



**Ogden Dunes Community Church**

# The Dunes News

February 2016

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## **Lenten Meditations For February**

**Theme: "No Additives – The Bare Facts!"**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY - February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Lenten Potluck Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

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

***"The Cold Kiss of a Calloused Heart"***  
***(Betrayal)***

### **SECOND WEDNESDAY IN LENT - February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Lenten Potluck Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

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

***"I Need Help Jesus Pleaded!"***  
***(Disappointment)***

### **THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT— February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Lenten Potluck Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

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

***"Jesus Laid Aside His Garment"***  
***(Condescension)***

### **FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT— March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Lenten Potluck Dinner at 6:15 p.m.

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

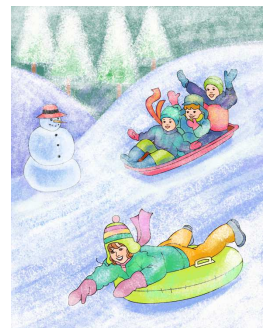
***"No Additives – The Blood Alone"***  
***(Blood of Christ)***

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### ***Special Points of Interest:***

- ◆ Youth Ski Trip
- ◆ Sandpiper Open House



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## ***Come And Be Part Of Our Sunday School Programs....***

### **Christian Education**

Every Sunday morning there are two Adult Classes on a Biblical Study and a Topical Study...

- The Topical Study is on "Covenant. This is taught by LeAnn McCrum and in her absence Chuck Smothermon. It begins at 8:45 a.m. and it is the Fellowship Hall.
- The Biblical Study is on the Book of Peter. The new teacher is Phil Shank. It begins at 9:00 a.m. and it is in the Parlor.

### **Recovery Class**

Pastor Sewdin has started a brand new "recovery class" for young adults. If you have an addiction (drugs, alcohol, shop-lifting, etc) and you need help, contact the church at 219-872-4052 and set up an appointment to talk to the pastor concerning your interest. At this time, the Recovery Class is on Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.



### ***The Pastor's Pen...( "I Have Been Thinking..." )***

It is so true that our younger generation does not like the old traditional way of worship. As a result, many have drifted away from the faith. And it is no secret that there is an expanding gulf between traditional Christian teachings and contemporary moral values. As a result, three types of Christians have emerged:

**First**, there are the **CAFETERIA-STYLE CHRISITANS**. This group of Christians chooses what pleases them and makes them feel comfortable. Sin, Hell, Repentance and facing a Holy God one day is minimized and is irrelevant.

**Second**, there are the **COUCH-POTATO CHRISTIANS**. This group is silent on the absolutes of God and His Word. Neutrality is the order of the day. They have a very pragmatic view of life. They don't "rock-the-boat" so to speak. Their views are relative.

**Third**, there are the **CONVICTIONAL CHRISTIANS**. While they talk about God's Love and Grace, at the same time, they confront the compromising culture with the Bible as the Rule for Faith and Practice.

## Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday begins on February 10th. It ushers in the Lenten season. Lent is a season of repentance. But for many of us, "Repentance" is an offensive word. It sounds so remorseful.

In reality, it isn't remorseful at all. The root word for "repentance" is the Greek word *metanoia*, from which our word "metamorphosis" comes. The great image of this is the butterfly emerging from its cocoon; the caterpillar being transformed into new life.

No one is remorseful about that! Nor should we be with repentance, which involves leaving the past and emerging into new life.

## HAPPY VALENTINE

For God so lo**V**ed the world  
that He g**A**ve His  
on**L**y  
begott**E**n  
So**N**  
**T**hat whosoever  
belle**V**es in Him  
will **N**ot perish  
but have **E**verlasting life

Sunday, February 14

## Youth Ski Trip

**Depart on Friday, February 26 @ 5:00 P.M.** – Ogden Dunes Community Church Parking Lot

Dinner on the road, arrive Center Lake Bible Camp at 10:00 P.M. EST, Night sledding and activities.

**Saturday, February 27:** Skiing @ Caberfae Peaks and other activities

**Sunday, February 28:** Worship Service at 8:00 A.M., Skiing and other activities.

Back at Ogden Dunes Community Church parking lot by **6:00 P.M.**

Cost: **\$155 / Person** (payment due before departure)

Includes: Transportation, lodging, meals (Friday dinner on the road, Saturday & Sunday breakfast and Saturday dinner @ camp), Saturday & Sunday skiing, rental & lunch (\*This is a package price that includes equipment rental whether you are renting equipment or not).

Essentials: Permission slip signed by a parent [http://www.ogdenduneschurch.org/forms/Youth\\_Permission\\_Form.pdf](http://www.ogdenduneschurch.org/forms/Youth_Permission_Form.pdf)

Winter gear including sleeping bag and pillow

Reserve your spot by e-mailing or calling Mark Lecy  
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**The deadline for the next Dunes News is Feb. 15th.**

**February Refreshments**



After the 10:00 a.m. 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.

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| Sunday, Feb. 7  | F,G,H,I,J   |
| Sunday, Feb. 14 | K,L,M,N,O   |
| Sunday, Feb. 21 | P,Q,R,S,T   |
| Sunday, Feb. 28 | U,V,W,X,Y,Z |

Hostess

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|----------------|
| Karen Compton  |
| Julia Hoham    |
| Margo Hartmann |
| Laura Hannon   |

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

**Sandpiper Open House**



Join Sandpiper Preschool for their open house for the 2016/2017 school year on Wednesday, February 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 20

from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Space is available for the 2 day class (must be 3 years old by August 1) and the 3 day class (must be 4 years old by August 1). Applications for current, alumni families and church members will be accepted beginning February 16 and to the general public beginning March 1. For more information call Peggy Lawrence at 219-775-4100 or go to Sandpiperpreschool.com