



Overture

*The Almost Fortnightly Newsletter of Old
Orchard Church*

✠ *October 19, 2008* ✠

Welcome!

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).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DURING WORSHIP

Nursery is offered for infants & children through kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building 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. Children grades 1-5 are dismissed at 10:50 a.m.

If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms.

CALENDAR NOTES

➤ **Ladies' Craft Saturday**

Have you wanted to spend some time on a project? Have you also wanted to spend some time with other ladies at OOC? If so, come and do both at our Craft Saturday! Bring your knitting, your sewing machine, your sketchpad, your scrapbooking, or whatever craft you have to work on and join us as we set aside time to spend with each other & to enjoy creating. Do you need to be an expert at crafts? No, just come and join in the fun and fellowship!

When: October 25, 10 am – 1 pm at Milligan House

Who: OOC ladies

Why: fellowship and being creative

Bring: your project

Questions? Contact Melissa Nelson

➤ **Lunch at Milligan House**

Please join us after worship next Sunday, October 26 for lunch at Milligan House. Sign up sheets are circulating. See Ann Stuber and Betsy Tevebaugh, our hostesses, for any questions.

- **Adult Choir:** meets Mondays at 7:15 p.m.
- **English Conversations:** we meet 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on Fridays at Milligan House. See Hurvey or Dorothy Woodson for more information.
- **Men's Bible Study:** Saturday, November 1, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.
- **Women's Bible Study:** 6:45 – 8:45 Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary.
- **Reformation Day Celebration/Evening Liturgy:**

The Churches of Missouri Presbytery (PCA)

Call for a Joint Service of Worship & Prayer

Sunday, October 26, 6:00 p.m.

Memorial Presbyterian Church

201 South Skinker Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63105

Rev. David Strain of Scotland

Guest Organist: Roger Lowther

Historic 1931 Aeolian Pipe Organ

Childcare **WILL BE PROVIDED** for ages 0 (babies) through 4-years

➤ **Three Nights Together**

It's time again for "3 Nights Together"! This year we've asked Covenant Seminary professor, Hans Bayer, to give the talk he gave at the l'Abri Conference on the modern forms of non-Christian spirituality that have been growing in our culture. Here's the schedule in brief:

- Wednesday, October 29*: *House Church*--to introduce "Three Nights Together. Stories of people who started with spirituality and ended up with Christ – 6 p.m. Meal (bring a dish to share); 7:00 p.m. meeting
- Wednesday, November 5*: *Hans Bayer's Talk* at the church (7:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, November 12: Community groups meet to debrief Hans' talk and pray for friends and relatives, and the many in our culture who are spiritually searching.

*Child Care provided for both House Church (meeting only) and Hans' talk. Please let us know if you are bringing your child. We will circulate a sign-up sheet or you can call Hannah Nelson and let her know you plan to bring your child.

➤ **Have You Reserved Your Spot for the Women's Retreat Yet?**

Please reserve February 27 & 28, 2009 on your calendar for our Women's Retreat! We are looking forward to a wonderful time together of fun, fellowship, and mutually encouraging each other of the goodness of God in our stories.

We will be staying at Todd Hall in Columbia, IL for Friday night through the afternoon of Saturday. (<http://www.toddhallrc.org>)

Cost for this event (one night stay in a double room with Sat. breakfast and lunch provided) will be \$60.

Sign-up with \$10 to hold your spot. This also goes towards our deposit in reserving the date with Todd Hall. You can place your registrations in the big blue mailbox labeled "Women's Ministry" which is in the coat room.

Private rooms are available for an additional fee. Anyone holding back because of financial or other issues is encouraged to talk to Dot Branson or Ann Stuber.

--Dot Branson for the Women's Ministry

- **Leaders' Meeting:** Tuesday, November 11, at 7 p.m. at Milligan House
Ministry coordinators, elders & deacons, community group leaders, please take note.

- **Men's Retreat – New Date!**

Friday evening **November 7** through Saturday afternoon **November 8** (back by 5:00 pm)

Theme: *God's Challenge to Men*

Speaker: Nate Larkin

Location: Camp Trinity, New Haven, Missouri (75 minutes away, near Washington, MO)

Cost: \$50 (includes 3 meals) \$25 deposit due at registration. Checks payable to Old Orchard Church, with "Men's Retreat" in memo line.

Transportation: meet at church at 5 pm or 5:30 pm Friday to carpool.

