Ogden Dunes Community Church

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Ogden Dunes Community 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 Refreshment Schedule

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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**

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The Breadth "God so loved the world"

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"that He gave His only begotten Son"

The Height

"But shall have everlasting life"

> "This is What Christmas Is All About"



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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Poinsettia Donations

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

Poinsettias 6 ¹/₂" (red or marble) will be \$ 9.50 each

Poinsettias 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (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,





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

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

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

PRIMETIMERS NEWS ***

Reference to the second k 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.

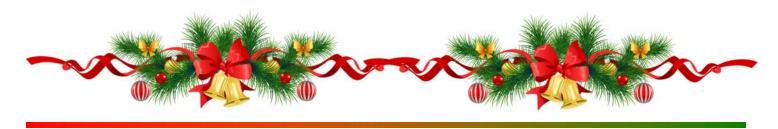
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HEAVEN'S CHRISTMAS PRESS RELEASE

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"
- "...news of great joy".....
- "...which shall be to all people".....
- "...there is born".....
- "...to you".....
- "...this day".....
- "...a Savior".....
- "...who is Christ".....
- "....<u>the Lord"</u>.....



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

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it is <u>Joyful</u> News!
it is <u>Global</u> news!
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it is <u>Saving</u> News!
it is <u>Messianic</u> News!
it is <u>Life-Changing</u> News!