



Overture

The Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church ~ April 6, 2008



Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

We welcome you to our worship. If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard & what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms. Also, we invite you to use our child care services for infants through children in kindergarten.

Children's Ministries During Worship

Nursery is offered for infants & children through kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building's basement.

Infant nursery for babies, crawlers, & 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... 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.

Next Parlor Fellowship

Our next Parlor Fellowship will be April 13 after worship. Please sign up for food on the clipboards being circulated. Emily Wicker and Kim Shelton are hosting.

Art Show at Francis Schaeffer Institute

Journey Planner: Works by Johanna Harper

April 5-May 9, 2008

Artist: Johanna Harper (daughter of Richard & Jane Winter)

Place: Francis Schaeffer Institute, Covenant Seminary

The artist says of her work: "We organize events, places, emotions, memories, and objects in our minds in order to better understand our location in the world. We create mental maps of how to get from point A to point B and of how to construct meaning from a group of situations. My work is an exploration of this mapping."

Sunday School News—New Class to Start

Sunday School is offered to children age three years through high school on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m..

Adults:

1—"Used By God" (Part 2) Adult Sunday School finishes this week at Milligan House.

2-New Members Class continues to meet with Ron Lutjens also at the Milligan House.

3-**New Class for adults:** 6 week class on **Leviticus** will start next Sunday, April 13 at Milligan House. Teachers: Mark Tucker and Currie Bishop. *Who says the Old Testament can't be fun?*

Invitation to Concert at Grace & Peace Today

On behalf of your brothers and sisters of Grace & Peace Fellowship, I would like to invite you all to a concert and art show to be held in our building at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, 2008. It looks like Central Presbyterian Church's choir is going to help us put on this concert....This event is part of a Capital Campaign designed to enable us to complete the keystone phase of our renovation of the building. We know that you have recently completed a fantastic renovation of your own building, so please know that this concert is not going to include direct appeals for funds. It is designed to celebrate the beauty of God reflected in good architecture, but especially to anticipate the next 100 years of using this building to promote the greatness of Christ to our city.

There will be a light fare of food and drink as well as time to enjoy the work of several local artists, some of whom are members of our fellowship. We would be delighted to have you all join us on April 6th! We continue to treasure the common roots that our two congregations share.

With you in Christ,
Kurt Lutjens, pastor at Grace & Peace Fellowship
5574 Delmar Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63112

Lost and Found

Lost those gloves? Your beautiful serving dish? Well, check out our Lost and Found table today to find your missing items. They are set out today on a table in the parlor.

Cheryl Cook Funeral Service

Recordings Offered

The Sound Ministry can make CDs of Cheryl Cook's funeral service. However, Mike Kuhn would need to make duplicates all at the same time. If you want a copy (it will not have the music on it due to copyright issues), please e-mail or call the church office with your request. Each copy will be cost \$2 (plus postage if it's mailed). Please get your request to Durinda by Wednesday, May 7.

"Let Evening Come" Read at Cheryl's Funeral Service

For those interested in reading again the words of the poem, "Let Evening Come" by Jane Kenyon, you can go to the website, <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/> and search for the title. We have requested permission to reprint the poem in the *Overture*, and if we get the reprint permission, we will reprint it at a later date. Meanwhile, the words are easily found online, and one of the sites it is on is listed above.

Help! OOC HOSTS APRIL PRESBYTERY MEETING

On Tuesday, April 15th, our church has the privilege of hosting the Missouri Presbytery (the regional association of PCA pastors and ruling elders) for its quarterly meeting (Old Orchard only hosts every four or so years). The meeting is all day, so we'll be providing the following for about 75 men:

—coffee and refreshments in the morning

—lunch

—coffee and refreshments in the afternoon

We'll need lots of help with providing food, setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Please see the sign-up sheets that will be in the bulletin the next two Sundays. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks so much! Annie Kuhn, Lois Easterling, Gail Barker, Jan Rau, and Chris Carter

Overture Editor Wanted

We have four editors who take turns producing our newsletter. One of the editors needs to resign soon. We are therefore looking for a new editor. You would edit 6 issues during the year; but since we are already into 2008, it will be four issues this year. If you are interested, and want to know more, please contact any of the current editors: Heather Sparkman, Melissa Nelson, Jim Lowe, Susan O'Neal. Or you can contact Durinda Hood in the church office. Thanks!

