

The Mission and Stewardship Committee

November Pulpit Supply

Sunday, November 3	Chuck Smothermon
Sunday, November 10	Michelle Skaggs
Sunday, November 17	
Sunday, November 24	Paul Rake

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Come join the Prime Timers Tuesday, November 19, at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room for their monthly program and luncheon.

The program for this month will be a video on the "Great Music of the Civil War" presented by our very own Bill Warwick and his daughter Mindy.

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 Kearn at 763-6493.

"...An Elder shares..."

When you read Moby Dick you become struck by the un-remitting anger of Ahab. He expresses more than just revenge at the brute force of nature, he expresses a desire to destroy the perceived absurdity it represents. It is as if he is plagued with a misunderstanding of life, coming eventually to strike at the whale with vehement 'hate for hate's sake.' His first mate, Starbuck being a Christian man of faith, recognizes it all, and yet cannot commit the necessary murder of his captain to save the ship.

Melville experienced the Great Awakening of his time and in the end his book gives us a study in motivations. To be sure, we all confront limitations in perceiving the real motivations of others. Limited by a "common language which divides us", we can foment significant injustice in acting upon our incorrect suppositions. Should we not be careful in what we presume as an ill will from a fellow traveler's mistaken word or deed. Indeed, saving the ship sometimes requires a sacrifice we do not readily see. But when it is our time, let us reflect upon righteousness as a guide to our actions and love as a guide to our beliefs.

With respect,
Paul



Elder in Charge

Week of November 3	Jeri Kris
Week of November 10	Karen Compton
Week of November 17	Tom Cornwell
Week of November 24	Jill Wirth



Ogden Dunes Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair (Sponsored by the Ogden Dunes Women's Club)

Saturday, November 2, 2012

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ogden Dunes Community Church

The start of the holiday season would not be complete without enjoying the fine offerings of area artisans at this annual event.

The church will again play host to some thirty talented artists and craftsmen, as they display their unique wares for sale - a perfect opportunity to find gifts for those hard-to-shop-for friends and family. The popular ODWC bake and concession table will also be on hand.

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lead people to the
transforming love of
Christ.**

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

November Refreshments



Beginning with 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, Nov. 3— Consecration Sunday Dinner
- Sunday, Nov. 10— U, V, W, X, Y, Z Julia Hoham
- Sunday, Nov. 17— A, B, C, D, E Joy Newton
- Sunday, Nov. 24— F, G, H, I, J Patty Harbaugh

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

