



Overture

*The Pretty Much
Fortnightly Newsletter of*

Old Orchard Church

January 18, 2009

Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

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

Sundays @ a Glance

9:00 a.m. **Sunday School** for adults (Milligan House) and children (basement of church building)
10:15 a.m. **Worship**
6-8 p.m. **Youth Group/Teen Fellowship** (see below)

Children's Ministries

NURSERY is offered for infants & children through Kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building's basement.

Infant nursery for babies, crawlers, and 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 a.m.

Children's Worship: For children grades 1 through 5 at Milligan House. Dismissed from worship at 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School Classes Begin Today, January 18

"HELP! I'm a Parent": a 4-week Sunday School parenting class based on Dan Allender's book *How Children Raise Parents*, and led by Pastor Mark.

New Members Class led by Pastor Ron.

Old Orchard Church Contact Info

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Calendar Notes

(An asterisk [*] indicates that more information can be found later in this issue.)

Recurring events

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 meets next on Saturday, February 7, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.

Women's Bible Study. Thursdays, 6:45 p.m. See Melissa Nelson or Megan Philip if you have questions.

Lunch at Milligan House. Please sign up for lunch next week (Sunday, January 25) after worship. Betsy Tevebaugh and Ann Stuber are hosting.

Special Calendar Goodies

February 4: House Church, 6 p.m. supper and 7 p.m. meeting. Child Care offered during the meeting.

February 7: Parenting Seminar, 9 a.m. to noon, Milligan House

February 10: Arts Ministry Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

February 17: Stated Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 22: Old Orchard Idol, 6:00 p.m.

February 24: Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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Hospitality Ministry Meeting Today

The **Hospitality Ministry** meets in Milligan House after worship 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. See Kathy Jennings, Hospitality Ministry Coordinator, for questions.

Sanctity of Human Life Service—Tonight, 6:00 p.m.

Worship Service of the Missouri Presbytery
Grace Presbyterian Church
6308 Highway N, Cottleville, MO 63304
636.926.2955. gracechurch@gracepca.net
Reception & ministry displays following service.
Child care provided for ages 0-4.

Directions to Grace Presbyterian from Old Orchard Church

Head east on Amelia Ave toward Spring Ave - 262 ft
2. Turn right at Spring Ave - 0.2 mi
3. Slight left at Oakwood Ave - 407 ft
4. Turn right at Big Bend Blvd - 164 ft
5. Turn left at Murdoch Ave - 443 ft
6. Turn right to merge onto I-44 W - 5.1 mi
7. Take exit 276 to merge onto I-270 N - 6.9 mi
8. Take exit 12 to merge onto I-64 W/US-40 W/US-61 N toward Wentzville -

15.6 mi
9. Take exit 9 toward State Hwy K/O'Fallon - 420 ft
10. Continue straight - 0.5 mi
11. Turn right at County Rd K/State Hwy K (signs for State Hwy K/O'Fallon)
Continue to follow State Hwy K - 3.2 mi
12. Turn right at Hwy N/MO Hwy N/State Hwy N - 1.2 mi
13. Turn right - 207 ft

Overture Deadline

The next *Overture* will be out in two weeks, Sunday, February 1. 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 Susan O'Neal.

Our Children and God

Parenting Seminar and Discussion

Guiding our children in discovering the love of God. Please join us for a **free** parenting seminar and discussion at Old Orchard Church (in the Milligan House) 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 at www.oldorchardchurch.org. For more information contact Mark Tucker, (see print copy for e-mail).

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 (philpatter@sbcglobal.net) to save a seat at the table.

Register for the Women's Retreat!

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, and 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 till 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.

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."

Applications Accepted for Westminster Christian Academy

Westminster Christian Academy in St. Louis, Missouri, a Christian secondary school with 872 students in grades 7-12, is accepting applications for the following Upper School faculty positions for the 2009-10 school year: English, Spanish, Math, Computer Science and Applications, and Special Needs. In addition, applications are being accepted for a maternity leave substitute for 9th grade English to begin Monday, April 13, through Friday, May 29, 2009. Visit our website at www.wcastl.org for application information and/or contact Becky VanValkenburg, Executive Assistant to the Head of School, at bvanvalkenburg@wcastl.org or 314.997.2900.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Grace & Peace's Food Pantry needs some stocking! They have invited us to help by bringing a can (or more) of hearty soup on Super Bowl Sunday! That's Sunday, February 1. Just leave the canned soup in the foyer. Thanks!

--The Mercy Ministry of OOC

Thank you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Old Orchard,

May God Bless you during Christmas and in 2009! “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We have seen his star as it arose, and have come to worship him.” (Matt. 2:2 (NLT))

We are so thankful for both the financial partnership and the Christmas gifts you have given us for the Shelter this year. Both the children’s gifts and the photo books* were very much appreciated and a great blessing! We are thankful to have you as our brothers and sisters!

With love in Christ, Melody Perkins, for the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter

*We gave the women staying at the Shelter small photo albums with covers decorated by our children and Anne Woodson.

Attention: Moms

Is there an interest among some of the moms of OOC with small children in getting together once a week, twice a month, once a month for some playtime in the basement of the church? I’ve checked with those necessary and we could use the church on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from about 9-11 or noon. We could take turns bringing snacks for ourselves and the kids and some coffee. If interested please e-mail me at (see print copy for e-mail).

That Time of Year Again...

Officer Nominating Process

for the offices of elder, deacon, and deaconess.

When we nominate: During the months of January and February.

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 has been a **member** of Old Orchard Church for three years 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; I Timothy 3:8-10, 12-13; deaconess: I 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.

Whom 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.



February 22, 6pm



Old Orchard Church

640 Amelia Ave.

Webster Groves

Dessert

Free



*If you would like to be a "contestant," contact Mark Tucker,
maltucker@gmail.com, 314-680-3670.*

*All acts (song, dance, drama, etc) are welcome but spots are
limited.*