



Overture

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



please note

Room Needed to Rent

Jorge Patrocinio, from our beloved Patrocinio family that moved back to Brazil two years ago, is returning this fall to attend Webster University. He is needing a room to rent for the school year (starting in mid August) that is not far from Webster University. He can afford to pay \$300-\$400 a month. We are asking any Webster family in the congregation to prayerfully consider this. If you are willing or have questions, please call Mark Tucker @ 680-3670.

Picture Taking Continues

We still have quite a few family unit pictures to take for the picture board that we are creating of our OOC church family. Our hopes are that this board would help facilitate deeper fellowship among our members and regular attendees. Just knowing each other's names is the first step! We will be taking pictures immediately after worship on July 6th and 13th. The pictures will be taken next to the newest church entrance on the stairs leading down to the children's classrooms. So, if you call OOC home, please gather your family and look for Matt and Emily Wicker or Ben and Sara Dodd! We want to include your picture with the rest of our OOC family! Thank you.

--Emily Wicker, for the Welcoming Ministry

Deer Creek Stream Clean Up

When: Saturday, July 26th at 10:00 am

Let's serve our community and show our appreciation to God for the beauty of creation by doing our part to keep Deer Creek in Webster Groves clean! Let's meet at Deer Creek Park (also known as Rocketship Park) on Laclede Station Road. We will be conducting a litter pickup with supplies being provided by The Open Space Council. We will also be doing water quality monitoring (looking for teeny tiny bugs in the water because bugs = healthy streams!).

If you would like, bring a bag lunch and we can picnic together! If the weather is bad, we will cancel and reschedule. Look for more information on earth stewardship in an upcoming *Overture*. If you have any questions, email Amy Butz at (check print copy for address).

Something New

The Session recently authorized a proposal made by the Worship and Music Ministry, that we retire the old Trinity Hymnal, affectionately known as the “blue hymnal”, and replace it with the New Trinity Hymnal, which might affectionately become known as the “green hymnal.” We’re excited! There are many good reasons to make this change, not least of which is the ancient and hard-to-read text of the old hymnal. Even with trifocals I find myself struggling to read the words during Sunday worship! And I know some of you do too.

The musical keys of many of the hymns are pitched too high to be comfortable for the congregation to sing. The new hymnal has addressed this problem with more realistic keys as well as better harmonizations for the accompaniment.

A major problem with the blue hymnal is that it does not include a large number of the great hymns of the faith. Among the hymns missing from the old hymnal but found in the new Trinity are the following:

WERE YOU THERE
OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN
AND CAN IT BE
LIFT HIGH THE CROSS
TELL OUT MY SOUL
LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING
LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

BE THOU MY VISION
WE COME O CHRIST TO YOU
THINE IS THE GLORY
WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS
WHAT CHILD IS THIS
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING

These were a few of the hymns I found missing in just the first quarter of the hymnal!

So here’s the project in outline:

*We’re asking each household to buy a new Trinity Hymnal @ \$15 each (maybe less if we can get a discount). Households that can afford to buy two are encouraged to do so!

*Each household is encouraged to choose a favorite Scripture passage to be copied by them into the front cover as a way of dedicating our new hymnals to the Lord.

*As an incentive, those who buy a new hymnal will be given free an old retired hymnal (a blue or red one) for devotional use at home.

*If we wind up being short (we need about 140 books), Bruce Cook concurs with us that it would be fitting to make up the difference with money that’s been given to the Cheryl Cook Memorial Fund.

A project like this is an opportunity to practice community in working together toward the goal of improved worship as well as promoting a sense of ownership for us, the congregation, in our endeavor to better worship our triune God. Our goal is to have the new hymnals in the pews by our anniversary in September as another way to celebrate God’s goodness among us. Please see the sheet circulating today to sign up. Also, your check is to be written to Old Orchard Church, designated “New Hymnal Fund,” and is to be given to Greg Roig.

The Worship and Music Ministry looks forward to your participation in the purchase of these new hymnals as a welcome addition to our newly remodeled sanctuary.

Blessings....

