



Overture

The Pretty Much
Fortnightly Newsletter of

Old Orchard Church

June 1, 2008

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 schedule for March below.)

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.

Calendar Notes

- ❖ **Congregational Meeting:** Wednesday, June 4, 6:45 p.m.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study:** Saturday, June 7, Milligan House at 7:15 a.m.
- ❖ **Deacons' Meeting.** Saturday, June 7, Milligan House, time to be announced. Deacons, check your e-mail.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study:** Saturday, June 7, Milligan House at 7:15 a.m.
- ❖ **Art Show Opening:** Sunday, June 8.
- ❖ **Parlor Fellowship:** Sunday, June 8, after worship.
- ❖ **Lunch at Milligan House:** Sunday, June 22, after worship.

Today...after worship:

- ❖ Hospitality Ministry Meeting: Milligan House, first floor.
- ❖ Community Group Leaders' Meeting: Milligan House, second floor.

Sunday School News

- ❖ Children's Classes: *will not meet* on June 1.
- ❖ Leviticus Class: last class meets on June 1.
- ❖ New Members Class: last class meets on June 1.

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Look What's Going On June 8!

PARLOR FELLOWSHIP	SPRING ART SHOW --DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF CHERYL COOK
<p>After worship we'll be honoring high school and college grads (let the church office know you are graduating!) Hostesses: Ann Stuber and Betsy Tevebaugh</p> <p><i>High school graduates</i> David Roig (off to Truman State) Wendy Jennings (off to Wheaton College) Jonathan Powers (off to Yale University) Mary Carter (off to State University of New York) Victoria Rice (destination unknown at press time)</p> <p><i>College graduates</i> Maryann Kohl (Associates of Arts, St. Louis Community College) Ben Roig (Jazz Studies, Webster University [in August]) Emily Roig (Bachelor of Arts <i>summa cum laude</i>, Psychology, Missouri State)</p>	<p>When: show opens Sunday, June 8; submissions due: Friday morning, June 6.</p> <p>Where: at Old Orchard Church.</p> <p>For: all ages.</p> <p>Media: painting, photography, sculpture, drawing, mixed media, installation, etc.</p> <p><i>All are invited to submit something or begin working on a piece to put in. Questions? See Barb Winters or Cayce Zavaglia.</i></p>

Mark your calendar! Congregational Budget Meeting

We will have a congregational meeting Wednesday, evening **June 4, 2008**, 6:45 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to review and give the Session feedback on the budget for 2008-2009. Child care will be provided; please sign your child up. Regular attenders are very welcome to come, but if you are a member we **need you there**.

--Ron Lujens, for the Session

Lunch at Milligan House

The next Lunch at Milligan House will be in two weeks after worship on June 22. Our hosts are Jan Rau and Gretta Kraft. Look for sign-up sheets next week and plan to come!

Narnia Children's Summer Program: July 29-August 2

Register your children at the OOC website. **Volunteers needed**--see sheets in the parlor, or talk to Kelli McKie.

Congratulations!

Born to Jill and Ian Storm

Elliot Robert Storm. Born May 25th, 2008, 3:03pm. 8lb 14oz. 21 inches. A healthy boy and healthy Mom.

Growing Together: Churchwide Sunday School Starts

OOO Churchwide [for all ages] Sunday School, June 8th – June 29th, 9 a.m. in the Milligan House. Yes, this is the same theme from our Churchwide Retreat. Because Discipleship is one of the Priorities from our OOC Mission Document we will be spending the next four weeks learning about it . . . TOGETHER. This means **all ages** together. Be warned, it is a challenge, BUT it is really fun. As you come be prepared to engage with folks in our community who are different than you. Sign-up on sheets circulating to let us know you will be attending!

--Mark Tucker

Thanks from Sam Rice

Paula Rice received this e-mail from her son Sam, who is serving in Afghanistan. All that was sent was appreciated! Thanks to the congregation for your participation in contributing notes and goodies, and to Sue vanHoornbeek for mailing it all!

Well, I'm pretty sure you picked a good group to stick with in the whole church-choosing. I think I've gotten more packages this year already than I did last year all-together. And just today I got the "Happy Birthday" package from OOC. I don't know the right words to choose when saying this... but I love the Bible verses that are in each card that I've gotten. It is really a blessing to know I have such a caring group praying for me and praying with you, plus it helps that they send me goodies haha. Anyway, as always I love you, and tell everyone hello and thanks.

Sam Rice
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Moving Time for the Rolands—Help Wanted!

BJ & Jessica Roland are moving on June 14 from their apartment at 8435 Atherton Dr. 2N to the Covenant Seminary campus. Please contact either BJ (314.625.5528) or Matt Philip (314.276.7941) if you can help.

Calligrapher Wanted

If this is a skill you have that you would like to use to encourage OOC families, please see Durinda Hood.

Shakespeare Festival

OOO members Gary Glasgow & Jim Butz are in the free performances of *The Tragedy of King Richard the Third*. Nightly (except Tuesdays) through June 15 at 8 p.m. Located on Fine Arts Drive in Forest Park, northeast of the St. Louis Art Museum. Website: www.sfstl.com

Looking for Room to Rent or Roommate Wanted.

Starting in July. Contact Alyssa Santoyo, 404.307.2960.

Volunteers Wanted to Mow Lawns!

We are looking for help for mowing the church's two properties, and the property of Willie Lee's. Willie Lee is disabled and we have been mowing his lawn for a few years. Sign up to take a turn. See Matt Philip if you have questions about the church lawn; see Brian Curry if you have questions regarding mowing Willie Lee's.

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries Work Day!

