



Overture

The Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church
January 4, 2009



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 on the back of this sheet. Also, visit our **Sunday School**, offered for all ages (9 a.m. on Sunday mornings). Our classes will begin again on Sunday, January 18. If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms.

Sunday School News

No Sunday School on January 4 (today) & 11 (next Sunday). Classes for children and adults will resume Sunday, January 18 at 9 a.m.

Teacher Training/Get Together: Next Sunday, January 11, 2009 during the Sunday School hour at 9 a.m.

"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 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.

Calendar Stuff

- ✓No **Youth Group** for Sunday, January 4 (today).
- ✓**Adult Choir** - will start meeting again tomorrow, Monday, January 5 at 7:15 p.m. See Greg Roig for questions.
- ✓**House Church** - Wednesday, January 7. 6 p.m. potluck supper (bring food to share). 7 p.m. Meeting (see announcement)
- ✓**Teacher Training/Get Together** - Sunday, January 11, 2009 during the Sunday School hour at 9 a.m.
- ✓**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.

✓**Men's Bible Study** - Saturday, January 17, 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*

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 today: listen for announcements to see if it is meeting. Offered for children grades 1-5 and usually dismissed at 10:50 a.m.

Reminders and Invitations

Next Parlor Fellowship will Honor Dan and Ellen Petty's 60th Anniversary!

Next Sunday, January 11, during the Parlor Fellowship we will honor Dan and Ellen Petty as they celebrate 60 years of marriage (on January 15)! Congratulations Ellen & Dan!

Dominican Republic Benefit Concert TONIGHT!!

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

Attention: January 4 infomercial!

OOC Brings Narnia to Dominican Republic in 2009!

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. Pick up a brochure in the parlor or contact Mark Tucker).

Also, today, January 4th after church is our *informational potluck* meeting about the mission trip to the Dominican Republic. We will meet right after church.

--Mark Tucker

Women's Retreat! Register!

WOMEN - Are you looking forward to our Women's Retreat on February 27 & 28 ?!

Keep in mind these things: no cooking, no dishes, no laundry, no interruptions, no one yelling, "MOM!", no bills, no TV, no email, AND no bed that has to be made. Instead you will have: time with friends, time with your Lord, meals prepared for you, fun & laughter, heart-to-hearts, encouraging teaching as we learn from others.

The theme for the 2009 Old Orchard Women's Retreat is "**Faith In Real Life**". It will be held at Todd Hall Retreat & Conference Center in Columbia, IL. The cost is \$60. (If you desire a private room, your cost will be \$83). Check-in begins on Friday at 6:30 p.m. & we can stay til 4 p.m. on Saturday. The deadline for registration is Sunday, February 15th.

Registration forms will soon be available. A toy mailbox labeled "Women's Retreat" is in the coatroom. Please place your forms and money in there. If you are interested in car-pooling, note that on your registration form.

Questions? Please see or call Dot Branson or Ann Stuber.

January House Church

✓**House Church.** Wednesday, January 7. 6 p.m. potluck supper (bring food to share). 7 p.m. Meeting. At Milligan House. Child care provided. Let Hannah Nelson know that you are bringing your child for the nursery starting at 7 p.m.

Come join us to hear Nelson Jennings review 2008 world events and help us orient our praying for the needs of the nations.

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; the editor for the next issue will be Jim Lowe.

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.

Directory Updates

Stephen & Vicki Leung and their boys are now at Grace & Peace Fellowship. [See print copy for address & phone].

Mark & Valerie Powers' cell phone numbers are incorrect in the 2008 Directory update. They are: [See print copy for info.] Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

We will be printing a new "insides" to the directory in the next couple months.

-- Durinda Hood

Sanctity of Human Life Service

What: Worship Service of the Missouri Presbytery
When: January 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Where: Grace Presbyterian Church, 6308 Highway N, Cottleville, MO 63304
Contact: 636.926.2955. gracechurch@gracepca.net
FYI: Reception & ministry displays following service.
Child care provided for ages 0-4.

Our Children and God ...A 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 online. For more information contact Mark Tucker.

Rochester L'Abri Conference 2009

February 13-14--The Kahler Hotel in Rochester, MN

Brochures in the parlor. "Proclaiming All God's Wondrous Works." Jerram Barrs, Denis Haack, Dick Keyes, Randal Macaulay and Wim Rietkerk are giving plenary sessions. Our own Hurvey Woodson will be giving workshops on "China, the Gospel and a Vibrant Church" and "A Home Away from Home for International Students." A brochure is posted.

Nominations Now Being Accepted for the Offices of Elder, Deacon and Deaconess

When we nominate: During the months of January and February. (It's that time of year again!)

