



Overture

The Almost Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church – April 20, 2008

Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

We welcome you to our worship. If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms in the pew racks. We also 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.

Sunday School News

Classes Meet 9 a.m. Sundays

Classes available for all ages.

New Class Offered for adults: 6 week class on **Leviticus** started last week at Milligan House. Teachers: Mark Tucker and Currie Bishop. *Who says the Old Testament can't be fun?*

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

OOC Youth Group

April 20 (today) 6:00 – 8 p.m. "Growth Group" (bring \$ if you want a snack.)

April 27 (Sunday) 6:00 – 8 p.m. "Cyber-Life" Special Speaker.

May 3-4 (Sat.-Sunday). Churchwide Retreat. No Teen Fellowship or Sunday School.

May 11 (Sunday) 6:00 – 8 p.m. – Mother's Day. No Youth Group. Go be with your moms!

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

Children's Ministry Appreciation Lunch—Men, sign up!

Jim Lowe's Famous Spaghetti Appreciation Lunch at Milligan House, Sunday, April 27 after worship. All invited to a lunch to honor our Children's Ministry Workers. Jim Lowe will be cooking, along with other able-bodied men. For those of us who are **not** Children's Ministry workers, please sign-up to contribute. See sign-up today.



You are Invited to a Church-wide Retreat!

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. Don't worry, you don't have to CAMP unless you **want to**: yes, 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 latter option of course is less private). The retreat includes three meals: supper on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. See brochure for more details and to sign up. We must have your registration in by next **Sunday, April 27**. This is a wonderful time of refreshment and fellowship!

You don't want to miss it!

Art Show at Francis Schaeffer Institute

Journey Planner: Works by Johanna Harper

Continues through 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."



Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lunch Provided

Can you host lunch? See Matt Philip!

Sign-up morning or afternoon or do a job another time!

Mark Your Calendar!

Members of the Fellowship, please mark Wednesday, May 28, 6:45 pm. for a congregational meeting to discuss the budget.

Narnia Children's Summer Program

Please Note the Dates: Tuesday, July 29 through Saturday, August 2.

We will be looking for volunteers. See Kelli McKie.

Tissue Boxes Needed

Tissue boxes are needed for crafts during the Narnia Children's Summer Program. Please save the longer rectangular shaped boxes and give them to Susan O'Neal. Thank you.

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries: Summer Camp Program Opportunities

Camp director, Assistant Camp Director, and Counselors needed for summer camp program. This camp is an 8 week program for children ages 6-12 beginning June 9 and ends August 1, 2008.

More details are posted on the Mercy Ministry bulletin board.

Applications are being accepted now. Decisions will be made by the end of April. Send resume to: Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, 111 E. Waymire Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Address Changes!

The McKie's have MOVED.

Here's where you will find Nate, Kelli, Bryn, Alyson, Jake & Ian:

6318 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, MO 63130

New home phone: (314) 260-9660

Nate – See print copy.

Kelli – See print copy.

Sam Rice's Deployment Address in Afghanistan:

This is the deployment address for Paula Rice's son, Sam in Afghanistan:

LCPL Rice, Samuel P

2/7 Echo Co. Wpns. Plt.

Unit 41550

FPO AP 96426-1550

Boxes for Sam!

As many of us already know, Sam Rice is presently serving with the U. S. Marines in Afghanistan. Please take this opportunity to contribute to the package that will be sent to him. A well marked collection basket will be available at church during the next two Sundays for your gifts, cards, and letters.

Letters of encouragement, books and magazines that will encourage him in his walk with the Lord, adventure stories, AT&T Global calling cards, disposable cameras, and, of course, food would be greatly appreciated. Since there are specific guidelines that must be followed, please select items from the lists below.

