



# Overture

**The Almost Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church – June 15, 2008**

## **Welcome to Old Orchard Church!**

Welcome to our worship. We invite you to use our **child care services** for infants through children in kindergarten, located in the church building basement. Please see nursery details below. Also, visit our **Sunday School**, offered for all ages (9 a.m. on Sunday mornings). If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms.

### **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.

**Please Note:** No **Children's Worship** during the summer!

### **Growing Together: Churchwide Sunday School**

OOC Churchwide [for all ages] Sunday School, through June 29<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. in the Milligan House.  
Topic: Discipleship

### **OOC Youth Group**

- Sunday, June 15, 6-8 pm — 5th Annual Father's Day ultimate frisbee and Ted Drewes!
- Friday Morning June 20th, 9 am @ Einstein's
- Sunday, June 22—LUNCH AFTER CHURCH (bring \$\$) and then we go to DESTINATION UNKNOWN #1. Free for the 1st TEN people, so let Mark know!  
No Teen Fellowship that night.
- Friday Morning, June 27th 9 am @ Einstein's
- SATURDAY, June 28, DESTINATION UNKNOWN #2—"Completely Boring and Pointless Road Trip"  
9 am at the church, back by 5 pm.
- SUNDAY JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>, NO TEEN FELLOWSHIP!

### **Another Graduate!**

Jenny Lowe, daughter of Jim & Laurie Lowe, has received this month her Master of Arts in Teaching from Western Oregon University and she'll be certified to teach elementary school, grades K-8. Congratulations! (See Directory Updates for Jenny's current address)



### **Welcome, Baby Roland!**

Matthew James Roland  
born June 10 at 12:44 am  
6 pounds 4 ounces  
19 inches  
Congratulations, B.J. and Jessica!

### **Lunch at Milligan House**

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

### **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 & Milligan House lawns; see Brian Curry if you have questions regarding mowing Willie Lee's.

### **GIBBARPALOOZA.....(You're invited....)**

Saturday, June 21st, with music by "Risky Business" (band members are from our own group of musicians from Old Orchard). I also heard a rumor that Pastor Ron will do his best rendition of Joe Cocker's "Came in though the Bathroom Window."

Music starts at 4 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Food and beverages provided. Games for the kids and the parents as well. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Dave and Gayle Gibbar  
9857 Affton Place 63123

### **Tissue box collection still in progress**

Thank you to those who have brought in boxes. I've received about a dozen so far. Many more tissue boxes are still needed for crafts for the "Journey into Narnia" Summer Children's Program, about 80-85 more. If every family could bring in 1 or 2 boxes during the next couple of weeks, the goal would be reached easily. Empty rectangular tissue boxes can be left in the church basement on one of the tables. Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, contact Susan O'Neal, 314.638.1550.

## Do You Know the NAME of the Person Next to You???

The Welcoming Ministry would like to help, but we need you! In our efforts to be a church that knows one another and welcomes visitors into the deep fellowship of our body, we are in the process of creating a board in the hallway between the parlor and the vestibule that will display all of the names/photos of the members and regular attendees in our fellowship. Thank you to Annie Kuhn and Gretta Kraft who took photos of many of us last year. We only have a few left to go! So, if you did not get your picture taken previously, we will be taking them during the fellowship meal on June 22. We will be taking pictures of members and regular attendees by households. Please gather your family and look for Sara Dodd or Emily Wicker in the Milligan House after worship on June 22 - or we will find YOU! Thank you for continuing to enthusiastically welcome visitors to OOC.

Emily Wicker, for the Welcoming Ministry

Introduction: *In light of the statement from Gerry Gutierrez I read in worship a couple of weeks ago, I thought it would be helpful to print part of an e-mail from his wife, Ruthie.*

--Ron Lutjens

*Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez are Mission to the World missionaries Old Orchard financially supports in Huanta, Peru.*

In Gerry's letter "To Die is Gain", the description of my health should have been worded differently. The breast cancer I had almost 17 years ago (when the doctors gave me a year to live), showed up again 3 years ago - attacking my bones. At that time, an MRI showed lesions on bones in several areas, and the oncologists prescribed a drug called Zometa, which is not chemotherapy but is administered once a month by IV to fortify the bones and help them resist the attack of breast cancer. In October 2007, the U.S. oncologist declared very happily that I looked great and that the cancer was under control. How very thankful I am for God's grace and mercy and your prayers...and for how good I feel. Our God is sovereign, and He is to be praised.

Gerry too is doing well...compensating for the cirrhosis and diabetes by eating well and exercising and praying. He writes a lot during the nights and is now recording messages and devotionals in Spanish, of which there is such a shortage here.

Your prayers are so much needed and appreciated. Thank you, dear friends.

