



# OVERTURE

The Pretty Much  
Fortnightly Newsletter of

## Old Orchard Church

February 17, 2008

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## Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard & what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms.

### *Sundays @ Old Orchard Church*

9:00 a.m. Fall Sunday School for adults and children  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
6-8 p.m. Teen Fellowship. (See Mark Tucker for more information.)

### *Children's Ministries*

**NURSERY** is offered for infants & children through Kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building's basement.

**Infant nursery** for babies, crawlers, and very early walkers.

**Toddler nursery** for children who are walking up to three years of age. Children who turn three from January-August are invited to attend preschool worship starting September 1. Children who turn three from September-December are invited to attend preschool worship starting January 1.

**Preschool worship** for age 3 through Kindergarten. Three-year-olds (see above) and four-year-olds are welcome during the whole service. Five-year-olds remain upstairs in the worship service until dismissed at 10:50.

**Children's Worship.** For children grades 1-5 and meets across the street at Milligan House from 10:50 until just before communion. Please listen for dismissal from the worship leader. Does not meet the fifth Sunday of the month.

## Calendar Notes

- ❖ Next **Lunch at Milligan House** after worship on Sunday, February 24.
- ❖ **Adult Choir.** Thursdays, 7:15 p.m.
- ❖ **Community Groups** meet February 20 & 27.
- ❖ **English Conversations' Class.** Fridays, 4:30 p.m. at Milligan House.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study.** 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House on March 1.
- ❖ **Cono Choir** will perform at Old Orchard Church on March 1 at 6 p.m.
- ❖ Next *Overture* is out March 1 (Editor to be announced.).
- ❖ Next **House Church:** Wednesday, March 5, 6 p.m. potluck supper, 7 p.m. meeting.
- ❖ **Good Friday: March 21**
  - 5:45 p.m.: Meals in homes. A Children's Meal will be here at Milligan House for ages 11 and younger.
  - 7:30 p.m.: Joint worship service at Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church (Ron Lutjens preaching)

# KHPYΓΜΑΤΑ ΤΗ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΙ (Announcements for the Church)

## **OOO Women's Forum Invitation**

Hello ladies of Old Orchard Church! As you are probably aware, we recently held a meeting for all the women at Old Orchard Church to discuss ministry needs and opportunities for women at OOC. One of the suggestions that came up was having a blog for the women of Old Orchard Church to be able to access as a way of better communicating and connecting with one another. I volunteered to get it organized, and as I looked into it I realized that a message board was probably going to be a more effective tool, as opposed to a blog which works more like a diary, with older messages getting pushed out of the way by newer messages.

So, I have put together a message board for all of us to take part in! All you need to do is register and you can start posting and reading messages!

Just a few suggested rules (I am by no means trying to be "in charge"). First, I thought it would be good for only Old Orchard women to take part - so that we can feel comfortable and free to speak without worrying about strangers reading what we have to say. Secondly, I thought we would keep it to adults only, for similar reasons. Lastly, I suggest you use your real name (just first name and last initial if you are worried about privacy) so that we can recognize who is talking!

Ok—without further ado, here is the link to the boards: (See printed Overture or e-mail the church office.). Register and start posting!

Let me know if there are any suggestions, comments or concerns you have. I plan on maintaining these boards, so you can come to me with any problems. If there are enough people who need help and would like an overview of how to use the boards, just let me know and we can set something up.

--Amy Butz

## **OOO in NYC**

**2008 New York Mission Trip Info Meeting w/ pancakes.**

**Saturday, February 23, 2008. 9:00 am in the Narthex at Memorial Presbyterian Church**

Come learn about this summer's mission trip to New York City and enjoy a stack of golden griddled goodness! We will have pancakes with syrup, as well as some milk, juice, and coffee to help take the edge off of a Saturday morning meeting. If you missed the meeting on Feb. 3rd, this your second chance to learn about the trip. If you are interested in to New York, you **MUST** attend one of the meetings (a parent must accompany teen to meeting). Mission Trip Applications are due by March 2nd. Contact Mark Tucker for details.

## **Development Coordinator**

Sunshine Ministries, a non-denominational Christian urban outreach center, is seeking a Development Coordinator. This is a unique opportunity for a mature, committed Christian who wants to serve in full-time ministry and whose strengths are primarily administrative in nature.

Responsibilities of this position include: donation processing, data analysis, supervision of part-time and temporary staff, donor relations, copy editing and report preparation. Suitable candidates should have at least a Bachelor's Degree and must be trustworthy, self-motivated, detail-oriented, excellent with numbers and extremely computer savvy. Previous leadership or management experience in either ministry or business is preferred.