Non-perishable food:

Beef jerky, gum, Life-savers

Canned fruit, dried fruit, trail mix, granola bars, power bars, nuts

Single-serving cracker snacks, cheese snacks, tuna lunch kits, canned ready-to-eat meals,

Ramen noodles, seasoning salts, salt (individual packets)

Pre-sweetened beverage mixes, coffee, tea, cocoa (individual servings that can be added to water)

Toiletries:

Shampoo, toothpaste (hard-sided tubes), toothbrush, baby wipes (alcohol-free), liquid body wash, liquid anti-bacterial soap, disposable hand sanitizing wipes, deodorant, medicated foot powder, odor-eaters for boots, Q-Tips

Medicinal Needs:

Aspirin, Tylenol, Ibuprofen (small containers)

Saline spray (for sensitive nasal passages), eye drops (for dry eyes, not redness)

Chapstick

Let's let him know we are so grateful for his service to our country and that he is in our thoughts and prayers. Please see me if you have questions.

--Sue vanHoornbeek

Small appliance repair needed

The hospitality ministry purchased a large coffee urn over a year ago that broke after the warranty expired. We have since purchased a new one which is working fine. The old one is practically new and probably just needs a new thermostat installed--it would trip the safety switch and shut itself off repeatedly. If anyone is willing to try to repair it, please contact Kathy Jennings.

A BIG THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed their help in one way or another to the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday. It went so smoothly and we couldn't have done it without you! We really appreciate those who pitched in to help.

-Annie Kuhn, Lois Easterling, and Gail Barker

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. In fact, **we need a new editor (or a substitute!) for the next issue to be out on May 4.** 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, and Susan O'Neal. Or contact Durinda Hood in the church office. Thanks!

Overture Deadline

The next *Overture* will be out next on Sunday, May 4. You are invited to write for it! We welcome submissions of articles, art, short essays, poetry, etc. You can send your submissions for our newsletter via e-mail to the church office (office@oldorchardchurch.org) or you can place your signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). The editor for next week is to be determined.

OOO Women's Survey Deadline Extended

(PLEASE TURN YOURS IN BY LAST SUNDAY IN APRIL!)

Ladies of OOO,

Hopefully by now you have received your Women's Survey. If not, there are some available on the table in the parlor. We really want to hear what your needs and gifts are in order to minister better to the women in our congregation. If you have any questions, please call...either way, **please fill out the survey (as much as you can) and return to Melissa Nelson or AmyRuth Bartlett by Sunday April 27. Thanks!**

Christians and Politics

Below is an article we asked our own Professor Will Barker to write, on the subject of the Christian's political responsibility. It's timely, as we are now in a presidential election year. We encourage you to read it and talk about it—at home and at community prayer some night.

We also wanted to explain our new policy concerning the display and distribution of politically-related literature at Old Orchard:

**Anyone who wants to display or distribute politically-related literature (flyers, brochures, pamphlets, newspapers, books, newsletters, etc.) should show it to one of the pastors or elders before setting it out. It's most helpful to have a range of viewpoint reflected in whatever literature we offer to the fellowship. We all have a duty before the Lord to try to understand as best we can the great social and political issues of our time.*

**We want to keep Christ before people and don't want visitors to our Lord's Day worship to identify us too closely with any political causes or parties. So rather than have political literature out at the church building we are going to display and distribute it from the church library at the Milligan House. And it will be put out in the living room there once a month at House Church.*

And lastly, we want the congregation to know that we are trying to discipline ourselves to pray more regularly in public worship for those in political office over us, according to the Lord's instructions in I Timothy 2:1-2. That's something we should be doing in our homes, too. Those who serve in public office are servants of God and need his wisdom and courage for the cause of justice and good order they serve. That's why we should pray for them—fervently and often.

--Ron Lutjens, for the elders

Christians and Political Issues

In this year of presidential and congressional elections it is important to consider how Christians should relate to political issues. Below are a few principles to keep in mind:

1.) Our identification with Jesus Christ transcends any political parties or particular issues. A major theme running through Jesus' teaching is that of the Kingdom of God, or of Heaven, a theme with political and social implications, but beyond the merely material sphere. When some of his followers or questioners tried to entice him into some of the hot social or political questions of the day, he resisted that distraction and turned his listeners to the underlying spiritual issues (see Luke 12: 13-15; 13: 1-5).

Yet he was knowledgeable concerning current events, in the same context referring to Herod as “that fox” (Luke 13: 31-32).