Greg Roig, for the Worship and Music Ministry

Women's Bible Study In The Fall

Ladies, keep Thursday evenings open in the fall! Jerram Barrs will be teaching a Bible study for women in the church on Thursday nights in the sanctuary from 6:45-8:45 pm. Start date and book of the Bible to be studied will be announced at a later date. Please think and pray about whom you might invite to join us.
-- Megan Philip for the Women's Ministry at OOC

Women's Retreat...Mark Your Calendar

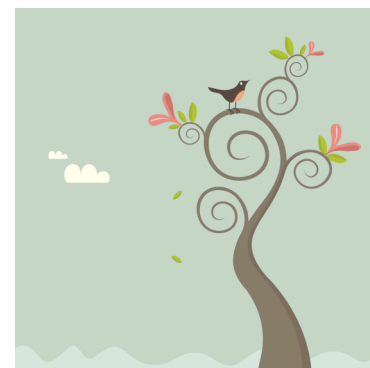
Ladies...we are going to have a retreat in February! The holidays will be over and Spring will seem far away, but we will have a fun time of fellowship to look forward to during the Winter blahs. It will be on Feb. 27 & 28, 2009, so mark your calendar! The estimated cost will be \$50. Start saving now! More details to follow!
-- Dot Branson for the Women's Ministry

OOC Women's Forum

All women of OOC (over the age of 17) are invited to join the Women's Online Discussion Forum! Share recipes, ask for advice, discuss Scripture, chat about parenting, share prayer requests and organize social activities -- all from your home computer! To sign up, just go (website is in print copy)/ If you have any questions or problems, email Amy Butz at (see print copy) or call her at (see print copy).

Bridal Shower!

Who: Anna Jennings
What: Bridal Shower
Where: Milligan House
When: Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m.



All OOC women are invited to honor Anna Jennings, daughter of Kathy and Nelson Jennings, at a bridal shower at the Milligan House. After returning with her family from the mission field in Japan, Anna was active at Old Orchard Church as a pre-teen and teenager. She has returned to worship with us during summer breaks and holidays.

Anna and Nathanael Morejon will marry on July 26 and will make their home in Westchester County just outside of New York City where Nathanael will begin his architectural career. Anna will pursue dance opportunities in New York as well as working as a nanny.

They are registered at Linens-n-Things and Pottery Barn. All gifts will be transported back to New York State so please consider that when making your choice. If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift and can give your contribution to Michelle Kraft no later than Sunday, July 13.

Please include a favorite recipe with your gift so that Anna and Nathanael can enjoy good midwestern cooking!

An OOC shower is a special way to fellowship with one another and to encourage Anna. Her sister Elizabeth will be here from Korea so this will be a rare occasion to enjoy all three Jennings sisters at one event! If you are able to bring something for the refreshment table it will be greatly appreciated. Come and be a blessing.

narnia summer children's program

Narnia Children's Summer Program: Almost FULL!! (July 29-August 2)

Registration has been taken off the OOC website because we are near capacity. However, we saved a few spots in case there is anyone in the fellowship who needs to register their kids. Please register with Kelli McKie as soon as possible!

Call or email Kelli McKie to register your children.

Narnia Children's Summer Program: PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

We are definitely going to have 90+ children again this year and only have a handful of volunteers. We still need about 8 teachers, as well as help with crafts, decorations, recreation, and other areas. See sheets in the parlor. Or talk to Kelli.

Narnia Children's Summer Program Tissue Box Collection Still in Progress.

Thank you to those who have brought in boxes. I've received about 20 so far. Many more tissue boxes are still needed for crafts for the "Journey into Narnia" Summer Children's Program, about 70-75 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.

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New Members Received

On June 22, 2008 we received the following new members into our fellowship. In case you missed that Sunday, we are listing them here again. They are Ben & Sara Dodd; David & Gayle Gibbar; Bill and Amy Grady; Maryann Kohl; Kevin & Christine Raquepaw with their three children: Lilah, Adele & John; Dennis & Suzanna McKeon with their three children, Theodore, Virginia & Quentin; Sue vanHoornbeek. Please welcome them!

Sunday School News

No Sunday School throughout the month of July. Classes resume August 3 at 9 a.m.!

2008-2009 Budget Adopted

This was in last week's *Tidbits*, but we thought we would reprint it in case you missed it!

At a recent meeting the Session adopted a budget commitment for the new fiscal year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009, after having gotten input from the congregation. We decided to leave the amount for advertisement the same as last year (\$2,000) but we want the congregation to know that we are presently upgrading our website. The Session also concurred with the fellowship that we had a moral obligation to give Pastor Mark the second half of the raise we promised him in 2007 (the first half was given in 2007). So Mark's total salary increase for this year, including a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for inflation, is \$4,130.

We also took seriously the sentiment expressed at the congregational meeting and boosted the pay of our custodian, Susan O'Neal, up to \$15.00/hr. This represents a yearly increase of \$2,470.

