

OGDEN DUNES COMMUNITY CHURCH

PROFILE

<https://ogdenduneschurch.org>



OUR CHURCH

Ogden Dunes Community Church (ODCC) seeks to joyfully lead people to the transforming love of Jesus Christ.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We are a small congregation sharing vibrant worship services and doing the Lord's work in and beyond the Ogden Dunes community.



OUR LOCATION

ODCC is located in the beautiful Indiana Dunes community of Ogden Dunes, along the south shore of Lake Michigan.

OUR CHURCH: PART OF A RICH TRADITION

Our church was founded in 1953 by several Ogden Dunes residents who, as part of a Presbyterian church plant, sought to establish a community church for Ogden Dunes and the outlying area. The cornerstone for the church building was laid in 1958 and, between 2019 and 2020, renovations were made to the church sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Concerns over the direction being taken by the PCUSA led our congregation to disaffiliate from that denomination in 2020 and join ECO. The decision to leave—made after a prayerful yet challenging process—was prompted by a difference in viewpoints about the centrality of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures. Since then, interim pastors have guided our worship and church activities, supported by staff and laity.

OUR LOCATION



Situated next to the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Ogden Dunes is a beautiful, beachfront community of nearly 1,200 residents, built along the south shore of Lake Michigan. It is within an hour's drive of downtown Chicago, which can also be reached by passenger rail-- the South Shore train station being a short walk from the church's parking lot. Nearby schools of higher education include Purdue University-Northwest, Indiana University-Northwest, Valparaiso University, Ivy Tech, and other institutions such as the University of Chicago, University of Illinois-Circle Campus, the University of Notre Dame, and Loyola University. Ogden Dunes is also conveniently located for air travel: within an hour's drive to Chicago Midway or South Bend International Airport, and just over an hour to O'Hare.

OUR FACILITIES



Nestled within woods near the entrance to the town, ODCC features a beautifully renovated, well-lit sanctuary to inspire our worship. We have a lovely pipe organ (and talented organist!) and tech/media resources, as well as comfortable areas for fellowship, a kitchen, a small parlor for meetings and Bible study, office space and other areas for small groups and children's ministries. A picturesque memorial garden is maintained just to the west of the building.

Our church also owns a four-bedroom manse, which has recently been renovated. It is located in the Town of Ogdun Dunes, with a wooded view just over the property line, and it is minutes from the church. We believe this house can become a great home for our pastoral family.





OUR PEOPLE

Our congregation is largely over 55 years of age, with a sprinkling of younger families with children. One of our greatest strengths is a dedicated, gifted core of lay volunteers. Another great strength is our people's eagerness for the next chapter. They are leaning into the future and ready to welcome and work with a loving, biblically grounded pastor.

OUR MISSION/OUR VALUES



Ogden Dunes Community Church seeks to joyfully lead people to the transforming love of Jesus Christ. We further this mission by acting on the following values:

Pursuit: We are a church committed to the truth of God's Word and to its centrality to our lives.

Passion: We are a church that desires an intimate relationship with God and to share with the world the redeeming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Personal Connection: 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 designed to encourage and equip us to live out our faith and help others to find theirs through sound biblical teaching, discipleship, and fellowship.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

- *Sola Scriptura*: The Bible is the sole divine source for Christian faith and practice.
- *Sola Christus*: Jesus Christ is the sole mediator through whose work we are redeemed.
- *Sola Fide*: Justification is achieved by faith alone.
- *Sola Gratia*: Our salvation is based on God's Grace alone.
- *Sola Deo Gloria*: All glory belongs to God alone.

OUR LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

Our Session: Jeri Kris, Clerk of Session; Phil Shank; Jim Wheeler; Debby Bailey; John McCrum; Jayne Mann; Judy Spornick; David Larson

Our Staff: Libby Larson, Minister of Music; Kathy Shank, Deacon; Brenda Sprengel, Office Manager; Barbara Fortner, Office Assistant; Dave Pratt, Audiovisual Technician

Our Trustees: Tom Cornwell, Paul Rake

Our Interim Pastor: Mark Fenstermacher



THE MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT

God has blessed us greatly and so we choose to give to those in need. Here are a number of ministries whose good works we endorse and choose to support:

CRU Inner City Ministries	Portage Recovery Association
Samaritan's Purse	Every Child Ministry
St. Jude's Children's Research	Kairos Outside
Summit Ministries	Kids by the Hand
Jacob's Ladder	Salvation Army of Porter County
American Bible Society	The Indiana Dunes Great Banquet
The Gideons International	Portage Township Food Pantry
Salvation Army of Porter County	The Caring Place

PASTORAL EXPECTATIONS

Preach the Word: “[B]e prepared in season and out of season [to] correct, rebuke, and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” 2 Tim. 4:2-3. The pastor should be able to accurately interpret the text of Scripture in its immediate and broader biblical context and develop the sermon’s application based thereon.

Administer the Sacraments: Lead worship and administer the sacraments according to Christ’s ordinances.

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

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

Be an Effective Administrator: Take the lead in developing and empowering staff, elders, and lay leaders in clerical, governing, and teaching roles as may be necessary.

Encourage Discipleship and Evangelism: Promote Christian outreach within and beyond Ogden Dunes by seeking effective ways to interact with and attract new members to our church.