Submitted by Durinda Hood for the Editors

Trivia Contest Night Postponed... Stay Tuned

Previously announced, and sponsored by South City Community School, has been postponed to a later date. Questions? See Mark Tucker.

OOC Prayer Requests

Pray for Bruce, Justin and Jesse Cook and the wider Cook and Theobald families as they mourn the loss of Cheryl Cook.

Pray for the men nominated to the office of elder (Greg Roig and Nate McKie), and the men and women nominated to the office of deacon (Brinson Hood) and the office of deaconess (Jan Beekman and Durinda Hood) as they enter the apprenticeship program at Old Orchard Church. Pray that the Lord would confirm each person's calling to the particular office they are being considered for.

Pray for the officers/nominees retreat on April 11 and 12.

Adult Choir

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

English Conversations Class

Meets Fridays at 5:00 p.m. in Milligan House.

Men's Bible Study

Next one: Saturday, April 19, Milligan House at 7:15 a.m. See Hal Pendergrass or Ben Kraft for questions.

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. Thanks!

Here's the latest report from the Grace & Peace Pantry:

Today we had three guests discussing the gospel with Pastor Kurt Lutjens using Matthew 21:23 to 28, the parable of the two sons. God created us with hearts that were meant to love God. Through repentance of sin, our hearts become tender toward God and sin. It's one thing for a young man in this story to be oppositional initially, yet another for me at 55 to be contrary. Fortunately, our loving Father has mercy on us all if we repent.

We had 12 guests at the pantry. The pantry is pretty much depleted of what we usually offer, even after a donation of four cases of odds and ends last week. We were given a donation of grocery store gift cards last month, so Nancy Hughes will use those to refill the pantry for next week. *Please consider donations of canned corn, peas, fruit, along with ramen, mac and cheese, and boxed meals.* We are also looking for volunteers interested in setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up from a meal Wednesday, April 16. Call me.

--Deb Eisenbraun for the Food Pantry Team

Bethany Christian Services Update

By now, some of you may have seen the beautiful Bethany Christian Services sign that went up at their new office here in Webster Groves...the sign made by our very own BEN KRAFT of SignKraft!! Things are settling in well, and the many services they provide, both locally and abroad, are moving forward. Occasionally Bethany will ask for prayer for various international programs, and there will either be a new posting on the hallway bulletin board, or a note in the *Overture*. One recent request your family may want to consider praying for is a ministry in Kosovo: Bethany started a chicken farm there to help feed the children who come to Bethany's clinic each day. Due to lack of funding and an increase in the cost of chicken feed, they were not able to purchase chickens this year for this source of renewable income. Please consider praying/helping for this need.

Check the bulletin board soon for info on Bethany's efforts to find adoptive homes for the orphans of the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

--Debbie Pendergrass

Promise Christian Academy OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Promise Christian Academy is a Christian School that provides a therapeutic approach to academic excellence for children with multiple disabilities

Accepting...Celebrating...Cultivating...Developing...

9:30 – 10:00 Introduction to Staff and Kids
10:00 – 10:30 Tour of the facility
10:30 – 11:00 Question and Answer Session

Refreshments will be served

800 Maryville Centre Drive #227
Chesterfield, MO 63017

For more information, please call 314 439 9711 or visit www.promisechristianacademy.org