What do these increases mean for us practically? You know the old saying, "Don't just point out a problem; become part of the solution." Well, in this case, being in favor of increasing our budget by another \$6600.00 so that we can help our custodian and pastor should translate into wanting, if at all possible, to give more so that together we can meet the \$356,411.00 budget we just adopted. God is good, and he opens the hearts of his people; but he also asks them to discipline themselves and live sacrificially for the sake of his Kingdom, and in gratitude to Christ for all he has won for them.

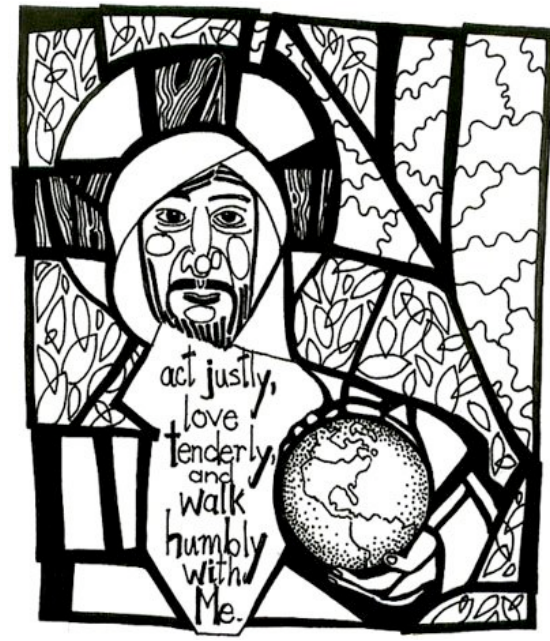
If you don't set aside for Old Orchard, your church home, a regular percentage of what you give back to the Lord, consider starting that in this "new year" that begins on Tuesday!

--Ron Lutjens, for the Session

Help To The Disaster Victims in Myanmar & China

The elders and deacons are happy to report that by asking for individual contributions from the fellowship, we more than doubled the money we sent to help survivors of the terrible cyclone in Myanmar and the devastating earthquake in China. The money to China was given through Samaritan's Purse, and the money to Myanmar was given to World Reformed Fellowship to be gotten to the needy through nationals connected to the organization, bypassing the dictatorial regime there that has been so heartless in keeping relief aid out of the country. We gave \$1,000 of our Foreign Works of Mercy to these efforts, and another \$1,100+ from you all. So thank you!

--Ron Lutjens for the Session



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.

OOO Mercy Ministry – New People Wanted

We're looking for new members--people who desire that Old Orchard continue to grow in mercy toward one another and to strangers. We meet as needed and use e-mail. If this might interest you, please see Durinda Hood or e-mail her at durindaj949@gmail.com. Thanks!

Grace & Peace Winter Shelter

A mercy ministry of Grace & Peace Fellowship, providing shelter for homeless women during the winter months.

Please note: the latest letter from the Winter Shelter is posted on the Mercy Ministry bulletin board in the hallway near the drinking fountain. Please do read it. The first part gives the story of one of the women the Shelter has cared for. There are a few changes—the need for a new Meals Coordinator in the fall, expansion of Melody Burke's responsibilities as Team Leader, and raising funds for an extensive renovation after the 2008-2009 Shelter season. Posted is more information about this. Also, the Shelter's Rummage Sale is in August. See below for its dates and opportunities to donate items.

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Submitted by Durinda Hood

Mercy Ministry Coordinator

Rummage Sale

To Benefit the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter
5574 Delmar Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri

Friday, August 15, 2008

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 16, 2007

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To donate items in very good condition, please bring them to our side entrance at 622 Clara Avenue (at Delmar) between 12:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays between July 8 and August 1—or by appointment. Contact Deb to donate large items, to volunteer help or with any questions.

School Supplies for Kids!

Old Orchard Church is collecting school supplies through Sunday, July 27, 2008 for children from families served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

You can participate in one of two ways:

1. purchase items from the suggested list below and bring them to church. Place them in the box in the foyer.

OR

2. donate money by dropping into the offering plate:

- a check to Old Orchard Church (put in the memo “school supplies”)
- cash in an envelope and designate it “school supplies”



Suggested Supplies:

Narrow rule filler paper

Scissors (Fiskars)

2 " & 3 " ring binders

Colored markers

Glue sticks

Blue, black and red pens

Broad tip highlighters

Pocket folders

Scientific calculators (\$10 pocket style)

Wide rule filler paper

Rulers

Pencil pouches/boxes

24-Count Crayons

Colored pencils

Spiral notebooks

Hand sanitizer

Pocket dictionaries

Questions? See Phil Patterson, Deb Pendergrass or Durinda Hood

-- The Mercy Ministry of Old Orchard Church

*He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your God.
(Micah 6:8)*

calendar stuff

Anniversary Celebration & Picnic

This year's 27th anniversary of Old Orchard Church will be celebrated on Sunday, September 28. Picnic after worship will be at Larson Park

