



## OVERTURE

The (Almost-Fortnightly) Newsletter of Old Orchard Church

✝ May 3, 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 below. Also, visit our **Sunday School**, offered for all ages (9 am. on Sunday mornings). If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms.

**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 in the preschool room during the whole service. Five-year-olds remain upstairs in the worship service until dismissed at 10:50.

**Children's Worship** for children grades 1-5 (not including 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month) and dismissed at 10:50 am.

### Are You Graduating From Seminary This Spring?

If you are graduating from seminary this spring, please let the church office (314.962.3795 or [office@oldorchardchurch.org](mailto:office@oldorchardchurch.org)) know so we can honor you at the May Parlor Fellowship.

### Compassion Sunday Update

Last Sunday, 7 children were sponsored through Compassion International!!! There are 3 children left who still need sponsors. Please stop by the table in the parlor to check out the child packets. Thanks!

## Congratulations! First-Time Grandparents!

### **Nancy Weir**

Newly returned to Old Orchard, Nancy Weir, is a grandma! Nancy's daughter, Lauren, had a girl, **Isla** (Eye-la) **Young Stites** born April 11, 2009. 7# 9 oz.

### **Bill & Nancy Rogers**

Bill and I would like to announce that we became the happy grandparents of **George Joseph Zlatic** on Thursday, April 23 at 12:54 am. He weighs 8 lb 14 oz. Monaca and the baby are doing very good. Monaca ended up having a C-section. Thanks be to God for modern medicine. Thank you all for your prayers. Love in Christ, Bill and Nancy Rogers

### **Ben & Michelle Kraft**

**Louis Avey Kraft**, born March 15, 2009, (two weeks early) in Boston, MA, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, 20-1/4 inches long, gray/blue eyes. He is the sixth generation Louis Kraft, but as our family tradition of using different middle names, he will be called Avey (pronounced like the initials A.V.). Parents are Louis David Kraft and Jennifer Cookson. --(Aunt) *Gretta Kraft*

The grandparents, Ben & Michelle, recently "Had a wonderful time with the little guy and his parents."

--Durinda Hood tracked down this information and submitted the "first-time grandparents" story. However, if there are other first-time grandparents in our midst, please let us know!

## Calendar Notes

**Adult Choir.** Rehearsals Mondays at 7:15 pm. See Greg Roig for questions.

**English Conversations Class** will not be meeting again until September 2009. See Hurvey or Dorothy Woodson for questions.

**House Church.** Wednesday, May 6 at Milligan House. 6 pm potluck supper (bring a dish to share). 7 pm meeting. Child care offered during meeting. Let Hannah Nelson know if you plan to bring your child(ren).

**Parlor Fellowship.** Sunday, May 10, 2009 after worship. Hosts: Niko & the Teenagers! Sign up to bring food today.

**Leaders Meeting.** Tuesday, May 12, 2009. 7:00 pm. at Milligan House. Let Mark Tucker know if you need child care!

**Men's Bible Study.** Next one is Saturday, May 16, 2009, 7:15 am. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass. (Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month)

**Women's Ministry Crafty Saturday.** May 16, 10 am to 1 pm at Milligan House.

**No Sunday School** on Sunday, May 25. **Office will be closed** Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day).

**Budget Construction meeting** will be May 26, 7 pm. (elders, deacons)

**Lunch at Milligan House.** Sunday, May 31 after worship.

## Teen Calendar

Sunday, May 3. Teen Fellowship. 6 to 8 pm. Harvest Night (bring a friend if you can). Pancake Party.

Sunday, May 10. Mother's Day. No Teen Fellowship.

Sunday, May 17. Teen Fellowship. 5:30 pm to 8 pm. "Loving People." Serving a meal at Sunshine Ministries Homeless Shelter.

Sunday, May 24. Teen Fellowship. 6 to 8 pm. Hot Topix: "Our Weird World" (guest speaker on current events.)

Sunday, May 31. Teen Fellowship. 6 to 8 pm. Parent/Teen Night (cookout).

## Sunday School News

9:00 am. Sunday Mornings (for both children & adults)

ADULTS: Sunday, May 3, seminary intern, Jon Coody, will be teaching a class on the parables through the month of May and part-way into June (as part of the intergenerational SS class). The bulk of the class will be watching 6 films that are 15-20 minutes each. Each film is a modern re-make of one of Jesus's parables. Meets in Milligan House living room. Please join us!

