

Ogden Dunes Community Church

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OPPORTUNITY: We are seeking a permanent Pastor to lead us in **A NEW SEASON OF MINISTRY**

…a Pastor led by the Spirit with a vision to carry out Christ’s call to reform His church and lead us to effectively act upon His Great Commission to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”

OUR VISION

- Goals and Opportunities -

Abstract: Our church recently joined ECO after disaffiliating with the PCUSA. This move created a split within the congregation. Those who chose to move forward with ECO have done so with a commitment to trust in GOD’s Word and in JESUS CHRIST as the way, the truth, and the life. We may be a small church, but with the power of prayer and the HOLY SPIRIT we look to be mighty.

Broaden Ministry Outreach: We are blessed to be rooted in a beautiful, small duneland community on Lake Michigan. However, the outreach and growth we desire must extend beyond our town limits. We are striving to learn and capitalize on more ways to interact with, impact, and draw as members those who live outside the Ogden Dunes community as well as those living within it. As the classical hymn so rightly expresses, “people need the Lord!” It is our job to be a light in helping the people realize that.

Engage and Attract Families: Integral to any church fulfilling ‘The Great Commission’ is the ability to engage, support, and offer spiritual leadership to family units. One of our foremost goals is to increase the number of families and children who are members/attendees of our church.

Launch New Programs: Our church currently has a number of strong programs focused upon music, adult Bible study, and organized prayer. In the future we strive to broaden our musical ministry by reinstating youth choir(s), and we look forward to training up more leaders to expand our menu of studies to include small groups, including those composed of men, women, youth, multi-generational gatherings, and all other assemblies that will serve our congregants' needs. We are also forward-looking to commission additional programs including Christian worldview and apologetics training, youth group and bible study, and philanthropy/service club.

Challenge the Culture: The walls have been closing in on Christians in America for quite some time. The assault on Christian beliefs started in Academia and have made their way into the sociopolitical realm, legislatures, and the judicial system. If individual churches do not stand firm for and on God's Word, Christianity in our culture will be swallowed up by the acolytes of post-modernism, secular humanism, nihilism, and so on. Ogden Dunes aims to be a beacon and guiding light for believers who are struggling to understand what it means to be "in the world but not of the world" and how to "contend earnestly" for their faith in God against the tide of the current culture.

"You are free in our time to say that God does not exist; you are free to say that He exists and is evil; you are free to say like Renan that He would like to exist if He could. You may talk of God as a metaphor or a mystification; you may water Him down with gallons of long words, or boil Him to the rags of metaphysics; and it is not merely that nobody punishes, but nobody protests. But if you speak of God as a fact, as a thing like a tiger, as a reason for changing one's conduct, then the modern world will stop you somehow if it can. We are long past talking about whether an unbeliever should be punished for being irreverent. It is now thought irreverent to be a believer." G.K. Chesterton

Optimize Facilities and Assets: We are blessed with a beautiful church, amazing geographic location, and adequate financial resources. As stewards of God's gifts, we strive to maintain and improve our church assets and use them to bring Glory to God. Current initiatives have been to renovate the sanctuary, install a new audio video system, revamp the church's Memorial Garden, improve the church's exterior, and upgrade the church kitchen. Maintaining and improving our church and grounds allows us an active way to show our appreciation for God's grace and lets us facilitate outreach activities to share the love of Christ with the community.

Offer Christian Hospitality: We seek to be a church that welcomes every person who walks through our doors looking to serve them with the love of CHRIST being His hands and feet. We want everyone to feel welcome in GOD's house. Our fellowship time after service has always been wonderful opportunity to listen to one another over snacks and drinks. We intentionally welcome newcomers to join in and enjoy refreshments and get to know one another. We look forward for events such as pot luck dinners, picnics, and lunchtime chats offering opportunities to break bread together and establish closer relationships with members and newcomers alike.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:2

- Our Mission and Values -

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

Pursuit: We are a church that commits ourselves to the truth of God's word and its centrality to our lives as we reflect the love of Jesus Christ to all.

Passion: We are a church that desires an intimate relationship with God that can be shared with others to help bring healing and restoration to broken hearts.

Prayer: We are a church that prays! We believe in its power through God's Holy Spirit to transform lives, communities, nations, and the world to his glory.

Personable: We are a church that enjoys God and his people! We desire to build a church where you are known, cared for, and encouraged to grow in your faith, and in the fellowship of God's people.

Purpose: We are a church that believes God has a plan and purpose for our lives. Our worship services and ministries are intentional in their outreach to encourage and equip you to live your best life and equip others to find theirs by sound biblical teaching, discipleship, and fellowship.

