



Ogden Dunes Community Church

# The Dunes News

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## The Pastor's Pen

### A GRATEFUL NATION

John Adams, writing to his daughter on July 5, 1777 from Philadelphia wrote:

*"My dear daughter: yesterday being the anniversary of American Independence, was celebrated here with a festivity and ceremony becoming the occasion...The thought of taking notice of this day was not conceived until the second of this month, and it was not mentioned until the third. It was too late to have a sermon. As everyone wished, so this must be deferred another year."*

In this writing of Adams, we observe two things: the significance of July 4th was conceived at a later date and everyone preferred a sermon than a celebration. We certainly have come a far way as a nation.

God loves a thankful nation. Unfortunately, a spirit of thanksgiving is a rare quality. Still the history of America is in reality the story of struggle and tears transformed into triumphs and victories. The closing words of The Declaration of Independence are: "With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we (the signers) mutually pledge...our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

This was not a mere high-sounding rhetoric. Out of the 56 men who signed the Declaration, 5 were captured and tortured by the British before they died. 12 had their homes sacked, looted and burned. 9 died in the war. These men considered liberty more important than personal security. They paid the price with tears, fears and death. But freedom was won and we are the recipients for their sacrifices.

However, though we are still the greatest nation in the world and the champion of democracy and freedom, with the recent wave of senseless shootings, we are still experiencing growing pains. The point is—WE HAVE NOT ARRIVED AS A NATION. I am certain that you have heard the old cliché: NO PAIN, NO GAIN! It's an old saying but it's all true! We simply cannot become the nation God wants us to become without heartaches and headaches. **But we can be thankful that we live in the greatest nation on earth inspite if its flaws, compromises and at times not acknowledging God in what we do and have.**

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Sewdin

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## A TRIBUTE TO KAREL KEARL

**Karel Kearl will be stepping down as President of Prime Timers in August** having served in that capacity for almost two years. This is the second time she has served as President having served for two years during 2002 – 2004. Originally from Utah, Karel has been an Ogden Dunes resident since 1988. After living in and completing a three year construction project in Portland Maine in her career as Project Administrative Manager for large industrial projects for an international construction company, she was assigned to a year-long project at the Gary US Steel plant.

During that year as she was staying in Indiana to work and commuting back home to Portland every other weekend, she had time to explore Northwest Indiana. It was then she “discovered” Ogden Dunes. She bought her first house here even though she nearing the end of the project. So she moved to Ogden Dunes from Maine. For the next ten years she continued to commute to work, now from Ogden Dunes to the various assignments she worked which included projects in Pennsylvania, Colorado, New York and Utah.

In 1997, she was able to stop working and finally get involved in the Ogden Dunes Community activities. She joined the Ogden Dunes Fire Department in 1999 earning her Firefighter certification in 2003, her Wildland Fire Certification (Red Card) in 2004 and her EMT Certification in 2008.

She joined the Lions in 2004 and subsequently served as Secretary, Third Vice President, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and then in 2010 as President, the first (and so far only) female President of the Ogden Dunes Lions Club.

Karel has grown to love Ogden Dunes and particularly the people in the Prime Timers group. She recognizes and appreciates the experience and wisdom demonstrated by them. She plans to continue involvement with the Prime Timers but feels it is time to hand over the responsibilities as President to someone else. **The Ogden Dunes Community Church thanks her for her services.**



### Church Picnic



It is official! Mark your calendar! The Deacons will be hosting the annual church picnic on Sunday, August 30th after the 10:00 a.m. service. Since this is a potluck picnic, we are requesting the following food items:

- A-I Desserts
- J-R Fruits and Vegetables
- S-Z Salads



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



## Reading Through The Bible in 2015

Here are the Daily Readings for the Months of July and August:

<b>July 1</b> Obadiah 1, Psalm 82- 83	<b>July 2</b> 2 Kings 1-4	<b>July 3</b> 2 Kings 5- 8	<b>July 4</b> 2 Kings 9- 11	<b>July 5</b> 2 Kings 12- 13, 2 Chronicles 24	<b>July 6</b> 2 Kings 14, 2 Chroni- cles 25	<b>July 7</b> Jonah 1-4
<b>July 8</b> 2 Kings 15, 2 Chroni- cles 26	<b>July 9</b> Isaiah 1-4	<b>July 10</b> Isaiah 5-8	<b>July 11</b> Amos 1-5	<b>July 12</b> Amos 6-9	<b>July 13</b> 2 Chroni- cles 27, Isaiah 9-12	<b>July 14</b> Micah 1-7
<b>July 15</b> 2 Chroni- cles 28, 2 Kings 16- 17	<b>July 16</b> Isaiah 13- 17	<b>July 17</b> Isaiah 18- 22	<b>July 18</b> Isaiah 23- 27	<b>July 19</b> 2 Kings 18:1-8, 2 Chronicles 29-31, Psalm 48	<b>July 20</b> Hosea 1-7	<b>July 21</b> Hosea 8-14
<b>July 22</b> Isaiah 28- 30	<b>July 23</b> Isaiah 31- 34	<b>July 24</b> Isaiah 35- 36	<b>July 25</b> Isaiah 37- 39, Psalm 76	<b>July 26</b> Isaiah 40- 43	<b>July 27</b> Isaiah 44- 48	<b>July 28</b> 2 Kings 18:9-19:37, Psalm 46, 80, 135
<b>July 29</b> Isaiah 49- 53	<b>July 30</b> Isaiah 54- 58	<b>July 31</b> Isaiah 59- 63	<b>Aug. 1</b> Isaiah 64- 66	<b>Aug. 2</b> 2 Kings 20- 21	<b>Aug. 3</b> 2 Chroni- cles 32-33	<b>Aug. 4</b> Nahum 1-3
<b>Aug. 5</b> 2 Kings 22 -23, 2 Chronicles 34-35	<b>Aug. 6</b> Zephaniah 1-3	<b>Aug. 7</b> Jeremiah 1-3	<b>Aug. 8</b> Jeremiah 4-6	<b>Aug. 9</b> Jeremiah 7-9	<b>Aug. 10</b> Jeremiah 10-13	<b>Aug. 11</b> Jeremiah 14-17
<b>Aug. 12</b> Jeremiah 18-22	<b>Aug. 13</b> Jeremiah 23-25	<b>Aug. 14</b> Jeremiah 26-29	<b>Aug. 15</b> Jeremiah 30-31	<b>Aug. 16</b> Jeremiah 32-34	<b>Aug. 17</b> Jeremiah 35-37	<b>Aug. 18</b> Jeremiah 38-40, Psalm 74, 79
<b>Aug. 19</b> 2 Kings 24- 25, 2 Chronicles 36	<b>Aug. 20</b> Habakkuk 1-3	<b>Aug. 21</b> Jeremiah 41-45	<b>Aug. 22</b> Jeremiah 46-48	<b>Aug. 23</b> Jeremiah 49-50	<b>Aug. 24</b> Jeremiah 51-52	<b>Aug. 25</b> Lamenta- tions 1:1- 3:36
<b>Aug. 26</b> Lamenta- tions 3:37- 5:22	<b>Aug. 27</b> Ezekiel 1-4	<b>Aug. 28</b> Ezekiel 5-8	<b>Aug. 29</b> Ezekiel 9- 12	<b>Aug. 30</b> Ezekiel 13- 15	<b>Aug. 31</b> Ezekiel 16- 17	

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

**Note:**

**Deacons Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m.**



**PRIMETIMERS NEWS**

Come join the Prime Timers on Tuesday, July 21st at 12:00 noon in the church fellowship room for their monthly catered lunch (for only \$8.00).

**The guest speaker will be Portage Mayor, James Snyder.** Given Ogden Dunes' close proximity to and interaction with Portage, particularly with the activity going on adjacent to us at the Portage Lakefront and River Walk and activity in the Ameriplex complex it will be a very informative and interesting program.

**Our program for the Tuesday, August 18 meeting will be presented by Duane and Lee Hibbs** who will tell us about their paddle boat cruises on both the upper and lower Mississippi.

The Prime Timers always meet on the third Tuesday of each month except January and February. Mark your calendars. Plan to attend and bring a friend. Guests are welcome! Age is irrelevant.

To make reservations or if you have questions call Karel Kears at 763-6493.