This is a full-time salaried position with potential for advancement. Salary offered will be commensurate with skills and experience.

Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Carol Clarkson, Associate Director, by email: [ccclarkson@sunshineministries.org](mailto:ccclarkson@sunshineministries.org), fax: (314) 231-5177, or mail: P.O. Box 66880, St. Louis, MO 63166-6880.

## **Teen Fellowship Schedule**

Sunday, February 17, Teen Leadership Team meets at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. "Loving People" at Creve Coeur Manor.

Sunday, February 24, 6-8 p.m. Hot Topix. Nature Talk with Amy Butz.

### **Congratulations to Two New South City Church First-Time Parents!**

- John & Catha Rieger, formerly of Old Orchard Church, would like to announce the arrival of Sydney Jane Rieger into this world, at 11:50 am, on February 13, at 7 lbs, 15 oz, 20 1/2 inches long. Everything went well; thanks for all your prayers!
- Born to Eric & Jaime Gregory, formerly of Old Orchard Church, Lily Hope Gregory, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 p.m., 5 lb. 7 oz.

### **Nominations to Offices of Elder, Deacon & Deaconess**

Nominations are being accepted through the month of February for the three offices. See handout for instructions and/or see any elder for questions.

### **Expenditure Verification Forms**

For those of you seeking reimbursement for church expenses, we have moved the Expenditure Verification Forms (EVF) from the counter top to a set of pockets on the wall in the room where the copy machine is. We hope that they are now easier to find!

### **Lunch at Milligan House**

Sign up for our next Lunch at Milligan House to be next week, February 24 after worship. Betsy Tevebaugh and Chris Carter are hosting.

#### **Adult Choir**

Meets Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.  
See Greg Roig for questions.

#### **Next Men's Bible Study**

Saturday, March 1  
Milligan House at 7:15 a.m.  
See Hal Pendergrass or Ben Kraft for questions.

### **WRHM Trivia Night**

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (WRHM) is holding its annual fundraiser, "TRIVIA NIGHT", on Friday, March 14th at 6:30 pm at the Richmond Heights Recreation Center. This event is the only special fund-raising event of the year for WRHM and last year brought in more than \$5000 for the Ministries. It is a fun event to test your trivia skill and enjoy an evening dining on your favorite picnic dinner and beverages.

A **table of eight has been donated** in Old Orchard Church's name so there is no cost to you to attend. If you are interested see Phil Patterson or call him at 314.719.6570.

### **Nursery Volunteers Wanted for Easter Sunday Morning, March 23**

We suspend our usual nursery schedule on Easter morning and ask for people to volunteer to help instead of assigning people. We divide the service into two shifts so that no one will have to miss the entire Easter worship. We are looking for **18 nursery volunteers** for Easter Sunday morning (March 23) to serve during one half of our Easter worship. (10:00 – 10:50 & 10:50 – end of service). Please see the sign up sheet circulating or call Alice Tucker to volunteer. Questions? See Alice Tucker.

### **Flowers Wanted for Easter Morning (March 23)**

Part of our tradition is to decorate the sanctuary and parlor with **spring flowers**. We are looking for people to bring flowers Easter morning, Sunday, March 23. If you can help, please let Barbara Winters know.

## **Bring Food Any Sunday**

Non-perishable food donations welcomed and will be given to a food pantry, usually Grace and Peace Food Pantry. Just leave it in the container in the parlor.

## **Nursery Schedules**

Nursery Schedules for the next quarter are out. Please pick yours up! See Alice Tucker if you have questions.

## **Cono Choir to be at Old Orchard Church**

The choir of Cono Christian School, a Christian boarding and day school from Iowa, will perform here at Old Orchard Church at 640 Amelia, Webster Groves on Saturday, March 1 at 6 p.m. Old Orchard is also invited. They have an audience of their own who they are inviting.

The 50-member choir, which sings nationally each year, sings a full range of sacred songs, from gospel music, spirituals, and hymns, to classical choir selections.

The Cono Choir has been performing since the school began in 1951. In recent years, it has sung in 38 states, including at state capitol buildings, at the 7,000-member Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Florida, and at the Moody Church in Chicago, besides singing before hundreds of congregations. In Iowa, the choir visits local churches and other venues.

Cono Christian School is a Christian boarding and college preparatory school in Walker, Iowa. Its boarding students have come from nearly every state in the U.S. and from more than a dozen foreign countries.