The point is for Christians not to get so totally identified with a single political party or a single social issue in such a way that our identification with Christ’s Kingdom is compromised. The early 19th-century English member of Parliament William Wilberforce devoted his energies over thirty years to a tremendous issue, the abolition of the slave trade and then of slavery within the British Empire, but he also used his influence for the “reformation of manners”—that is, improving the morality of civil society by ending the practice of dueling, encouraging the humane treatment of animals, restricting child labor, and providing education for the poor. The Kingdom of Christ transcends any one issue or party.

2.) Be informed about political candidates and issues. Remember that no source of political information is totally objective. Take all propaganda with a grain of salt (including anything that I may say). Be sure to listen to several sides on any issue. Full information on political matters is hard to obtain; indeed, even in this age of open and abundant information, we must admit that our knowledge is always partial. It is important, therefore, for Christians to listen to one another.

Chuck Colson in the most recent *Christianity Today* (February 2008) counters the secular media’s view of a declining influence of evangelicals in politics by describing the multitude of issues that evangelical Christians are (and have been) engaged with: not only abortion, embryonic stem cells, and gay marriage, but also the environment, racial discrimination, health care for the poor, and other matters of social injustice. The Lord is going to burden different ones of us with different concerns, and so we are going to have differing priorities. We must listen to each other and have an appreciation for what each is seeking to accomplish in the political realm.

3.) Be involved in the political process. In God’s providence our American system of government gives Christians the possibility of influencing our society in the direction of the principles of the Kingdom of Christ. It is a scandal that such a small percentage of United States citizens take part in our elections by voting. This reflects a tremendous ignorance of our place in history and our place in the current world.

The Apostle Paul in the 1st-century Roman Empire admonished Christians to pray “first of all” for kings and civil magistrates in order that the gospel might go forth (1 Timothy 2: 1-4). Now that we can vote for such civil officers, we should pray all the more, but also have a role in selecting those who may best govern according to scriptural principles. In the 2nd century such defenders of Christianity as Justin Martyr wrote Roman Emperors in order to assure them of prayerful support and to encourage public policy that would reward good and punish evil (consistent with Romans 13: 1-4 and 1 Peter 2: 13-14). Christians today, therefore, should not only vote, but also influence public policy by writing to our Senators and Representatives at both the federal and state levels, and influence public opinion by writing letters to the editors of various publications.

See you at the polling place on November 4!

--Will Barker

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 (or e-mail church office) by **Wednesday, May 7**.

Memorial Gifts in Honor of Cheryl Cook

All memorial gifts can be processed through Old Orchard Church. **Checks should be made out to the individual organizations** listed here, with "Cook Memorial" written in the check memo, but they can be given (put in Durinda Hood's mail box) or mailed to

Old Orchard Church
Cook Memorial
639 Amelia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119

Memorial gifts can be given in honor of Cheryl to the following:

Bethany Christian Services
New Tribes Mission for the work of *Jack & Isa Douglas*
Campus Crusade for Christ for the work of *Dawn Miller*
Presbyterian Mission International for the work of *Joel and Jessica Rinn*
ALS Association
ALS Division of MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association)
Old Orchard Church

News from Brazil

Greetings from Brazil in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

It has been more than a year since we left St. Louis and made contact for the last time. I apologize for not letting you know how things are going with the Patrocinio's in Brazil. God has been so gracious to us that we do not find words to express our joy. Truly, as the Bible says, "great things God has done for us."

God has blessed our ministry in Aracruz (a city in the interior of the country) so much. We received 85 new members in 2007. Our goal for 2008 is 100 new members. Last week only we received 40 new members and we have 20 more in the confirmation class. We also started a radio talk show program every morning. We are now in the process of bringing to Aracruz a theological program (a kind of Bible institute) from the Seminary in Belo Horizonte.

The boys are also doing well. Jorge Jr. was accepted to Webster University in St. Louis and will probably be returning to the USA this year. Andre is also doing fine with school, friends and church.

About Vera and her treatment, we are just hanging there by the grace of the Lord. After we returned to Brazil, Vera had three more surgeries to remove two tumors, one on the head underneath the skin but outside the skull and another one on the left arm. She was now diagnosed with a pathological fracture in the arm and will have to have another surgery this week. She is still undergoing chemotherapy. But still, things are under control, by the grace of the Lord.

