



Overture

Newsletter of Old Orchard Church ~ November 2, 2008



Welcome!

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, you are invited to visit our **Sunday School**, offered for all ages (9 a.m. on Sunday mornings in both the church basement and the Milligan House across the street).

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

Attention Men!

Men's Retreat!

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

Theme: God's Challenge to Men

Speaker: Nate Larkin, author of *Samson and the Pirate Monks: Calling Men to Authentic Brotherhood* (see also www.natelarkin.com)



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

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.

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. Instead, we ask that you use the supplies provided in the bags.

Thank you so much!

--Mark Tucker

Needs!

SLU International Students Will Need Housing Over Thanksgiving

Stephen Leung, former OOC Intern, and now working with International Students, Inc. at St. Louis University (and also working at Grace & Peace Fellowship), has asked us to make known the need for housing over Thanksgiving week for international students attending St. Louis University. The students would need housing from Tuesday evening, November 25 until Sunday evening, November 30. They will need to be picked up at SLU though carpooling with people at Old Orchard might be worked out. Stephen won't know until November 3 if and how many international students will need

housing. If you are available to host someone, please contact Hurvey Woodson or e-mail Stephen at svbmi.leung@gmail.com.

Four Drawer File Cabinet Needed

Does anyone have an unwanted four drawer file cabinet? If so, please let me know. It'll be for a closet in the Milligan House. --Durinda Hood

Communion Cleaner Wanted

We are looking for someone to team up with Bryn McKie to clean communion ware once a month starting in January 2009. If you are interested or want more info, please see Durinda Hood or e-mail/call the church office. Thanks.

Christmas Party Help!

Help is needed to organize the food for the Christmas Party on December 19th. Please see Kathy Jennings or Lois Easterling if you can help with the advance planning, food preparation, or serving. Planning will begin before Thanksgiving.

Reminders and Invitations

WRITE TO YOUR SPONSORED COMPASSION CHILD!

For those of you who sponsor a child, now is the perfect time to write them a letter, even if you've done it recently. Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching, along with them the busy-ness that they bring! It's easy to forget to write to the children that we sponsor, especially when things get hectic, but it's so worth it. They really treasure our letters to them, as we treasure their letters to us! --Annie Kuhn

COME ONE, COME ALL....

to get your Christmas shopping done early this year! Both women AND men are invited to Mia Sorella Designs' 2nd Annual Holiday Jewelry Show. It will be held in the Milligan House on Saturday, November 15th from 2-5 p.m. Drop by open-house style, but please note that all jewelry will be take-home ready, so early birds will get the best selection.

Take a peek at our website to check out some of our newest designs: www.miasorelladesigns.com

Hope to see you there!

-Annie Kuhn & Susannah Newman

Kids' Christmas Craft Sale! Sunday, December 14

Kids! Christmas Craft Sale again! Kids 18 years and younger are invited to make Christmas presents that they can show and sell to others in the fellowship. Date of the sale: **Sunday, December 14** after

worship. If you plan to make things this year, please let Kelli McKie know at 636.230.5754 or e-mail Kelli at kelli@natemckie.com .

For those of you new to the church, our kids have displayed some wonderful talents and hard work in the past. Some have made candlesticks from things in the woods, some make wax candles, cookies, breads, note holders, marbled note paper, fire starters, wrapping paper, ornaments—lots of great gift ideas. Plan on buying a few last minute gifts!

Overture Deadline

The next Overture will be out on Sunday, Nov.16. You are invited to write for it! We welcome submissions of articles, art, short essays, poetry, etc. All submissions should be signed by the person submitting them. 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). We have a rotating crew of Overture editors; the next editor is Jim Lowe.

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

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.

Mercy Ministry Needs

Grace & Peace Winter Shelter News

We heard from Melody Burke Perkins regarding the Winter Shelter last week. 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. Their latest newsletter is posted on the Mercy Ministry bulletin board. Please note they are looking for **volunteers**. Community groups are encouraged to consider providing meals or breakfast. You can let the contact people listed below know:

Meal Providers provide the evening meals at the Shelter (preparing for 20 people). If interested, please contact Karen Morton at [see print copy].

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 phone]. (Breakfast teams can get back to our church in time for Sunday School.)

Calendar Stuff

Save the Date, Folks!

We plan to have a Christmas Party for the congregation and friends on Friday evening, December 19. Please mark your calendar and plan to come!

Foreign Missions Ministry Meeting

Will meet today (November 2, 2008) after worship. See Hurvey Woodson.

Parlor Fellowship Next Week

Please plan on joining us next week after worship on **November 9** for food and fellowship. Thanks to Kelli McKie and Sharon Kern for hosting. Please sign up to bring food!

Three Nights Together – Second one this Wednesday!

