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Building Cleanup



If you have materials or a project-in-progress, or know of someone who does, please label the materials or take them home. The south side of the building is slated for cleanup. The Memorial Garden Team will be doing said cleanup on Monday September 27th. The team will use their discretion in this cleanup before that next garbage day. Any questions may be directed to the Memorial Garden Treasurer, Sue Anderson.

Watchmen on the Walls

Beginning September 1, we will be opening Wednesday evening prayer from 6:00-6:30 p.m. for personal prayer time. If you need prayer, or have specific prayer requests, we will pray for these needs. We will continue from 6:30-7:00 p.m. for corporate prayer. You don't have to be eloquent, just hungry to get in the presence of God as we praise and pray together to seek him that his will is done in our church, region, nation, and world!



The Pastor's Pen

Dear Ogden Dunes Community Church,

The month of September is usually associated with things starting up again, school especially, though of recent years, it is usually August by which the "back to school" hustle and bustle begins as we prepare for another year of learning and instruction.

At ODCC this year, we are designating Sunday, September 12th, as "Rally Sunday" by which we look to acknowledge the resumption of our ministries and the opportunities to serve at our church after our annual summer vacation. Please look to this newsletter to see specific ministries and times.

For now, I want to invite you on Rally Sunday to invite any, and all grandparents to come and celebrate with us as our musical director, Libby Larson, and our children will sing during our Sunday morning worship service. This is to acknowledge and love on our grandparents as we celebrate "Grandparent's Day" which also falls on 9/12. We have prepared a special gift for each grandparent, so please plan on coming to hear our children sing and join in the special love and appreciation we want to express for all the grandparents in our lives.

Also, in anticipation of "Rally Sunday" the new Fall bible study, *Prayer That Transforms* will have begun September 8th and will run through October 13th. This six-week study will focus on biblical examples as to how God uses people and prayer to transform lives, cities, and further complete God's mission in the world. Prayer is powerful and when we are obedient to gather and pray, God uses our prayers to change hearts, defeat evil, effect the calling of God upon our children, energize his church, and many other things.

This is a study I have written as I want to offer us an opportunity to *grow* in our understanding of prayer and as a result, *go deeper* in the effectiveness of the prayer ministry of our church.

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Prayer is one of the *most vital, but underutilized ministries in the church*. I have seen where churches will prioritize everything but prayer and miss the how being connected to the “vine” of Jesus Christ through prayer, will be the fuel through which the “impossible” becomes the “possible” as we “ask, seek, and knock” upon the doors of heaven for our church, region, and world (Luke 11: 9; John 15: 5). As Christ assures us, when we ask, we will receive, and when we seek, we will find, and when we knock, the door will be opened unto us (Luke 11: 10). With a promise like that, how can we not pray?!

Therefore, I greatly encourage us to attend on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm to learn more about what the bible reveals about prayer, and then to pray! Also, we are working on providing childcare on Wednesday evenings, so stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Also, beginning September 26th, a “Meet and Greet” with Pastor Michaile will be offered in the church lounge immediately after the Sunday service. This will be a time to greet new attenders and meet with them to offer a short presentation about our church and denomination.

We desire for all who are interested in our church to feel welcomed, learn more about ODCC and ECO, answer any questions that may be asked, and all around let you know how glad we are to have you with us. I anticipate this being an offering on the last Sunday of every month, or as is needed as we welcome those who join us. Please see the bulletin for upcoming times and more information.

Our Lord’s grace and peace to us all.

Pastor Michaile

PRAYER STUDY



Beginning September 8th and running through October 13th, our Fall bible study, ***Prayer That Transforms*** will be held Wednesdays, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fish Room and taught by Pastor Michaile.

We will be looking at six biblical examples of prayer and God’s purposes for how in being faithful to pray, he uses our prayers to transform people, the church, our cities, and the nations to bring about his mission in the world. Come and be prepared for an exciting study to learn more about prayer and help our church to be even more effective in understanding its call to seek God, pray, and watch what God will do!

“LUNCH TIME CHAT”

The next “Lunch Time Chat” for important church updates will be September 19th following the church service. Refreshments will be provided.



PRESBYTERY NEWS

POTH Fall 2021 meeting

Saturday, September 11th (exact time TBD)
Hosted by LaPrairie United Presbyterian Church
701 County Road 400 E
Sparland, IL 61565

2022 ECO National Gathering & Synod Meeting (NG2022)

Monday - Thursday, January 31st - February 3rd
Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas Texas
information can be found on/after August 1st at <https://econationalgathering.org/>
There will be time for a POTH meeting during the week, details TBD

POTH Spring 2022 meeting

Saturday, May 14th (time TBD)
Hosted by Household Of Faith Christian Church
12152 Pear Tree Way
Plainfield, IL 60585

COME AND SING

Psalm 100 says:

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come into His presence with singing!”

*You are invited to join us in making a joyful noise and giving thanks
to God through song!*

Rehearsals for Sanctuary Choir will begin on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:30PM.

Please plan to come early for fellowship and snacks!

Beginning September 2nd - Chancel Ringers: Thursdays - 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Come join the Music Ministry at Ogden Dunes Church