## **Fill an Easter Basket for a Kid! Baskets are ready to be picked up and filled!**

We are providing 40 Easter Baskets again this year for children served by Webster–Rock Hill Ministries. We are providing instructions with baskets for you to fill. We also will include a tract or coloring book with the gospel message with each basket and an invitation to Old Orchard Church. Our baskets have been received well by the recipients.

Please sign the clipboard when you pick up your basket and return the filled basket by Palm Sunday, March 16. If you have any questions, please see Phil Patterson or Durinda Hood.

## **Step into Holy Week with a New and Hope-Filled Perspective**

*Breaking idols. Restoring hope.*

Palm Sunday Weekend  
March 14, 7-9 & March 15, 9-4 - St. Louis, MO  
Kirkwood High School  
801 W. Essex Ave., St. Louis, MO 63122  
\$70/person / \$35 student rate

Online Registration: [www.mhgsconferences.com](http://www.mhgsconferences.com), or call 888-977-2002 ext. 112

Join Dan B. Allender, PhD as he invites a new perspective: Freedom. Purpose. Meaning. Hope. Idols can be broken and hope restored when God is truly the center of our life.

Dr. Dan B. Allender serves as president and professor of counseling at Mars Hill Graduate School ([mhgs.edu](http://mhgs.edu)) in Seattle. He is a therapist in private practice as well as a frequent speaker and conference leader. Dan received his MDiv from Westminster Theological Seminary and his PhD in Counseling Psychology from Michigan State University. He is the author of numerous books including *To Be Told*, *The Wounded Heart*, *Bold Love*, *Intimate Mystery*, *Leading with a Limp* and *Breaking the Idols of Your Heart*. He and his wife Rebecca are the parents of three adult children.

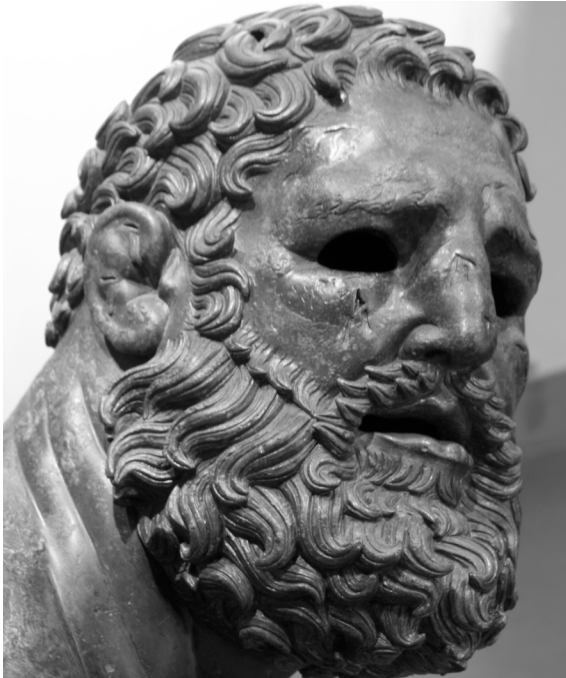
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### A Note From the Session

Several have asked over the years if Will Barker could serve Old Orchard as a ruling elder. The answer to that is no, since he is a minister, or teaching elder in our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America, and teaching elders can only serve on a Session of a church (that has a pastor) if they are called as an associate pastor to that congregation. The concern is that since pastors/ministers (the terms are synonymous) are leaders, too many leader-type guys on a Session who are not actually on the staff and working under the senior pastor might make for power struggles on a Session. For good or for bad, that's our polity (government) in the PCA.

But we figured out a way to benefit from Will's wisdom. We've asked him not to join the Session but to come to Session meetings as an advisor and to give us feedback and counsel as we discuss and debate matters before us. We're happy to report that Will has graciously agreed to do that and has already begun to meet with us. He is not on the Session and cannot actually vote on issues, but we can still benefit from his experience, his knowledge of God's Word and the history of the church, and his heart-knowledge of the Lord of glory. It's great to have Will around! Please thank him for being willing to give his time to the body of Christ at Old Orchard.

--Ron Lutjens, for the elders



#### THIS SPACE AVAILABLE!

It is said that "nature abhorreth a vacuum." So do I (look at my eyes). So do the editors of the *Overture*. You can send your submissions for our newsletter via e-mail to the church office ([office@oldorchardchurch.org](mailto:office@oldorchardchurch.org)) **or** you can place your signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat closet). Electronic submissions welcomed, but not required. Our next issue will be Sunday, March 2. We have a rotating crew of *Overture* editors; the next editor will be announced.

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