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Ogden Dunes Community
Church seeks to joyfully
lead people to the
transforming love of
Christ.

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The Dunes News

December 2019

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December Refreshment Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 1 K,L,M,N,O
Sunday, Dec. 8 P,Q,R,S,T
Sunday, Dec. 15 U,V,W,X,Y,Z
Sunday, Dec. 22 A,B,C,D,E
Sunday, Dec. 29 F,G,H,I,J

If your last name begins with the
letters of the day, please consider
bringing something to share for
about 8-10 people.



God's Love in Three Dimensions

The Breadth

"God so loved the world"

The Length

"that He gave His only
begotten Son"

The Height

"But shall have everlasting
life"

*"This is What Christmas
Is All About"*

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COME EXPERIENCE A

Journey to Bethlehem

Join a Free Walking Tour
Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Enjoy the story performed through drama, songs,
live animals, and a bustling marketplace.

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Indoor/outdoor experience | Wheelchair accessible
For more information, call 219.762.1184



Poinsettia Donations

Again this year, the Sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas Eve.

Poinsettias 6 ½" (red or marble) will be \$ 9.50 each

Poinsettias 7 ½" (red or marble) will be \$20.00 each

Please indicate size and color, include a check for the correct amount and leave in the church office. **The deadline for ordering is Thursday,**



Advent 2019 Ogden Dunes Community Church

December 24th, 9:00 p.m. — Candlelight Service

Office Closed: Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) and Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

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!**

Sandpiper Preschool Open House

Sandpiper registration opens for the 2020/2021 school year on Wednesday, January 1st at 5 p.m. to all Ogden Dunes church members, current families and alumni. Registration will take place online at www.sandpiperpreschool.org. Registration will open to the public on Sunday, February 2nd at 5 p.m. A \$50 non-refundable fee is due at the time of registration.

2 day class (3/4 year olds): Tuesday/Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

3 day class (4/5 year olds): Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

5 day class (4/5 year olds): Monday-Friday 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If you'd like to meet the teachers and learn more about our programs, please attend our Open House on February 1st from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. For additional



The Incarnation (Pastor's Pen)

The word "incarnation" means "invested with flesh or bodily nature or form." For an angel to become a worm, or a man to be invested with the form of an ant, or the brilliant sun to leave its orbit and be debased into a wandering atom cannot compare with the self debasing act of God in assuming human nature and form. God assumed flesh, took on a body, limited Himself by human nature, was revealed in humanity and bridged the gulf from infinitude to finitude. There is no analogy of this in Nature, History or Experience. This cannot be explained by categories of Logic. It is given to us by revelation.

The incarnation means that God whom we can never know by searching, made Himself known through Jesus Christ. It is this Christ Who can be incarnate in us (Galatians 4:19; John 17:21). He can change our character, disposition, volitions and nature. What He did historically in the incarnation (the first Christmas), He can do personally in us: He offers forgiveness and the gift of eternal life FREE OF CHARGE!!

The Christ Child is no longer in a state of humiliation but He is the Exalted One. This was accomplished through His resurrection, His ascension and His exaltation to God's right hand. There He assumed the position of sovereignty, influence and power. His Name (Jesus) is above every name and He receives worship from all categories of being. THE

PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Prime Timers will meet December 17 in the Ogden Dunes Community church fellowship hall at noon. Kathy Shoaf, an R.N. from Elite Cruises and Vacations Travel will explain multi-generational travel experiences, accessibility travel and bucket list adventures among other topics. Thought you couldn't travel anymore? Kathy will tell you differently. A luncheon will be served for \$9 payable at the door. Joyce Craig, a Prime Timer and vocalist, will lead the Christmas carol singing. Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us on that day. To insure your place at the table, call Jayne Mann at 219-218-3670.