We had a wonderful time at Night One of our “Three Nights Together,” as we listened to a powerful story of a “20-something” woman who found true peace, community and forgiveness in Christ after looking for it in different non-Christian spiritual circles.

Wednesday, November 5**: Hans Bayer, professor of New Testament at Covenant Seminary, will help us think through why contemporary non-Christian spiritualities have become so popular, and what it is that many of them are saying. Lots of our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and wider family members have been drawn to these “spiritual alternatives to ‘organized religion,’” so it’s important if we love them and long for them to find Christ, that we understand where they’re coming from. (childcare provided...see note below)

As we did last year, we’ll come together for fellowship and some food treats at 6:30 p.m. and then begin at 7. Hope you can join us!

--Ron Lutjens

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 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.

Calendar Notes

- ◆Adult Choir. - Meets Mondays at 7:15 p.m. See Greg Roig for questions.
- ◆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, Nov. 15, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.

November Dates

- ◆**Leaders' Meeting:** Tuesday, November 11, at 7 p.m. at Milligan House; ministry coordinators, elders & deacons, community group leaders, please take note.
- ◆**Congregational Meeting** for officer elections Wednesday, November 19, 6:45 p.m.
See today's handout for more about this upcoming meeting. Childcare provided. Please sign up for child care or let Hannah Nelson know.
- ◆**Thanksgiving Day Worship:** Thursday, November 27, 10 a.m.
- ◆**No Sunday School:** Sunday, November 30.

OOO Teens

- 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

December Dates—Mark Your Calendar!

- Wednesday, December 3. Day of Prayer & Fasting.
- Saturday, December 6. Leaf Raking Day.
- Sunday, December 7. Parlor Fellowship after worship
- Friday, December 19. Christmas Party. 6 p.m.
- Sunday, December 21. Caroling. 6 p.m.
- Thursday, December 25. Christmas Day Worship. 11 a.m.

Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for November 2008

Please take time to look at the Foreign Missions Bulletin Board where letters are posted from Wilma Cross, Ruthie Gutierrez and the Quimbos.

1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile. Praise for fruitfulness in various areas of ministry. Pray for Wilma as she is busy with many teaching opportunities. Pray for physical strength as she often has to drive long distances and her health is not good. Pray for a newer car.
2. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary. Praise for a strong beginning of the Budapest Bible School. Pray for the Married Couples Meetings. Pray that intimacy can be maintained in spite of the large group attending.
3. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru. Pray for Ruthie as she teaches five Bible studies for women of very diverse backgrounds and needs. Pray for the Lord to work in the hearts of the many non-Christians who attend.
4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland. Pray for the workers that they will know how to address the many difficult issues the students are struggling with. Pray for strength and patience. Pray for financial needs.
5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain. Pray for Dawn and her co-worker, Bekah, that they will make good contacts on the campuses and that they will be guided to plan fruitful programs. Pray that Spanish volunteers in local churches would assist in the work.
6. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya. Joseph and Elfi have been in the US since October 11 and will leave November 10. Pray that they will be able to visit a number of churches, including OOC. Pray for good visits with their children Matthias and Anne who are studying here.
7. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil. They will be in the US until Jan '09. Pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of churches and individuals to begin or increase financial support. Pray for safety and health as they will be travelling with two young children until early Dec.
8. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines. Praise that a tiny, simple structure was completed in the new city where they are working and that various programs have begun. Pray for protection, as this is a strongly Muslim and high crime area. Pray for their other programs.
9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy. Praise that an appropriate room has been found to rent "permanently" in the city of Verona to be used as a ministry center, where they can hold church services and other activities. Pray for completion of the contract.
10. Bob and Shirley Woodson – Lima, Peru. Pray for Bob with his heavy schedule teaching and preaching. Pray for both of them as they counsel and teach individuals and in churches.
11. World Needs: Anne Reitsema – Darfur, Sudan. We have had no news from Anne, but the situation remains volatile. Keep praying. Orissa, India. News has come of increased, savage attacks on Christians by Hindus in this impoverished area. Pray for protection and cessation of the violence.

November Birthdays

11/5/85	Chris Lowe
11/7	Jill Donovan
11/10/86	Peter Branson
11/10/04	Thaddeus Woodard
11/12/68	Osman Gutierrez**
11/14	Greg Roig
11/15	Gerry Gutierrez**
11/17	Peder Anderson
11/17	Jill Donovan
11/17/99	Riley Mullgardt
11/19	Larry Chambers
11/20	Ken Harris
11/20	Jim Butz
11/22/02	Ian McKie
11/23	Mike Kuhn
11/23	Luciano Pires**
11/24	Abigail Peck
11/28/02	Harry Barrs
11/29/93	Noah Pendergrass
11/30	Nelson Jennings



**members of missionary family.

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