Birthdays in July

7/2	Marie Chambers
7/2	Sara Dodd
7/2	Ken Peck
7/3	Chris O'Neal
7/5/98	Alyson McKie
7/5/93	Jonathan Tevebaugh
7/6	Dot Branson
7/9	Susan O'Neal
7/9	Anne Woodard
7/16/84	Justin Cook
7/16	Amy Grady
7/16/03	Anaëlle Rinn**
7/16/03	Isaiah Tucker
7/17	Ruth Killen
7/17	Katherine Lutjens
7/18	Laurie Lowe
7/19/94	Bryn McKie
7/21	Jackie Fogas
7/22/99	Benjamin Leung
7/23	Emily Wicker
7/23	Rene Quimbo**
7/25/89	Wendy Jennings
7/25	Patricia Lee
7/28	Ric Donovan
7/31	Mark Powers

Calendar Notes for Old Orchard Church

No Sunday School July 6, 13, 20 & 27.

School Supply Collection through the month of July.

Sunday, July 6, 9 a.m.: Children's Ministry Coordinators meet.

Monday, July 7 – Office closed. (Durinda finishes vacation.)

Sunday, July 13: Parlor Fellowship after worship. Betsy Roig & Emily Wicker host.

Wednesday July 9, 23, and 30: Community Groups meet.

Wednesday, July 16: House Church. Pot-Luck Supper at 6 p.m. (bring a dish to share) Mtg. @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 19, 7:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Milligan House

Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m. Bridal Shower for Anna Jennings at Milligan House. For all the ladies!

Sunday, July 20, 6:30 p.m. Benefit Concert for Heather Sparkman at Old Orchard Church

Sunday, July 27, noon. Lunch at Milligan House after worship.

Tuesday, July 29 through August 8: Greg Roig, music director, will be on vacation.

sons & daughters

Ben Dodd: Testimony – 3.16.08

I can remember, at the age of seven, the enjoyment of belting out hymns by Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts, sitting in the second row of the Nazarene church in Galesburg, Illinois. Around the same age, a traveling evangelist came to our church and sketched a profile of Jesus with a crown of thorns and a Bible verse that highlighted Jesus' death for me on the inside of my coloring book after one of his revival services on a Sunday night. I kept that picture until I moved away to college.



Throughout my childhood, God blessed me with a family who went to church regularly and with the subsequent teaching of His Word in church and in the home. Those good blessings were mixed with sin, that of my family and my own. Although I heard the Gospel of Jesus preached at church from a young age, I did not truly understand God's grace until the aftermath of 9/11. From childhood through a year after college, I pursued worldly success, striving to be the best at everything in which I participated: academics, music, baseball, etc. I also yearned to be popular as I progressed through high school. While I was pursuing popularity and other worldly success in high school, my parents told my younger brother and me that they were having marital problems and seeking counseling. As I graduated from high school having become popular through success in sports, my parents finalized their divorce and shattered the security I once had in a unified family. I went off to college, drowning my brokenness into the depths of my heart with the party lifestyle, which accompanied my membership on the baseball team. But God began to show me His grace through my failures as a college athlete and student, subtly planting seeds in my heart to bloom into a newborn faith in His Son Jesus. He used instruments such as love and sermon tapes from my believing mom, a conversation with and subsequent church invitation from a fellow classmate, and the books of C.S. Lewis.

These seeds culminated into the Holy Spirit's movement in my soul as I decided to follow Jesus in all of life in the aftermath of 9/11 as I left work from a skyscraper in Chicago, knowing that a potential plane could have hit my building that day (Luke 13:1-5). Since then, God has daily brought my brokenness and sin to the surface for healing and growth as He has blessed me with a gracious wife, wise mentors, loving small groups and eye-opening seminary classes. He is teaching me more deeply and broadly each day: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal 2:20) Sara and I are from Belleville, Illinois and much of our extended families are in the St. Louis area. We are expecting our first child, a baby boy, around July 8. I recently joined the Advancement Office of Covenant Seminary as a full-time director in January, working on media ministries and donor development. I hope to complete a Master of Arts in Theological Studies at the seminary in spring 2009. After moving around quite a bit in the first five years of our marriage, we hope that the Lord will have us serve His Kingdom longer-term through Old Orchard Church.

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...Please Note: No Children's Worship during the summer! For children grades 1-5...



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