Register online at www.olderchardchurch.org or fill out one of the forms available today and turn the form in to Ron Lutjens, Greg Kern, Mark Tucker, or Hal Pendergrass.

- **Sundays:**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

6-8 p.m. Youth Group/Teen Fellowship (See "OOC Teens" for more)

- **Scheduled Session Meetings**

Thursday, October 30, 2 – 5 p.m.

- **OOC Teens**

- October 19: "Loving People." 6 to 8 p.m.
- October 26: Hot Topix: "My Weird Family" 6 to 8 p.m.
- November 2: Harvest Night: Bowling \$5. 6 to 8 p.m.
- November 9: Growing Together. 6th graders welcome. 6 to 8 p.m.
- November 16: Hot Topix. (6th grade welcome). 6-8 p.m.
- Friday, November 21: Guy's Night; Girl's Night. 6 p.m. at Milligan House
- November 23: "Loving People" at Creve Coeur Manor. 5:30 to 8 p.m.
 - Teen Leadership meets at 4:00 p.m.
- November 30: No youth group

ADVERTISEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Service Opportunities with International Students**

Stephen Leung, former OOC Intern, and now working with International Students, Inc. at St. Louis University (and at Grace & Peace Fellowship), has asked us to make known the need for housing over Thanksgiving week for international students. If you are available to host someone, please contact Hurvey Woodson or e-mail Stephen (see print copy for e-mail address).

Also, Stephen is also looking for "friendship partners" with international students. There will be training for new "friendship partners" from ISI on Nov. 1st (from 9 a.m. to noon) at Memorial Presbyterian. If anyone would be willing and is interested, they can contact Stephen.

--Submitted by Hurvey Woodson

- **Old Orchard Backpackers**

I'd like to let everybody know that we have something of a small backpacking group started within the OOC community. If you like to backpack either for overnights or day hikes, please let me know. If you've never backpacked but would like to, that's good too, and we can help you get started. If you have friends from work or school or elsewhere that might be interested, we'd like to hear from them, too. The group is pretty small now, so it can be difficult for us to match up free weekends. Help us grow the group, and make it easier to find a friend to hike with. If you're interested, let me know.

Don Branson

See print copy for e-mail contact.

- **Job Opening**

New City Fellowship has an immediate job opening for a part time bookkeeper. This person would be in charge of weekly accounts payable, recording Sunday collections, and preparing bi-weekly payroll (with outside company). This position will oversee the finances for the church as well as the individual outreach ministries of New City. Interested candidates should contact Tony Thompkins, Administrator, New City Fellowship, (314) 726-2302 x23, tony@ncfstl.org. www.newcity.org.

- **Westminster Christian Academy Open House**

Westminster Christian Academy invites interested parents and students to attend an Open House on Monday, November 3 at 7:0 p.m. Westminster is located in Creve Coeur and has a current enrollment of 870 students in grades 7-12. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to tour the school, ask questions, and receive valuable information concerning financial aid and special services for students with diagnoses learning needs. Please call 314.997.2900 to pre-register or for additional information.

- **New Members Received Last Sunday**

We received new members last week. If you were not here, please welcome them! These are the ones we were not able to receive in June due to scheduling difficulties. They are: Jon, Tanya and Anna Coody; Patricia Lee; Carol Welborn Markway; Prisca Rice; and Tamara Rice.

○ **Grace & Peace Winter Shelter News**

The Winter Shelter operated by Grace & Peace Fellowship (PCA) will open November 9 for the winter season to serve homeless women in the City of St. Louis. Please take a look at their latest newsletter posted on the Mercy Ministry bulletin board. Please note:

They are looking for **volunteers**. Community groups are encouraged to consider providing meals and/or breakfast. See below for whom to contact if you want to volunteer:

- **Meal Providers** provide the evening meals at the Shelter (preparing for 20 people). If interested, please contact Karen Morton at (see print copy for phone).
- **Evening and Overnight Volunteers:** contact Marianne Kearney, (see print copy for phone) (or wintershelter1@gmail.com).
- **Sunday morning Breakfast teams**, contact Karen Morton at (see print copy for Karen). (Breakfast teams can get back to our church in time for Sunday School.)

A sign-up sheet is also circulating today after worship so feel free to indicate your interest on that or talk to Melody Perkins today after worship.

○ **Notary Public?**

From time to time I am asked if I'm a notary public, which I'm not. Is there anyone in the congregation who is? I'd like to hear from you.