Yours in Christ,  
Ruthie Gutierrez

P.S. Our telephone has been changed to 011-51-6632-2169.

## Sons & Daughters



I was baptized in the Catholic church because my mother was raised Catholic. My father was raised in the Baptist denomination. In my early childhood, my parents brought my siblings and me to a Methodist church where our family became very involved. At some point, my parents found out that the pastor of this church was doing dishonest things with the funds of the church and they left the church with several other families to start a new church. The new church was called Community Bible Church and it met in the basement of a bowling alley. During my early childhood I remember church and the people there as a comforting and stable presence in my life. I remember going to Sunday school, vacation Bible school, singing Christian

children's songs at home and saying our prayers together before bed.

I'm sure these early experiences made a lasting impression on me. I can't say that I ever remember a time that I didn't believe what I was learning. I think the Holy Spirit had done a work in my heart at a young age so that I believed. After a couple years at Community Bible Church, my parents got into a dispute with the other members. It had to do with a certain man trying to "take over" when he did not have seminary training. My family left that church and did not go to church for several years. I remember being sad about this and asking my mom why we weren't going to church.

In sixth grade, a friend of mine invited me to her church, which was a United Church of Christ church. My family attended there for about 3 years and my brother, sister and I were confirmed there. I remember that I was one of the few communicants that took the classes seriously and I cried with emotion the day we were confirmed. Even though this church did not teach the gospel as clearly as it could have, God continued to work in my heart. He also gave me discernment to see that the pastors at this church spent little time focusing on the Bible during their sermons. Instead, their sermons consisted of trite stories and jokes. I brought this up to my parents and my family started attending a Baptist church during my high school years.

During that time, I became involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at school and I was beginning to "own" my faith more. While I was attending an FCA summer camp, I heard for the first time about the concept of asking God to forgive you of your sins and asking him into your heart in order to be saved. I did this and I really meant it. At that time I figured that I must not have ever been saved before because I had not consciously said the "sinner's prayer". Now I think that it is possible that I have been saved from a young age but when I said the sinner's prayer it was just a confirmation of what I had already believed. My senior year in high school I became the president of FCA but I did not have a true role model of a Christian in my life. I remember reading my Bible under my covers because I thought my mom would think I was weird if she knew I was reading it.

When I went to college, I became involved in Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. I met men and women there who were true Christian role models and I began to grow in my faith more than ever. I saw the importance of surrendering to God in every area of my life and I broke off a romantic relationship of 4 years that I thought was not honoring to God. My parents did not understand my new "radical" lifestyle of making real-life decisions based on God's leading.

They were fine with me being a Christian in high school because it meant they could brag about what a “good” girl I was for not getting into the typical high school party scene. Then I think they began to get scared when they saw that my faith meant more to me than a moral lifestyle. My parents have not attended church now for approximately 10 years and they are extremely distrustful of “organized religion”. My relationship with my parents continues to go through “ups and downs” due to their disapproval of certain life decisions I have made based on what I felt to be God’s leading.

Since college, Ben and I have moved several times and have been a part of four other church bodies due to our moves. At each church, God shaped our faith in different ways. The first five years of our marriage have had many changes, which were necessary for a time. We are hoping that God will have us stay in the St. Louis area and at Old Orchard Church for several years so that we can have an experience of settling into a community of believers. I praise God that he has chosen me to be one of his children and I want to live my life for him until it is time for me to join him in heaven.

Sara Dodd  
3/30/08

### **You're Invited to Write to Jon Stehlin**

Jon Stehlin, who is a part of our OOC community, has completed 2 months of his time at Heartland Men's program. We are so proud of him. Please send him letters, care-packages, etc. His address is below.

*--Pastor Mark Tucker*

**Jon Stehlin**  
Men's Center  
12599 255th Street  
LaBelle, MO 63447

**Editor's Note:** See portions of letters from Jon below. Submitted by Mark Tucker.

Dear Church,

I am doing ok for now at least I am working days at 4:46 am - 3:15pm. The days are not long. On Mondays I have Battlefield of the Mind class. On Tuesdays nothing really happens at night. Mostly your own night to do whatever. Me, I read or study for the GED. Wednesdays I go to church at 7pm. We are out by 8pm. I work at the Creamery during the day now. It is so much better. [he was working the night shift]. I have my nights free, and I work on whatever I want to. As for my involvement with people, it's kind of 50/50. During the day I converse with people I work with and at night I'm kind of solo. I'll talk to my counselor more than the residents. Mostly, I stay to myself kinda.

...I will say this though, I am used to being away from everyone, but I still miss everyone as well. I pray for all of you as a family, but I don't really pray for myself. NO GRAHAM, I DO NOT MILK GOATS! THEY do HAVE goats here, and cows. They have a lot of horses as well.