No Sunday School on Sunday, May 24. (Memorial Day weekend)

## Photographs Still Wanted

The Website Committee is seeking digital photos of people at Old Orchard Church events. Please send them to Amy Butz via e-mail (see print copy for address). Thanks!

## Budget Process Calendar

Reminder, our fiscal year now is July 1 to July 1.

## Reminders for Leaders & Ministry Coordinators:

- Our vision sharing meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 7 pm. (be talking with your ministry groups).
- Reports and proposals for the next budget due Sunday, May 17.
- Budget Construction meeting will be May 26, 7 pm.

## Additional Communion Cleaning Help Sought!

We are looking for a couple more people to be on the monthly rotation regularly to clean communion ware, and also substitutes. We work in teams. So far we've had no one interested in helping with this important task. Please prayerfully consider if you can serve in this way. Contact Durinda Hood with questions or if you want to volunteer!

## Congregational Budget Meeting

Wednesday, June 10 (6:45 pm)

## Women's Ministry Crafty Saturday

Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Milli gan House – 10 am to 1pm

Ladies, come join us for a time of crafting and fellowship! Bring your knitting, crocheting, sewing, scrapbooking, origami or other projects! Or, if crafting is not your thing but you still want to visit with friends, you can bring any other work you need to catch up on, or just bring yourself. Tables and chairs will be provided. Bring snacks for yourself or to share if you want to nibble on something while you craft. And feel free to invite friends from outside Old Orchard! Questions, call or email Amy Butz.

## Letter from Old Orchard Church's Session

April 23, 2009

To the Members of Old Orchard Church,

As our fiscal year nears its close at the end of June, the Session has become very concerned regarding what appears to be a significant budget shortfall that we have been experiencing since January. We have been running behind on the income we need to pay for the commitments made in this year's budget for several months, and at the end of March we reached the point where we are \$10,000 behind on what we have paid out versus what has come in. We have consistently fallen about \$10,000/month short of what was budgeted throughout the fiscal year, but this has been offset by a very generous December in which we took in almost three times the expected amount, and the issue has not reached a critical point until now.

The bottom line is that, should this trend continue, we will find ourselves **over \$40,000 short of expected income by the end of June**. Of course we understand that the financial times we are in are not easy for anyone, and several in our congregation have lost their jobs over the last several months. However, it is the responsibility of the officers of the church to remind the congregation of the commitment we made in the current year's approved budget, and ask for your prayers and consideration as we may be forced to take some difficult steps to cut expenses unless we see a significant increase in giving in the near future.

As always, we depend entirely upon our Father's providence to support the expenses we feel led to make on His behalf. We ask that the Lord would guide all of us to make financial decisions that are in line with His will for our church and community.

In Christ,  
Nate McKie, Ruling Elder, for the Session

### Senior Sampler. Today, Sunday, May 3, 2009. 2 pm to 4 pm

- Visit senior service providers at the Webster Groves Recreation Center.
- Visit Open Houses at Webster Senior Living Centers.

Sponsored by the Webster Groves Senior Roundtable. Come to the Webster Groves Recreation Complex at Glendale & Elm Avenues (2 to 4 pm). See flyer and information posted on the bulletin board. For more information call 314.963.5307.

### WRHM Summer Camp Program Opportunities

See bulletin board for opportunities (paid and volunteer) to work in a summer camp program offered through Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (314.961.5082). June 8-July 31, 2009. Deadline for applications: May 17, 2009. They are also seeking a Camp Director

Qualifications: Minimum age of 22 / Prefer college / Strong Christian example / Formal education in childhood education or experience in working with children / Capable of working with others / In good health / A desire to lead children to a better understanding of what they can be with God's leadership / Never convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving child abuse or neglect / No criminal record / Must provide to background check / Responsible to the W-RHM Director.

### LAWN MOWERS WANTED

We're at that season again—looking for people to mow the lawns at the church building and at the home of Willie Lee, disabled and lives in Rock Hill. **Bill Grady** will coordinate lawn mowing at the church/Milligan House, and **Brian Curry** will coordinate lawn mowing at Willie Lee's. Sign up sheets are circulating today!



### Wait No More: Adoption Event

Right now, more than 1,400 legal orphans in Missouri foster care are waiting for adoptive families. Missouri has over 8,000 churches, and God has given clear commands for Christians to take care of His orphan children.