Thanks, Durinda Hood, Administrative Assistant, 314.962.3795

○ **Something New: Kids' Bags**

We have organized our system for providing quiet activities for younger children in the church during the worship time. If you notice there are new colorful bags that are located in the vestibule on the window seat. Part of our intention for families at Old Orchard Church is that parents help their children to engage in the worship of the Lord each Sunday. It is not our intention to provide for children to 'escape' this worship time. However, we recognize the reality that for many younger children it is difficult to focus through out the length of the service. Therefore, we provide a few appropriate activities for them to use. Please use them at your discretion, but we encourage you to enable your children to engage more and more in the worship time as they grow. Our recommendation is that these would be used for children below the age of 10. We do ask a couple specific requests:

1. Please help your children to maintain a quiet spirit during worship.
2. After worship, please return the supplies to their bag and the bags to their location in the vestibule.

We will no longer keep clipboards and paper on the shelves for kids in the hallway by the sanctuary as we have been. Instead, we ask that you use the supplies provided in the bags (if you choose to use them!).

Thank you so much!

--Mark Tucker

STORIES AND SUNDRIES

○ Sons & Daughters

A verse that has become very much a part of my life is Isaiah 30:18:

“Therefore the Lord will wait that He may be gracious to you; And
therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For

the Lord is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him. (NKJV)

“Therefore, the Lord will wait...”

Born in New York City to first-generation Americans, my parents believed in the American Dream; prosperity was their god. As children, my siblings and I went to church because it was a socially correct thing to do. Religion, we learned, was part of our education, and belief in Christ was foolish, certainly not an intellectual pursuit. Yet, I prayed to God, and it did not seem paltry.

“...That He may be gracious to you;”

As a teen, I had no church home, no understanding of the tenets of the Christian faith, and a strong distaste for Christianity. Frankly, I did not know what a Christian was, but I was convinced it was someone to avoid. Yet, I was very aware that God pursued me. During an adolescent identity-crisis moment, alone in a high school classroom I wrote on the blackboard in very large letters. Who are you really? and astounded myself by boldly writing, “I am a child of God.” Occasionally, my prayers were to my “unknown God”.

“...And therefore He will be exalted that He may have mercy on you.”

Years later, I married a Christian, much to my family’s chagrin, and we were blessed with four beautiful children. The concept of being a Christian became more attractive to me because I found my Christian friends and my husband very secure, very assured, clearly people who had something I sincerely desired. Though never hearing the Gospel preached, the idea of becoming a Christian entered my mind often, but I didn’t know how one would accomplish that since I thought that folks were “born” into it. Still, finding courage to investigate because of what became an overwhelming desire to know Christ, I began asking questions and reading the Bible. Miraculously, one day everything suddenly made sense and I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

“For the Lord is a God of justice.”

The overwhelming desire to know Christ intimately was the focus of prayer and study. My children walked with the Lord and grew in knowledge and love of Him. It was a profoundly beautiful time, and I marveled at the perfectness of my circumstances. Very presently, however, my husband became severely mentally ill. I pleaded with Jesus to heal him and restore our family. He did not; but He was exquisitely faithful to us. As everything we had seemed to be slipping away, I pleaded again with Him to please not take everything. He did take everything that was familiar; but He continued to be faithful. As my marriage moved into separation and eventually divorce for our

personal safety, our prayers were that God would reverse the illness; He did not heal my husband, but He met all our needs. He took us into the eye of a hurricane to learn of the peace of Christ that passes all understanding.

“Blessed are all those who wait for Him.”

Sounding like Bunyan’s “Pilgrim”, my progress along the road on which the Lord has placed me is indeed long and arduous. Yet, as a child of the King, the blessings along this royal road continue to be magnificent, even outrageously wonderful. He daily meets my needs in ways so creative one can only marvel; He has turned our mourning into dancing. He waits and He is gracious. He will be exalted!

-- Sue vanHoornbeek

○ **SOMEDAY WE WILL ALL DANCE**

September 25, 2008

Tuesday afternoon we danced. That is the end of a story that began last week when a supporter offered *Refuge of Nations* free baseball tickets. Shawn Honey, our full-time intern, eagerly volunteered to join some of our Mexican friends in cheering on Molina, Perez, and El Hombre. So, on Tuesday, Shawn and I dropped by one family’s apartment to confirm our game plans.

We knocked on the door. We knocked louder. We knocked yet again. Then, a neighbor’s door swung open. We were befuddled. Did we have the wrong apartment? The woman peeking from behind the door wasn’t Hispanic.