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (WRHM) will be having a workday to clean up the grounds on Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. This will involve picking up trash, clearing brush and some tree trimming. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers from OOC. You should plan to bring work gloves, and your own tools such as pruning shears, hand-saws etc. If you can help, please let Phil Patterson know at church, or he can be reached at 314.719.6570.

Help for Myanmar and China – Get your checks in today!

The destruction from the recent cyclone in Myanmar and the terrible earthquake in China are difficult to comprehend. But Christ calls us to reach out to our “neighbor” in mercy and compassion in his name.

To that end, the Session made a decision on Wednesday, with the concurrence of Elder Hurvey Woodson, our Foreign Missions Ministry Co-Coordinator, to take \$1000 of our budgeted money for “foreign works of mercy,” split it in half, and then channel it to these two countries for relief work there. We will use Samaritan’s Purse to get money to those devastated by the earthquake in China, and World Reformed Fellowship to get money to the anguished survivors in Myanmar.

But we would like to invite the fellowship to add to these two \$500 gifts. If you would like to make an individual contribution so that we can give more, please make your check payable to Old Orchard Church and put “Disaster Relief” in the check memo. All such checks will be divided between the two countries. If you would like to designate your gift to go to one or the other country, please add that in the memo.

If you’ve watched any of the newscasts coming out of these two places, you saw just how sobered the journalists are by the extent and depth of the suffering there. This is a great moment to demonstrate the love of Christ to fellow-human beings whose need right now, defies description.

So that we can respond quickly, we will send in these two gifts **in the days following Sunday, June 1.**

--Ron Lutjens for the Session

Sons & Daughters

I am the middle child of three girls. My parents were both saved when they were young and grew up attending Church; and gave us the same privilege. In November of 1975, when I was six years old I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and was baptized in obedience to God’s word. I can’t say that it was a dramatic event or that the next day was necessarily any different than the day before; except for the knowledge that I was forgiven of my sins and would spend eternity in heaven. I continued on just as I had, attending Church and growing in my faith.

I lived in small rural communities; everyone knew everyone else. My grandfather was the minister in a Disciples of Christ Christian Church, my parents were active members of the church and my sisters and I attended Sunday School, youth group meetings and Church on a regular basis. I was never confronted with any of the things that cause a child to choose which path they may take. We moved to St. Louis in January of 1997, the second semester of my junior year. I started attending a school that was larger than any of the towns that I had ever lived in. For the first time in my life, I didn’t know the people around me and perhaps more importantly they didn’t know me. Peers began to ask me about things that I hadn’t been confronted with and for the first time I had to choose who I was going to be.

Over the years, just like many of you, I have had times of peace and serenity. Times when I took my faith for granted and lapsed passively into existence as a Christian. During other times, the very core of my faith has been challenged and I have questioned the goodness of God and His love for me. Oddly enough, it is during these times that my faith grew stronger and my relationship with my Lord and Savior deepened. I have never experienced a shining moment when without a doubt God intervened in my life. But I know over the years He has steadfastly walked beside me and at times carried me.

At times I envy those who have the dramatic conversion, when literally they awake to such a different existence that they clearly know that their life has changed. But to not have had the unwavering peace and comfort that comes with having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ throughout my journey thus far and the assurance of His presence for the journey ahead is unimaginable.

--Carol Lanette Welborn

Editor’s Note: Carol is engaged to marry Graham Markway, one of Old Orchard Church’s deacons, in September.

Foreign Missions Prayer Requests

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Note: With the falling value of the dollar and increasing inflation in most countries, all of our missionaries are facing financial crunches. Pray for the Lord to supply their needs.

1. **Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Pray for Wilma, as she is busy with training, seminars and other teaching, the prison ministry and other opportunities to minister to the needy in Santiago.
2. **Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Pray for interested people to register for a Bible school that they plan to open in the fall. Continue to pray for Rob as he leads the various ministries that he has begun and speaks in churches and conferences. Pray for Tünde's work in the choir in their local church.
3. **Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** Pray for continued fruitfulness and protection in their ministry in their church, in mentoring young people and in various Bible studies and personal contacts. Praise that though both have serious health issues, they are under control for now. Pray that treatment will continue to be effective.
4. **L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** Pray for the students to settle into community life as a new term begins in both branches. Pray that the workers will be sensitive to their needs. Pray for God's provision in "the new economy" (see note above.)
5. **Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Pray for Dawn's time in the US this summer (June 5-July 11): (i) that we will arrange a good time for her to report to OOC while she is in St Louis; (ii) that her time training other missionaries with Campus Crusade for Christ in Florida will be fruitful; and (iii) that the Lord will supply financially (see note above).
6. **Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** They are presently taking a six month sabbatical in Berlin (Elfi is German). Pray that they will be refreshed and be able to raise additional support. Pray for the men who will be leading the church in their absence, that the Lord will hold the congregation together.
7. **Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** Pray that there will be lasting fruit from the conference that is being held in early June. Pray for preparations for their six month stay in the US, starting the end of July. Pray for wisdom about what to do about their house in their absence.
8. **Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines.** Pray for the beginning of a new ministry in the strongly Muslim Zamboanga City. Pray for people to carry on their current ministries while they are absent and getting this new work established. Pray for wisdom and protection.
9. **Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Pray for Joel as he has several trips scheduled for this month: for physical stamina and restful sleep. Praise for the many individuals they help; but pray that they will be led to people who could help eventually with a church plant. Continue to pray for a place for worship.
10. **Bob and Shirley Woodson – Lima, Peru.** Pray for safe travels and fruitful ministry for Robert as he goes by bus to various locations in the mountains June 12-16. Pray for their ongoing ministry in Lima, visiting, teaching and preaching.

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