



Overture

The Almost-Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church

✠ December 21, 2008 ✠

Welcome!

We welcome you to our worship. If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms in the pew racks. We also invite you to use our child care services for infants through children in kindergarten.

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.

For this Sunday only, children will stay in the service until after the ornaments are put on the tree and they are dismissed.

Most Sundays: 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. No Children's Worship today and next Sunday.

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CALENDAR NOTES

- **Office Closed:** Church Office will be closed Thursday, December 25, 2008 and Thursday, January 1, 2009.
- No **Youth Group** for the Sundays December 21 (today) & 28.
- No **Sunday School** for the next three Sundays: December 28, January 4 and 11.
- **Teacher Training/Get Together:** Sunday, January 11, 2009 during the Sunday School hour at 9 a.m.
- **New Members Class** and **“Help! I’m a Parent”** classes will begin Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 9 a.m.
- **Adult Choir.** Taking a break and won’t meet again until Monday, January 5 at 7:15 p.m. See Greg Roig for questions.
- **English Conversations Class.** Will not meet again until Friday, January 16 at 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Milligan House. See Hurvey or Dorothy Woodson for more information.
- **Men’s Bible Study.** Saturday, January 3, 2009, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.
- **Women’s Bible Study.** We will resume our weekly meetings *on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 6:45 p.m.*

ADVERTISEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas Party tonight!**
Come at 5:30 p.m. for our Christmas Party, including a concert. Please put your \$5.00 from each household in the designated envelope.
- **Staff Christmas Gift: Deadline today!**
Today, December 21, is the last call for the Christmas gift collection. As is our custom, we are taking up a collection for all our paid staff (part-time and full-time). Checks can be written to “Old Orchard Church” and designated “Staff Gift.” (If you wish to designate a specific staff person you may do so. The rest of the money collected will be divided among the staff.)
Our paid staff includes *Greg Roig*, music director; *Susan O’Neal*, custodian; *Lina Stanly*, accompanist; *Durinda Hood*, administrative assistant; and *Mark Tucker*, and *Ron Lutjens*, pastors.
- **Congratulations!**
Baby Luca Nicolo Zavaglia rang in at 8 pounds 10 ounces and 21 inches long December 11, 2008 at 2:30 pm to proud parents Greg and Cayce!
- **Save the date!**
The Hospitality Ministry will meet in Milligan House after worship on Sunday, January 18th to plan events for the new year. New members are welcome to come and learn how to participate in this important aspect of our church.
- **Christmas Day Worship**
Thursday, December 25, **11:00 a.m.**
On Christmas Day we will be feeding our souls together on Christ and his Word and in the Lord’s Supper, and then feasting in our homes on good Christmas fare!
- **Mark Tucker on Vacation**
Please note that our Associate Pastor, Mark Tucker, will be on vacation Tuesday, December 23 through 30. Monday, December 22, 2009 is also his usual day off.

- **OOO Teens**
No youth Group tonight and Sunday, December 28.
Sunday, January 4: Come to Emily Roig's Benefit Concert! 5 p.m. at Old Orchard Church.
- **Dominican Republic Benefit Concert**
Please come out to enjoy a time of music, dessert, coffee, and fellowship on **Sunday, January 4, 2009, at 5 pm at OOC** in order to support Emily Roig as she prepares to venture off to the Dominican Republic and teach English at Orphanage Outreach. Emily and Wendy Jennings will be performing, and there will also be an opportunity to give money to support the orphanage if you feel led. But above all, your presence is desired! Questions??? Email or call Emily Roig.
--Emily Roig
- **OOO Brings Narnia to the Dominican Republic in 2009! Informational Meeting on January 4!**
Old Orchard Church has decided to send a team to the Dominican Republic this June to put on our Narnia Summer Children's Program with Orphanage Outreach. This is the ministry that Emily Roig will be serving with this coming winter and spring. We are praying that the Lord would draw in the right folks for this team. We hope to send about 15 people from OOC. Please consider joining the team for this week-long mission trip. There will be an informational meeting regarding this trip after worship on Sunday, January 4.
Pick up a brochure in the parlor or contact Mark Tucker.
--Mark Tucker
- **Adult Sunday School Classes in January**
"Help! I'm a Parent"
"HELP! I'm a Parent" will be a 4 week Sunday School parenting class starting on January 18th at 9 a.m. This class will be based on Dan Allender's book *How Children Raise Their Parents*, and will be led by Pastor Mark.
- **New Members Class**
Pastor Ron will begin the New Members Class on Sunday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m.
- **L'Abri Winter Retreat 2009**

L'Abri Fellowship and the Francis Schaeffer Institute will hold a two-week L'Abri Retreat at the Kramer Farm in the foothills of the Ozarks near Steelville, MO. Week 1: Jan. 5-12; Week 2: Jan. 12-19. Contact April Barber at the Schaeffer Institute, 314.434.4044 for more info.
- **Overture Deadline**
The next *Overture* will be out again on Sunday, January 4. 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 submit articles to 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; editor for the next issue will be Melissa Nelson.
- **Place to Stay Needed**
Ken and Dawn Harris are looking for a place to stay from January through March. They are in need of a furnished place without a significant amount of rent. A location in or around Webster would be helpful, but they are willing to consider any options – including those that could extend beyond March. Ken and Dawn can be reached via Ken's cell. Please continue to pray for this family as Ken looks for work.

