



Ogden Dunes Community Church

The Dunes News

March 2015

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Begin the Easter Journey with us



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th
Lenten Potluck
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Meditation at 7:15 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

“Judas Iscanot”
(A Portrait of the Forfeit of Grace)

SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT

February 25th
Lenten Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Meditation at 7:15 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

“Barabbas”
(A Portrait of Substitution)

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT

March 4th
Lenten Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Meditation at 7:15 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

“Caiaphas”
(A Portrait of a Religious Schemer)

FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

March 11th
Lenten Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Meditation at 7:15 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

“Simon of Cyrene”
(A Portrait of a Cross-Bearer)

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

March 18th
Lenten Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Meditation at 7:15 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

“Malchus”
(A Portrait of a Surprised Man)

SIXTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

March 25th
Lenten Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Meditation at 7:15 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

“Dismas”
(A Portrait of a Crucified Revolutionary)

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PALM SUNDAY

March 29th at 10:00 a.m.



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MEDITATION

"God Knows Where You Are And He Knows Where You Are Going"



The Pastor's Pen

You know that there's nothing glamorous about an iron bar. The raw material isn't particularly attractive, isn't worth much and isn't hard to come by. Not many people would steal a bar of iron, which (I am told) is worth about \$5.00. But the value of that bar changes if you put it to work. For example, if you refine the bar, hammer it into horseshoes, and sell the horseshoes, it could bring about \$50.00. Or better still, if you fashion it into a piece of sculpture, it could be worth \$5,000.00. Or better still, take the iron bar and forge it into tiny springs used in precision watches, it could be worth about half a million dollars.

Nothing about the iron bar has changed. How it is handled and **put to use is what makes it so valuable**. In a similar way, hundreds of men were executed through crucifixion in the time of Christ. Nothing happened. But when another Man—Jesus was crucified, everything happened. Time changed from B.C. to A.D. Humanity's sins were paid in full. It was "God in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself..." (2 Corinthians 5:19) Jesus was not just a Man but the GOD—MAN!

Blessings,
Pastor Sewdin

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Come join the Prime Timers Tuesday, March 17, at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room for their monthly program and luncheon.

The program for March will be presented by Roi Yair, a young Israeli living in our community. He is representing the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana working to promote a better understanding of Israel and sharing his personal impressions living in Israel."

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 Kears at 763-6493.

DIDuKnow?

Daylight Savings Time

Kindly note that Sunday, March 8th, Daylight savings Time Begins. So don't forget to **TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD BY ONE HOUR** at midnight before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7th.



Limited Fishing

A boy was asked by his Sunday school teacher if he thought Noah did much fishing off the ark? "How could he?" replied the lad, "He only had two worms and there were only two fish."



A Window Into The Word "Ashes"

The word "ashes" in the Bible has several symbolical meanings:

- In Genesis 18:27, Abraham used it to express to God his utter worthlessness and lowliness.
- In 2 Samuel 13:19, "ashes on the head" was typical of deep shame and mental anguish as well as repentance and sorrow.
- In Job 13:12, the ashes represent references made by Job's friends to the glory which he once had, but now had lost. It served as a reminder of his former position of power and wealth, which had now become a pile of ashes.
- In Malachi 4:3, ashes is used to describe the utter and complete defeat of everything in this world that is of the Devil. The Lord will destroy the works of the Devil and will cause His people to triumph through Christ.

Reading Through The Bible in 2015

Here are the Daily Readings for the Month of March:

March 1 Numbers 14-15, Psalm 90	March 2 Numbers 16-17	March 3 Numbers 18-20	March 4 Numbers 21-22	March 5 Numbers 23-25	March 6 Numbers 26-27	March 7 Numbers 28-27
March 15 Deuteronomy 11-13	March 16 Deuteronomy 14-16	March 17 Deuteronomy 17-20	March 18 Deuteronomy 21-23	March 19 Deuteronomy 24-27	March 20 Deuteronomy 28-29	March 21 Deuteronomy 30-31
March 22 Deuteronomy 32-34, Psalm 91	March 23 Joshua 1-4	March 24 Joshua 5-8	March 25 Joshua 9-11	March 26 Joshua 12-15	March 27 Joshua 16-18	March 28 Joshua 19-21
March 29 Joshua 22-24	March 30 Judges 1-2	March 31 Judges 3-5				

Do you want to go to heaven?

Sunday school teacher: "How many of you children want to go to heaven?" Everyone raised a hand except on little boy. Teacher to the boy: "Johnny, don't you want to go to heaven?" Johnny: "I can't. Mother told me to come home right after Sunday school."



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The deadline for the next Dunes News is March 15th.

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March 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, March 1	A, B, C, D, E	Debby Bailey
Sunday, March 8	F, G, H, I, J	Laura Hannon
Sunday, March 15	K, L, M, N, O	Jill Wirth
Sunday, March 22	P, Q, R, S, T	Cheryl Engel
Sunday, March 29	U, V, W, X, Y, Z	TBD

Please call Sue Squire at 762-1428 to volunteer to be a host/hostess for later dates.

30 Pieces of Silver



Judas betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of silver, As Christians, we will redeem

Judas' money by giving 30 pieces of silver for a worthy mission cause. Please put your coins in a container and we will collect your "love coins" on Palm Sunday. Anyone interested can participate in this redemption program. Thank you for caring!!