Join us on Saturday, June 6th, 2009, at Calvary Church (Mid Rivers Campus) in St. Peters. You'll hear more about the kids who are waiting, the process of adoption from foster care, and ways to support adoptive families. In addition, agency and county representatives will be on site to answer questions and help you get started.

So come explore what the Lord may be asking you to do. Together, we can ensure that no child in Missouri is waiting for someone to call Mom or Dad.  
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**Wait No More:**  
**Finding Families for Missouri's Waiting Kids**  
Saturday, June 6th, 2009 from 10 am-2 pm  
Calvary Church (Mid Rivers Campus), St. Peters

You can get more information or register for this event at <http://www.icareaboutorphans.org>.

## National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7, 2009

*Introduction from the National Day of Prayer Website ([www.ndptf.org](http://www.ndptf.org)):*

The 58th Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 7, 2009. Millions will unite in prayer as thousands of events will take place from coast to coast. The theme for this year is **"Prayer... America's Hope"** and is based on the verse from **Psalm 33:22** which states: "May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you."

[Beth Moore](#) will join Shirley Dobson to lead the nation in prayer as the 2009 Honorary Chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force.

"Meet at City Halls"

Thursday, May 7th, 2009, Noon to 1 pm

Many gatherings will take place at City Halls (<http://www.gatewayndp.org/events.htm> has a list), including Webster Groves, St. Louis City, St. Charles, Brentwood, Ballwin, Chesterfield, Clayton (Court House Plaza, 11:30 am to 1 pm), Crestwood, Kirkwood, Maplewood, Sunset Hills.

## Birthdays in May

(\*\*indicates a member of a missionary or ministry family)

5/1 ..... Sharon Kern  
5/3 ..... Carine Barrs  
5/6 ..... Liam Donovan  
5/7 ..... Tamara Rice  
5/9 ..... Gina Woodard  
5/10 ..... Adeline Kuhn  
5/10 ..... Emeline Rinn\*\*  
5/13 ..... Greg Kern  
5/15 ..... Theodore McKeon  
5/15 ..... Raphaella Zavaglia  
5/21 ..... Sandra Petrus  
5/22 ..... Alex Bielefeldt  
5/23 ..... Bridgette Clifton  
5/24 ..... Toby Lowe  
5/24 ..... Betsy Roig  
5/25 ..... Elliot Storm  
5/25 ..... Ian Storm  
5/26 ..... Kevin Li  
5/29 ..... Adam Taussig  
5/29 ..... Abel Tucker  
5/31 ..... Matthias Muutuki\*\*

## Housing Sought

Church Office Note: We received this via e-mail and have in the office the reference letter Patrick's pastor wrote. --*Durinda Hood*

April 27, 2009

Dear PCA Church,

My name is Patrick McPherson and I am a member of Christ Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Owensboro, KY. I am a college student and I am seeking housing in the St. Louis area close to Logan College of Chiropractic. I have been accepted as a student there and am looking forward to attending. If there is anyone interested in housing a college student or if there is anyone that has a small place they would be willing to rent out at a very reasonable price, please let me know. I will be in St. Louis on July 27th, 28th and possibly the 29th attending to different matters regarding my move. If anyone wants to meet me and/or my family, I will be more than willing to make those arrangements.

I will be studying at Logan for about three and a half years, and I know that is a long time for any one person or family to commit to house a college student, however, any amount of time committed to housing me would be appreciated beyond words. Please contact me if you have any questions.

This is my personal e-mail address: [ex\\_nihilo@bellsouth.net](mailto:ex_nihilo@bellsouth.net)

Home Phone #: (270) 684-9879

My Cell Phone #: (270) 485-4233

Attached [Durinda has this in the office.] is a letter from my pastor giving further information about me.

Thank you for your time and God bless your congregation.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Ryan McPherson

## Letter from the Carvalhos

Leonardo & Alessandra deCarvalho, and their two children (Sofia & Ian) are Brazilians who were part of Old Orchard Church while attending Eden Seminary here a few years ago, have been more recently living and studying in England. Alessandra recently wrote a long e-mail letter with photos. I have excerpted the last part of it about their recent time in England. (I can forward the e-mail to anyone who wants it.)  
--*Durinda Hood*

### ***April 2008 – Moved to England***

For 15 years we have worked in Zion Presbyterian Church in Brazil. In April last year God sent us to England in order for Leo to attend the Cornhill Training Course in London. It has been great for him [Leonardo] to learn more about expository preaching. As a family we have

enjoyed learning about English culture and being part of a local church, Haywards Heath Evangelical Free Church. They have made us very welcome and we love them very much.