- **Trivia Night for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries**
WRHM Trivia Night Friday, February 6, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Richmond Heights Recreation Center. A table of 8 has been donated in the name of Old Orchard Church so anyone who is interested in being at that table may come at NO COST. See Phil Patterson to save a seat at the table.
- **Rochester L'Abri Conference 2009**
February 13-14--The Kahler Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota
Brochures in the parlor. "Proclaiming All God's Wondrous Works." Jerram Barrs, Denis Haack, Dick Keyes, Ranald Macaulay and Wim Rietkerk are giving plenary sessions. Our own Hurvey Woodson will be giving a workshops on "China, the Gospel and a Vibrant Church" and also one on "A Home Away from Home for International Students."
- **Our Children and God**
Parenting Seminar and Discussion
Helping our children experience the love of God? Please join us for a free parenting seminar and discussion at Old Orchard Church (in the Milligan House across from the church building, 639 Amelia.) Saturday, February 7, 9 am - noon. Hot Breakfast included. Our speaker will be Dr. Mark Dalbey, professor at Covenant Theological Seminary and frequent conference speaker on God and parenting.
Register on line (www.olderchardchurch.org).
For more information contact Mark Tucker.
- **Piano Lessons**
Lina Stanly would like to offer her piano teaching services to the Old Orchard Church congregation. She has taught piano for over ten years to ages 3-76. If you or anyone you know would like to learn how to play, please contact her.
- **Jon Coody**
An interview with Jon Coody was highlighted in this week's "Living Christ Today" published by Covenant Seminary. Read the interview at Covenant Seminary's website. Here's the link, and his is at the end of the section.
<http://www.covenantseminary.edu/come/covenantcommunity/meetourstudents/>
--Submitted by Durinda Hood
- **Perspectives on the World Christian Movement offered starting January 2009:**
Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is a dynamic semester-long course that has been offered on countless occasions all around the world. Through the course you will discover more fully what God is doing worldwide and prayerfully consider your part in His purposes. There are 16 class sessions that cover biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic aspects of God's worldwide mission. The course has a variety of enrollment options: enrichment, certificate, graduate and undergraduate credit. (Covenant Seminary students can receive elective credit toward their degree.) See the course website at www.perspectives.org, as well as brochures, for more details.

--Nelson Jennings

(Nelson is one of the instructors of the course.)

Schedule:

St. Charles--Sundays

Sundays from 5-8 p.m. beginning January 18th

Location: Faith United Methodist Church

Contact Duane Reeves.

St. Louis—Mondays

Mondays from 6:30-9:30. p.m. beginning Jan 19th
Location: Memorial Presbyterian Church

Contact Neal Powers.

➤ **End-of-the-Year-Contributions**

The last Sunday you can drop gifts in the collection plate and have them applied to the year 2008 for tax purposes is Sunday, December 28, 2008. Anything put in the collection plate after that will be counted as part of your giving in the year 2009, even if you back-date the check. IRS rules for tax deductions stipulate that gifts must be given by December 31—in the hands of the church by midnight, December 31, or postmarked in 2008 (if they are being mailed) though not received by the church until 2009.

➤ **OOC Finances**

The following recap covers OOC’s financial results for the period from July 1 thru October 31 for both 2007 and 2008:

	Receipts/Income	Disbursements/Expenses
2007	\$106,891	\$97,466
2008	\$ 87,682	\$99,894
Difference 2007 & 2008	(\$ 19,209) (decrease)	(\$ 2,429) (increase)

Please note that this \$2,429 increase in disbursements/expenses between years is well within budgetary expectations.

I draw your attention to the nearly 18% **decrease** (represented by the \$19,209) in receipts/income for this year as compared to the same period in 2007. The Session recognizes that many in our congregation are struggling with real or potential loss of jobs. The rest of us are in shock as we view the turbulence of these economic times. Church leadership commits to monitoring this trend very carefully and apart from a reversal will undertake to make the difficult choices to balance this budget. Please be asking the Lord to bring in the money to support the work of his church.

--Jack Easterling, For the Session



December Birthdays (**indicates member of missionary or ministry family)

12/4/86	Katharine Bayer	12/16/01.....	Csenge Futo**
12/6/89	Mary Esther Carter	12/18	Ben Kraft
12/7	Matt Philip	12/18/95	Caileigh O'Neal
12/7/92.....	Nicholas Skrainka	12/20	Ana Helton
12/7/91	Amanda Tevebaugh	12/21/97.....	Nicolas Rinn**
12/9/81.....	Nathaniel Gutierrez**	12/22	Dan Petty
12/10	Ted Winters	12/24	Amy Butz
12/12/95	Sarah Lowe	12/26/99.....	Hajnal Futo**
12/14	Currie Bishop	12/26/98.....	Adele Raquepaw
12/14/04.....	Virginia McKeon	12/26	Debbie Pendergrass
12/15	Will Barker	12/26/89.....	Reneirio Quimbo, Jr. **
		12/27	Jon Stehlin