QUALIFICATIONS (Job Posting Follows)

Ideally, the successful applicant should meet the following requirements:

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

COMPENSATION

Ogden Dunes Community Church 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 for residence in Ogden Dunes, Indiana.

To Apply: Please submit (1) your Statement of Faith; (2) Curriculum Vitae; (3) three videorecorded sermons (delivered from the pulpit; and (4) three professional references to: pncogdendunes@gmail.com.

CONTACT US

You may contact us at pncogdendunes@gmail.com or call ODCC at (219) 762-1184. For additional information, visit our website at <https://ogdenduneschurch.org>.



PASTORAL JOB DESCRIPTION

General Description of the Role of Lead Pastor:

Ogden Dunes Community Church is looking for a lead pastor:

- With a heart for God who is rooted in the Scriptures
- Has a passion for and personal practice of making disciples of Christ
- Whose doctrinal views are consistent with those of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO)
- Devoted to the service of Christ and His church, preaching, and teaching the Word of God
- To administer the sacraments and who is dedicated to pastoral ministry.

The lead pastor will preach at most worship services, be integrally involved in the design of worship, enable the church to embrace God's Word and glorify His Name, work closely with the Session, and partner with lay leadership to empower church ministries. The Lead Pastor shall lead the church to fulfill its mission statement:

Vision and Mission Statement:

Who are we? (Vision)

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

Summary: To Love God: To revere and glorify Almighty God, growing spiritually and being transformed by His love; and *To Love Others:* To share the gospel message and serve others in Jesus' Name.

What do we do? (Mission)

ODCC strives to make disciples and nurture Christ-like followers of Jesus, bringing His light to them for the glory of God.

How do we do it?

Inspire and mobilize leadership and ministries to live out our mission and vision.

What is at the heart of what we want from our Lead Pastor?

1. Personal Discipleship: We are seeking a pastor whose love of Jesus Christ is genuine and deep, and whose ministry is fueled by an authentic faith.
2. Preach the Word: Shepherd the congregation through Scripture-based Sunday messages, which reflect an in-depth understanding of God's Word and textual preaching.
3. Plan and lead Worship: Extend and grow our Christ-centered worship life by working collegially with our worship planning team to create vibrant worship experiences.
4. Shepherd our Church Family: Guide and minister the flock through compassionate pastoral care and counseling.
5. Partner with laity for development of Sunday morning Bible studies to instill a solid understanding of God's Word.
6. Develop ministries with area children/youth and work with Session and laity leadership to build on existing programs.
7. Engage with the outlying community through acts of Christ-inspired service, interacting with the unchurched, and along with the Session and congregation, developing mission outreach beyond Ogden Dunes.
8. Recruit, equip, and build up the church's lay ministry teams (Eph. 4:12) through ongoing pastoral support and the development of team building and leadership initiatives.
9. Moderate Session and Congregational Meetings. Collaborate with Session to maintain and develop programs that further the mission and vision of the church.

What do we want for our Lead Pastor?

We want to provide a welcoming and comfortable environment so that our pastor can minister to us joyfully and effectively:

1. Work with the pastor to integrate into our community through residence in the church manse (in Ogden Dunes) and becoming acquainted with our church family within and without Ogden Dunes.
2. Guard appropriate blocks of time weekly, quarterly, and annually to prepare for effective, in-depth preaching/teaching.
3. Guard and respect meaningful family time with your spouse and family.
4. Encourage and promote vision, zeal, and gifts that the pastor brings to us.

Desired Skills:

- Effective textual Biblical preaching and teaching
- Personal, relational disciple-making
- Interpersonal and relational skills
- Collaboration and team building
- Availability and willingness to provide pastoral care outside church.
- Effective administrative skills in managing church activities and supervising staff.
- Ability to build partnerships in mission, ministry, and community.
- Timely response to communications and issues

Accountability:

The pastor, called primarily to the Word and sacrament will be the senior member of the church staff and moderator of the Session, accountable to ODCC and ECO Harvest Presbytery. The role and responsibilities of the pastor may be further refined from time to time as indicated by the needs of the church and by mutual agreement of the pastor and Session, so long as such agreement does not conflict with the provisions of the ECO Confessional Standards or the provisions of the terms of call.

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in a ministry-related area
- Conformity to Christian Reformed Theology and the Essential Tenets of ECO and Confessional Standards
- Ordained by Reformed denomination and eligible for ECO ordination.
- Three years of experience as Pastor or Associate Pastor

Compensation:

ODCC is prepared to offer a competitive salary, commensurate with experience, as well as benefits including study leave, paid vacation, continuing education, retirement matching, and residence at the church manse (description follows) in Ogden Dunes, Indiana.

How to Apply:

Submit your curriculum vitae and cover letter to [email address] along with:

- Statement of Faith
- Three video-recorded sermons delivered from the pulpit.
- Three professional references relating to pastoral work.



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SHORT WALK TO
LAKE MICHIGAN TOWN
BEACHES

HOME FEATURES

2226 SQUARE FEET
4 BEDROOMS
2.5 BATHROOMS
FULL UNFINISHED BASEMENT
LARGE MULTI-TIER DECK
HERB GARDEN
OVERLOOKS WOODS
ADJACENT TO WALKING TRAIL