Leonardo and Alessandra outside Buckingham Palace!

Sofia and Ian are attending the local schools and have settled in well. Their English is getting better and better and they are very happy.



We are praying as a family for God to show us where he wants us to go next when the Cornhill course finishes in the summer. We are at peace about this because we know God's plan for us is best; we simply want to obey Him. We know that He is always with us, guiding us in His love.

There is so much more I could say about all that God has been doing but I haven't the time here. However my heart is always thankful and full of praise for God for all His blessings and love to me and the projects he has led me to be involved in.

Thank you too for remembering us in your prayers, it is very much appreciated and God has been answering!

God bless you all!  
Alessandra and family.

P.S. We have experienced many things in England, including snow!!!

### Overture Submissions

You are invited to write for any of our issues! 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](mailto: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 (out on May 17) is Jim Lowe.



## Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for May 2009

- 1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Wilma asks prayer for her health, teaching opportunities, the next Mercy School [dates not given], opportunities to present Christ to many and the continued work in the Valparaiso women's prison.
- 2. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary** Pray for the Wed. evening group of young marrieds for honesty and good discussion after the lectures. Pray for prepared hearts as Rob teaches and preaches this month. Pray for direction as they consider starting a Christian school.
- 3. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** (See letter from Ruthie on the Foreign Missions Bulletin Board) Pray for justice regarding the Presbyterian Church properties in Huanta. Pray the Gerry will be able to sleep in spite of the difficult situations he is dealing with right now.
- 4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** In Switzerland, a new term began May 3. Pray for adjustment of the new students. Pray for the health of Mrs. Schaeffer, and Prisca and for those taking care of them. Pray for finances. In England the new term begins May 19. Pray that all who should come will get visas.
- 5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Pray for Dawn as she interacts with students, that Christians will be encouraged in growth and others will be brought to saving faith. Pray that the Lord would continue to work in the hearts of the Christian students who have been reaching out to others.
- 6. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Praise that the difficult situation they were dealing with is being resolved. Pray for the church as they choose new elders and deacons. Pray that refugees from East Congo who attend the church will receive residence status soon.
- 7. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** Praise for very good attendance and reaction to various Colloquium activities. Pray for health and wisdom for both of them to carry on all that the Lord had placed before them to do. Pray for finances.
- 8. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines.** Pray for physical and spiritual protection for the Quimbos and their ministry helpers as the work there is being attacked in various ways. (See the article below and the Foreign Missions Bulletin Board at the church.)
- 9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Pray that a movie night and English classes planned for the new store-front church location will attract new, fruitful contacts. Pray for solid believers to help form a core group for the church plant.
- 10. Bob and Shirley Woodson – Lima, Peru.** Pray for Bob with his heavy schedule teaching and preaching. Pray for his safety and stamina as he frequently takes trips to minister in the mountains. Pray for both of them as they counsel and teach individuals and in churches.

**11. Emily Roig – Dominican Republic.** Continue to pray for Emily as she teaches in the orphanage in the DR. Praise that her roommate, Erika, has become a believer. Pray that she will be discipled as she returns to the US.

### **Quimbos: Dangerous Situations in the Philippines**

Nine months ago a new outreach was started in the isolated village of Mikato, near the Hillside Learning Center. Bible studies were begun, souls were saved and the first church service was Dec. 14, 2008. In Jan/Feb seven village people were killed (shot) in separate instances. The first was an elderly woman who had become a believer, shot just outside her house. A couple of weeks later a woman and her two young children were shot while working on their farm. They were all involved in the church. A relative of this woman was killed, and also two other men. As of our last news (a month old) the village is in total anarchy with only talk of intervention by the military. However, the Quimbos report, "the church is very much alive as they stand firm in their faith in Christ."

The situation in strongly Muslim Zamboanga City remains dangerous with threats of kidnapping and other violence. At the Portal Ministry, individual helpers are experiencing various kinds of persecution for their faith. In one case a young woman had to flee her home to escape physical violence from her father. And then, there was a flood that seriously affected the work with the House of Hope/Bajao people.

Please be praying.



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