Submitted by Meredith Heintz, Administrator,
Promise Christian Academy

Calendar Notes

- ❖ **Adult Choir.** Thursdays, 7:15 p.m.
- ❖ **English Conversations' Class.** Fridays, 5:00 p.m. at Milligan House.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study.** 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House on Saturday, April 19.
- ❖ **Officers/Nominees Retreat.** Friday & Saturday, April 11-12.
- ❖ **Missouri Presbytery Meeting.** At Old Orchard Church on Tuesday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Meal at noon for Presbytery at Milligan House.
- ❖ **Next Overture** is out Sunday, April 20.
- ❖ **Fellowship Opportunities this month:**
 - Sunday, April 13, Parlor Fellowship after worship
 - Sunday, April 27, Lunch at Milligan House after worship.
In honor of our Children's Ministry volunteers. Watch for announcements.
- ❖ **Church-wide Retreat:** Saturday, May 3 through Sunday, May 4. Sign up to come!
- ❖ **House Church:** Next One: May 7, 6 p.m. potluck supper, 7 p.m. meeting.

Thank You Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Just wanted to write a note of THANKS for your thoughtfulness, prayers, phone calls, cards and offers of helpfulness: visits and calls from Ron, some fixing food, some bringing food and running errands for me and taking me to appointments during my recent time of incapacitation and recuperation. It has been such a gift to be a part of the Old Orchard Supportive Community during this time even though you were also giving much in support of my dear friend Cheryl and her family. Through you all, the Lord has confirmed to me His special care.

I also want to tell you what a GREAT joy it was to have the Christmas Carolers come to my door and sing. It was like a touch of heaven during that particularly difficult time for me. You then went and sang for my neighbors. They later mentioned to me that it was the nicest thing that had happened to them since they moved in and they have been there for a number of years.

Thanks again and may the Lord continue to use Old Orchard Church and each of you to build His kingdom.

Ruth Killen

You are Invited to a Church-wide Retreat: "Growing Together"

It's been on the calendar, and it's less than a month away!! Saturday, May 3 noon until Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m. Yes, it's OOC's Annual Church-wide Retreat at Pinecrest Camp. But don't worry, you don't have to CAMP unless you **want to**: camping is one of the housing options, but bring your own tent, thank you very much; tents aren't supplied. For those who are less inclined to be rustic, you may select a cabin or motel room or even a dorm. The retreat includes three meals: supper Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. See today's brochure for more details and to sign up. We must have your registration in by **Sunday, April 27**. This is a wonderful time of refreshment and fellowship!

Thank you from Grace & Peace Winter Shelter

At Christmas, children of our congregation were given the opportunity to get small gifts to be given to the ladies of the Winter Shelter who would in turn give the gifts to their children. Some of our children (with a little help from their parents), and adults (not necessarily with children) participated in getting gifts. Here are thank you notes that we have received. (We received these in the last part of February; apologies for getting these published so late.)

To our small friends at Old Orchard, and their parents for teaching them to be generous. Thank you for blessing our children this Christmas!

Grace & Peace Winter Shelter

Thank you for the gifts. May you all be blessed and have a wonderful New Year!

--Becky

God bless U all and may your New Year prosper's one as mine. Love U!

--Darnice

Thank you to: the children of Old Orchard Church,

This note comes as a Thank You for the Christmas gifts my eleven year old daughter, Amber, received. I must tell you I was wonderfully relieved, when I was presented with the numerous gifts for her. I was concerned being unemployed as to how I was going to provide her with a decent Christmas. Your gifts solved the problem. I will always remember the look of contentment on Amber's face as she opened her presents Christmas Day.

Thanking you again,

Carol M.

Thank you for the gifts! They were greatly appreciated! Thanks, Becky

I want to thank you for what you did for my family. I hope that I can do the same thing for all of you. Thank you all, Susan C.

Thank you! ☺

Thank for the gifts for my kids. God bless you. I appreciate so much. May God be with you and your families. Be safe, happy and well. Until we meet 1 day in Heaven your thankful sister in Christ, Alaya W. (2007-Christmas) STL

Thank You From Jon & Tanya Coody

Dear Old Orchard Church Family,

Thank you so much for organizing and hosting the wonderful baby shower and for the many gifts. We look forward to our little girl becoming part of the family of OOC. We are grateful for you all and feel very blessed to be so warmly received into the community.

God's grace and peace to you all,

Jon & Tanya

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