Who nominates: Any adult **member** of Old Orchard Church can nominate officer candidates. But four other members must also join in nominating someone.

Who gets nominated: Any man who is a **member** of Old Orchard Church who is thought to be qualified for either the office of elder or deacon, and any woman who is a **member** and thought to be qualified for the office of deaconess—all according to the criteria set out in the Word of God (**deacon: Acts 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12-13; deaconess: 1 Timothy 3:11; Romans 16:1-2; elder: 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4.**) **TO NOMINATE SOMEONE MEANS YOU BELIEVE HE OR SHE MAY WELL HAVE THE GIFTS AND CALLING TO BE A DEACON, ELDER, OR DEACONESS, AND SHOULD EXPLORE THE OFFICE WITH THE SESSION BY ENTERING THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.**

The nomination itself: The nomination **must be in writing**, must include a statement as to why the nominator believes the person should be considered for the office, **must be signed by the nominator and four other members** of Old Orchard Church, and must be turned in directly to an elder.

Who to approach in a nomination: The member nominating should **first approach the Session** with a written nomination, *not the person being nominated*. The Session will then take the nomination and approach the individual with it. This is not "going behind the person's back;" but rather, by allowing the elders to approach people with the fact that at least five members of the fellowship believe they may have the gifts and calling for office, we heighten the need for them to seriously consider it before the Lord. If, after careful prayer and discussion with the elders and others, the nominated person concludes God is not calling him or her at least to go through the apprenticeship program, the nomination can be declined, or postponed, and that is the end of the matter.

Either the Session or the person nominated will inform all signatories to the nomination as to whether or not the nomination is being accepted and the apprenticeship entered.

Apprenticeship period: Those people nominated have through March to think, pray, meet with other officers and with the Session as they try to discern God's leading as to whether to go into apprenticeship for the office. The apprenticeship program may begin as soon as all those considering it have made up their minds. But it shall be under way **no later than April 1**, and goes through October.

Time of elections: Officer elections shall normally be held in mid-November.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement 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.

\$75 scholarships are offered to anyone who would like to attend in the St. Charles area. Any married couple attending together is offered reduced tuition (2 to 1); the only additional costs would be if the spouse would like their own set of materials.

--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: (see print copy for contact info)

St. Louis—Mondays

Mondays from 6:30-9:30. p.m. beginning Jan 19th

Location: Memorial Presbyterian Church

Contact Neal Powers: (see print copy for contact info)

Mercy Ministry Needs!

Bring Food Any Sunday

We will receive any Sunday non-perishable food donations and will be given to a food pantry, usually Grace and Peace Food Pantry. Please refrain from glass containers. Just leave it in the box and the tall wicker basket in the parlor.



Foreign Missions Prayer Requests (& news) for January 2008

- 1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Praise that Wilma has a brand new car, for her many miles of driving. Pray for her 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 (complicated thyroid issues).
- 2. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary** Praise that the Christmas music program was a great success. Pray for a very complicated and serious problem that has come to light concerning the sale of the office in Budapest. (See article below)
- 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. Pray for Gerry and Ruthie's health.
- 4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** The winter terms begin in both branches this month. Pray for a good mix of students and for their adjustment to L'Abri. Pray that the staff will be sensitive to their needs. Pray for financial needs.
- 5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Praise for a very successful outreach among the university students last month. Pray for spiritual fruit as they follow up the many contacts made. Pray that the Lord would continue to work in the hearts of some Christian students who have been reaching out to others.
- 6. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Pray for a difficult situation in the church that has caused turmoil and division. Pray for wisdom for Joseph and the church officers and for healing reconciliation.
- 7. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** They will be reporting to OOC on Jan 25 in our Moment for Missions. They will be returning to Brazil soon after that. Pray that some of the contacts they have made will start or increase their support. Pray that they will find a new home and center for the work by September when they must leave their present location.
- 8. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines.** Pray for protection for Rene and Lani and their many co-workers, contacts and ministry locations, as Muslim terrorist activity has been increasing on the island of Mindanao. Pray for wisdom and physical strength as Rene and Lani direct their many ministries in different locations.
- 9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Praise that an appropriate room has been rented in the city of Verona to be used as a ministry center, where they can hold church services and other activities. Pray for new contacts as programs are introduced. (See article below)
- 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. Bob will be in the States on the east coast Jan 21-Feb 12 to attend a missions conference and visit supporting churches.

Futo Office Problem

For a couple of years, the Futos have been trying to sell an office that they owned in Budapest. Legal problems have arisen to block this sale.

To understand the situation, some history is needed. I hope I have the facts straight.