Suddenly, wonderfully, we recognized one another. The reticent woman came into the hall and embraced us. It was Cecelia, a dear Liberian friend, whom I had not seen in three years. Haltingly, we began to reach into our shared past, finding solid places to reconnect. I asked about her young son, Emmanuel, who was alone in Monrovia the last time that we had prayed together. Joy covered her face. Tears came to my eyes. She said simply “Emmanuel is here in St. Louis now.”

In the meantime, our Mexican friend, Flor, came to her door with three children in tow. After introducing these neighbors to one another, Cecelia invited us into her apartment, placing one of Flor’s little ones on her lap. The two women discovered that they had arrived in the United States within months of one another. We prayed together in different languages, and made plans to attend one of Emmanuel’s soccer games next week.

As we crossed the hall to Flor’s apartment, we were greeted by loud Mexican music. David, aged four and recently diagnosed with Leukemia, was very pleased with himself for turning on the radio. The playfulness of the Mexican rhythms stirred his soul and ours. It wasn’t long before Shawn and I were on our feet. This multi-layered visit, after all, merited some celebration!

David stepped up onto the tops of our feet and we danced. Little Marlene squealed in delight, and joined the fun. Yes, Tuesday afternoon we danced!

Someday, in Christ, we will all dance!

“walking together freely”

www.refugeofnations.org

(submitted by Nelson Jennings)

○ *A Hymne to God the Father*

I

Wilt thou forgive that sinne where I begunne,
Which is my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive those sinnes, through which I runne,
And do run still: though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For, I have more.

II

Wilt thou forgive that sinne by which I have wonne
Others to sinne? and, made my sinne their doore?
Wilt thou forgive that sinne which I did shunne
A year, or two: but wallowed in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

III

I have sinne of feare, that when I have spunne
My last thred, I shall perish on the shore;
Sweare by thy selfe, that at my death thy sonne
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, Thou haste done,
I feare no more.

John Donne

(submitted by Katie Mohler)

○ *Pretentious Poetry Attack!*

Avec ton parapluie bleu et tes brebis sales,
Avec tes vêtements qui sentient le fromage,
Tu t'en vas vers le ciel du coteau, appuyé
Sur ton bâton de houx, de chêne
 ou de néflier.
Tu suis le chien au poil dur et l'âne
 portant
Les bidons ternes sur son dos saillant.
Tu passeras devant les forgerons des
 villages,
Puis tu regagneras la balsamique montagne
Où ton troupeau paîtra comme des
 buissons blancs.
Là, des vapeurs cachent les pics en

se traînant.
Là, volent des vautours au col pelé et
s'allument
Des fumées rouges dans les brumes
nocturnes.
Là, tu regarderas avec tranquillité
L'esprit de Dieu planer sur
cette
immensité.

Francis JAMMES

○ ***Kerouac Attack!***

Retirement annuities that grow out of group life insurance & hospital plans & sick benefits, sponsored by the modern big company, are only an attempt to cut out turnover of employees - imagine devoting yr. entire life, its soul & meaning to a pineapple company & accepting its retirement annuity for a reward - "Stay with the Machine, boys, don't need to run away or shift to other cogs, you're just as well off in this one - we offer YOU SECURITY TILL THE GRAVE."

○ ***Quote!***

"Relinquish! What! My vocation? My great work? My foundation laid on earth for a mansion in heaven? My hopes of being numbered in the band who have merged all ambitions in the glorious one of bettering their race? - of carrying knowledge into the realms of ignorance - of substituting peace for war - freedom for bondage - religion for superstition? The hope of heaven for the fear of hell? Must I relinquish that? It is dearer than the blood in my veins. It is what I have to look forward to, and to live for."

St. John to Jane, in *Jane Eyre*

○ ***Random things to read***

- Images of Man, Donald J. Drew - short book
- Light Brigade, Peter Tomasi, Peter Snejbjerg, Bjarne Hansen - graphic novel
- Technopoly, Neil Postman - nonfiction

○ ***Random things to watch***

- *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, G
- *Bright, Young Things*, R
- *La Haine*, no MPAA rating; I'll go with R
- *The Firm*, R
- *Cool Hand Luke*, not rated

▪ ***Pumpkin Soup***

1 can pure pumpkin
1/2 sautied onion
Garlic powder
1 can chopped tomato
Pinch cinnamon
1 cup heavy cream

Place all ingredients in a pot.
Cook for 30 minutes on medium heat.
Yield: 4 servings

*Red pepper flakes
Salt and pepper*

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