...We'll I'm not gonna lie to you. So, just so you know, after I came here I was looking at Leviticus. I got to admit the sheet that Mark handed out with the chapters, I got to say, I don't really understand it. I mean some of it I know what he is saying, but others, I just don't know. Also, I've been looking and reading and writing in Ecclesiastes. The whole vanity deal. According to the preacher everything in itself is vanity. My memory was refreshed on it, as I recalled Josh Lee and Mark Tucker leading the Webster Students [and me] in the Bible study for those chapters. Heather Sparkman too! Hi!!!!

....On 11-13-08 Jon wrote:

I want to start off by saying to all the mothers of the church, "Happy Mother's Day" belated anyways. Good news, I don't crave for cigarettes any more. No more nicotine. Truth is, I won't make any promises that I won't smoke any more when I leave here, because I just don't know. I have more good news, I haven't attempted to "put anyone in their place" and here it comes, the key word, "yet." I've been tempted, but I haven't.

I got a card from Ms Maryann Kohl and Thank you for that. I miss home. St. Louis home. Here, there's nothing but but fields. I see them everyday.

Mr and Mrs Chambers, Jan Rau, Chris Carter, Graham, Heather Sparkman, Chris and Alyssa, Pastor Ron, Currie Bishop, Josh Lee, Mark Tucker and ALL the rest of the church Thank You for praying for me. Thank you for being my friends, my perspectives, and helping me and encouraging me. I miss all of you and I still will consider you my No. 1 family.

This is Jonathan Stehlin, signing out with love to you all. Have a good day and God bless and thank you so much for everything.

Love,  
Jonathan Stehlin

### **OOC Directory Update**

Please check for your copy of the Directory Update located in the parlor. If you are new and do not have a binder with a directory, please sign up on the sheet by the Updates or e-mail Durinda at [office@oldorchardchurch.org](mailto:office@oldorchardchurch.org) and we will make more directories for you. If you need a binder, let Durinda know and we'll get a binder for you as well. And if there are any more changes (see below for some I've been informed of), please let me know.

The Update has been updated(!). ☺ See below. If there are more changes, contact the church office. (Some of these were in last week's *Tidbits*, but we decided to repeat them for the *Overture*. Please note that this is the first time we've printed Alyssa's address.)

#### **New Addresses!**

**Please make changes in your directory.**

#### **Matt & Emily Wicker**

See print copy for info.

(Sara's correct cell number was **not** previously printed so please make that change in your directory.)

#### **Ben & Sara Dodd**

See print copy for info.

#### **Alyssa Santoyo**

See print copy for info.

#### **Directory Updates, cont....**

##### **Bruce Ji**

See print copy for info.

#### **For the Friends Section**

**Jenny Lowe – see print copy please.**



Happy  
Birthday! Birthdays for June  
(better later than never....)

6/1/06.....Etienne Eia Rinn\*\*  
6/1.....Rebecca Skrainka  
6/2.....Matthew Wicker  
6/4.....Margaret Wilke  
6/4.....Greg Zavaglia  
6/7/92.....Ryan Glasgow  
6/7.....Charlotte Maichel  
6/8/89.....David Roig  
6/9.....Dawn Miller\*\*  
6/10.....Paula Rice  
6/11/86.....David Carter  
6/11.....Tanya Coody  
6/12.....Willie Friest  
6/13.....Reid Stuber  
6/13/93.....Brendan Stuber  
6/14.....Lani Quimbo\*\*  
6/15/01.....Levi Tucker  
6/21.....Christine Raquepaw  
6/23.....Gretta Kraft  
6/24/06.....Jack Nelson  
6/26.....Prisca Rice  
6/30.....Esther Dundore

\*member of missionary/ministry family



## Calendar

Sunday, June 15: Father's Day

7:00 p.m. Photos of China by Hurvey Woodson

Saturday, June 21 & July 5

7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Hal Pendergrass, leader

8:00 a.m. Officers Training on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Milligan House

4 p.m. Invitation to Gibbar home for music and food (dinner 6 p.m.)

Sunday, June 22

Reception of new members

Lunch at Milligan House after worship

Wednesday, July 2: No House Church

Sundays, July 6 through 27: No Sunday School

Sunday, July 13

Parlor Fellowship after worship

Wednesday, July 16

House Church: Potluck Supper, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 19

Bridal Shower for Anna Jennings, 10 a.m.

Sunday, July 27

Lunch at Milligan House after worship

Tuesday, July 29 - Saturday, August 2

Summer Children's Program: "Journey Into Narnia"

9 a.m. to noon each day

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