When the Futos moved back to Hungary some years ago (after both of them graduated from Covenant Seminary), they bought a condo in Budapest to live in that proved to be less than ideal. As I remember, there was a garage next door which was noisy and polluted the air. As time went on, they had two children, both of whom suffered from health problems. And since the condo/apartment was very small, they decided to purchase a small office in the same building so that Rob would have somewhere to work.

A couple of years ago, after much prayer, they decided to move out of Budapest to provide a healthier environment for their girls. It was still close enough for Rob to commute to the very fruitful activities that he was involved with in Budapest. Tünde became the director of the choir in the church in their new town. The girls were happy in school and all seemed to be going well.

They sold their condo and started to build a house (the Lord provided temporary housing). They also planned to sell the office and even found a buyer. They thought the paper work was completed over a year ago. At this point it becomes complicated. To make a very long story short, after many frustrating and time-consuming delays, it was just discovered last month that the office never had really been theirs and they had apparently lost their money.

In the meantime their house was being built by a contractor who was a friend and new believer. As the money from the office didn't materialize, he continued to finish the house anyway, even though he was not able to pay his workmen.

To top everything off, the day that Rob found out about the fatal problem with the title to the office, driving home, he was involved in a bizarre, disturbing car accident.

As far as I know, that is where things stand today.

Prayer and praise. 1. Pray that the new lawyer can unravel the legal mess soon. 2. Praise that Hungarian friends have lent them money to pay the contractor. 3. Pray for healing from the stress for both Rob and Tünde. 4. Praise that they were able to move into their new house the end of December. 5. Pray they will be protected from Satan's attacks and that God will be glorified in a way that we cannot imagine.

The Rinn's New Ministry Room

In contrast, after many months (years?) of searching, the Rinns have finally found a suitable storefront to use as a base for their projected church plant.

For financial reasons, when the Rinns moved to the Verona (Italy) area, they rented an apartment in a small town about a ½ hour drive from downtown. Since then, Joel has been looking for a place to have Bible studies, church services and other activities. It seemed impossible to find anything suitable.

At first, one of their contacts let them hold Bible studies in their apartment, which was larger and better located than their own. This has recently become unavailable.

But now they have actually signed the papers to rent a one room storefront and take possession on Jan 1st. It is well located, on a busy street and only three blocks from the University. There is some work to be done to prepare it for their use, but not a lot.

One of their supporting churches has generously provided the funds for the first year's expenses, including rent, purchasing chairs, hymnals, etc. What a marvelous answer to prayer!

Now pray for Joel and Jessica as they begin this new venture, as they make plans, try things out. Pray for many people to be drawn to this place of ministry.

--Submitted by the Foreign Missions Ministry

Letter From Dawn Miller

Merry Merry Christmas to you!

I wanted to send you the link to the new, improved ministry website which is at a new location.

See print copy for info.

I'm still getting pictures up and such, but it is now up and running. The former ministry website no longer exist after January.

Thanks again for your prayers & partnership in bringing the Gospel to university students in Madrid!

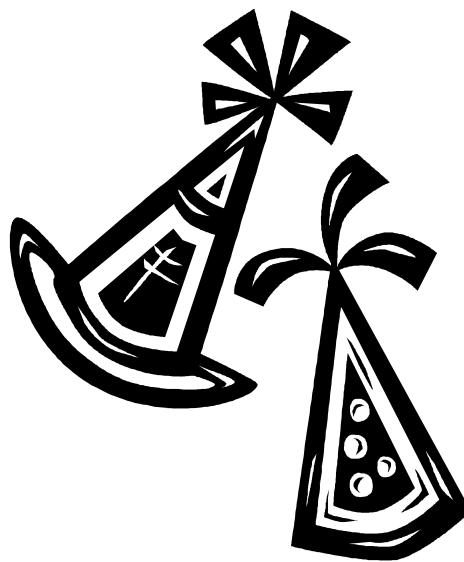
God's blessings,

Dawn Miller,

Missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ in Madrid, Spain

January Birthdays

1/1 Robert Carter
1/1 Jane Winter
1/7 Jacob Mohler
1/7 Ann Stuber
1/9/98 Sarah Kern
1/10 Betsy Tevebaugh
1/10 Jon Woodard
1/13/84 Sam Kraft
1/15/04 Mila Pires**
1/20 Andrea Curry
1/20/90 Victoria Rice
1/22 Sue Taussig
1/23 Vicki Barrs
1/24/75 Keila Gutierrez**
1/28 Anne Woodson
1/29 Kathy Jennings
1/29/89 Anne Muutuki**
1/29 Karen Reinheimer
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