- What We Believe -

SOLA SCRIPTURA - The Bible is the sole divine written revelation

SOLA FIDE - Justification is by Faith alone

SOLA CHRISTUS - JESUS CHRIST is sole mediator through whose work we are redeemed

SOLA GRATIA - Our salvation is based on GOD's Grace alone

SOLA DEO GLORIA - All glory belongs to GOD alone

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

II Corinthians 10:5

- Our Church: Part of a Rich Tradition -

The first organizing meeting of what was to become the congregation of the Ogden Dunes Community Church, met in November 1951. The group became a mission group of the First United Presbyterian Church of Gary. On February 22, 1953, a Sunday School was established, and a student from McCormick Seminary was hired as temporary supply. The first service of worship was held in the Ogden Dunes Fire Station on Sunday, April 12, 1953. The following July, Logansport Presbytery approved the church's petition and the Ogden Dunes Community Church, Presbyterian was established. The service to celebrate the official organization of the church was held Sunday evening on October 11, 1953 in the Ogden Dunes Fire Station.

The cornerstone for the current church building was set in place in 1958. The original church building consisted of the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classrooms and Kitchen. In the early 1970's, a Capital Stewardship Program raised the funds to add office space, the pastor's office, and a South Hall. In 1996, the "Growing Our Faith Capital Stewardship Program" raised funds to add the Youth Education Center, the Upper Room, and expand the Fellowship Hall.



Ogden Dunes Community Church, 2014

In 2019 and 2020 renovations to the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary were completed and were dedicated to service on June 6, 2021.

- Worship: "Come and See" -

Ogden Dunes Community Church uniquely offers the structure of liturgy, strength of God's Word, and joy of praising God in song through a 10:00AM contemporary liturgical service and an 8:30AM service in the garden during the summer months. We thank God for our newly renovated sanctuary and upgraded audio/video system that accommodates our frequent Adult Choir, Handbell/Chime Choir, and special music offerings.

***"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord!"
Psalm 134:2***



Ogden Dunes Community Church, 2021

- Our Leadership and Staff -

Elders. Currently six elders are on our Session. The affairs and activities of the church are directed by the Session.

Elders hold the following committee chair positions:

Claudia Kleyweg – Clerk of Session, Personnel

Phil Shank – Christian Education

Jeri Kris – Worship

Judy Spornick – Hospitality

John McCrum - Missions

Deacons

Kathy Thomas

Sue Anderson

Church Staff.

Pastor: Interim Rev. Michaile Broadnax

Office: Brenda Sprengel, Barb Fortner

Nursery Attendant: Hannah Teague

- The Ministries We Support -

God has blessed us greatly and so we choose to give to those in need. Below is a number of ministries that we love and choose to support:

- Evangelical Free Church of America
- CRU Inner City Ministries
- Family and Youth Services Bureau
- First Contact
- Focus on the Family
- Food Bank of Northwest Indiana
- Frontline Foundations, Inc.
- Here's Life Inner City
- Gabriel's Horn Homeless Shelter
- Gideon's International
- Jacob's Ladder Pediatric Rehab Center
- Kids Alive International
- Kids By the Hand
- International Fellowship of Christians and Jews
- Life Outreach International
- Malawi Matters
- National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
- New Creation Men's Center
- Ogden Dunes Fire Department
- Portage Resale Shop
- Portage Township Food Pantry
- Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship
- Shed Light Ministries
- Sojourner Truth House
- St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
- Summit Ministries
- The Caring Place

- Expectations of Pastor and Application Guidelines -

Preach the Word: *“Do your best to present yourself to GOD as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth.**”* 2 Timothy 2: 15

*“I charge you in the presence of CHRIST JESUS, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: **preach the Word**; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.* 2 Timothy 4:1,2

The pastor should be able to accurately interpret the text of Scripture in its immediate and broader biblical context, derive a main point and sub-points of the sermon from the text, and develop the sermon’s application from the text which can then be brought to bear on the congregation.

Lead Worship and Administer the Sacraments according to CHRIST’s Ordinances.

Shepherd: Guide and minister the flock through compassionate pastoral care and counseling.

Moderate Session and Congregational Meetings: Collaborate with Session to maintain and develop programs which further the mission and vision of the church.

Administrator: Take the lead in developing and empowering staff, elders, deacons and members of the congregation, teaching, training and delegating responsibilities as necessary. Discerning and working to use the spiritual gifts of the members to benefit the kingdom.

Evangelism: Pastor should have a heart for the lost seeking to have an active role in community outreach through evangelism and missions.

Youth Development: Pastor must be actively engaged in the development and leading of the church youth and equally engaged in providing vision and leadership in developing youth programs.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master of Divinity, or equivalent, from an accredited seminary.
- Conformity to Christian Reformed Theology and the ECO Essential Tenants and Confessional Standards
- Ordained by ECO, or another Reformed denomination eligible for ECO ordination.
- Three years of experience as pastor or associate pastor.

Compensation

Ogden Dunes Community is able to provide a competitive salary, commensurate with experience, as well as benefits including: study leave, paid vacation, continuing education, retirement matching, and church manse in Ogden Dunes, IN.

How to apply:

Submit the following to: office@ogdenduneschurch.org

1. Statement of Faith
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Three recorded sermons