We wanted to thank you for your prayers and ask you to continue to do so for Vera. We just don't give up because we know our God is a gracious God. He can and will turn things around for good by His power and for His glory.

In Christ,
Jorge and Vera Patrocinio

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!

The Grace & Peace Food Pantry alerted us that their supplies are low. In particular need of donations of *canned corn, peas, fruit, along with ramen, macaroni and cheese, and boxed meals.*

This Week at the Grace & Peace Food Pantry

Please pray for the Pantry's need for volunteers. And do contribute non-perishable food to share with them. Thanks!

Today at the pantry we had six guests at the study of Matthew 22, the parable of the wedding banquet. We are invited guests who are supplied with the means to attend the wedding. Will we take the opportunity to attend to feast? Are we living by faith in Jesus who gives us his righteousness? Are we living as his disciples?

Today when I arrived to set up, the men's group had left the Fellowship Hall ready for me to set out Bibles in what we use for the Sunday buffet. I set out water and day old sweets Bob Lowes' crew retrieved on Tuesday evening for our use. Daniel Frey arrived, and started stocking the pantry. I started the Bible study, and there wasn't much discussion. It helped me appreciate how Michael and Kurt struggle to have a meaningful discussion. It is easier to lecture than to discuss. We finished the study early, so started taking numbers and passing out groceries. As I call each number, I sit with them and take their full name and prayer request. This is the point where we usually serve a modest lunch the third Wednesday of each month, but I only had one volunteer available to work the meal. Most of the guests I have sat with before, so we can pick up our conversation from other weeks. We purchase a set amount of bus passes each month. This late in the month we don't usually have any left, but today I do. One guest requests two to help run errands as she moves to south city. Another guest requests tickets to get back and forth from the hospital for follow up care after an injury. Two guests request tickets to get to work and back Thursday and Friday. Nancy Hughes arrived with a trunk load of groceries the church had purchased, and Daniel helped her unload. Then Nancy and Daniel continued to help people choose their canned and dry goods from our shelves while I continued to talk with our guests. We finished early, so sit and dream of having more volunteers, targeting special needs, and healthy food for our guests. We pray together for more laborers. It takes a while to clean up, restock a little, and lock up.

We are in urgent need of volunteers on Wednesdays. It is always good to have hosts participating in the Bible study. We like to have a greeter at the door to let guests in, and to help them out with their groceries. It is best when we have two people helping guests with their food choices. It is good when the intake person can sit and visit with each guest, encouraging participation in the Bible study, as well as sharing prayer concerns. Occasionally, we take specific requests for diaconal moneys to purchase meds or help with other urgent needs.

With Michael leaving soon, it just leaves Daniel Frey and me as the volunteers expected every week. We are in urgent need of more volunteers to rotate weeks or to come every week. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity for service.

Deb Eisenbraun for the Food Pantry

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, May 3 &.
- ❖ **Next Overture** is out Sunday, May 4.
- ❖ **Foreign Missions Ministry** will meet briefly after worship on Sunday, April 20.
- ❖ **Jim Lowe's Famous Spaghetti Appreciation Lunch:** Sunday, April 27 after worship in honor of our Children's Ministry volunteers. Men, sign-up!
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Work Day:** Saturday, May 10. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sign-up to come!

Important Dates:

Leaders Meeting/Vision Sharing. April 29, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Budget Construction Meeting. (elders & deacons) May 6, 2008. (evening)

Congregational Budget Meeting. Wednesday, May 28 at 6:45 p.m.

❖April Birthdays

4/1/87 Clara Lee
4/1 Mark Tucker
4/4 Cayce Zavaglia
4/7 Luciene Pires**
4/13/84 Elizabeth Jennings
4/14/76 Lois Gutierrez**
4/14 Elfi Muutuki**
4/16/01 Willem Dryden**
4/17/03 Phoebe Philip
4/19/96 Katherine Tevebaugh
4/22/06 Haaken Anderson
4/22/03 Avery Dixon**
4/22 Janet Rau
4/23/96 Emma Glasgow
4/24 David Glbbar
4/24 Hal Pendergrass
4/26/85 Ben Gutierrez**
4/29 Ellen Petty

**members of foreign or domestic missionary/ministry families

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