



Overture

*The Pretty Much
Fortnightly Newsletter of*

Old Orchard Church

May 17, 2009

Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

Welcome to our worship! If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard & what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms. Please see below for information on children's ministries and Sunday School.

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 Class for Adults

Seminary intern, Jon Coody, and Mark Powers, are 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! *N. B.: We'll have **church-wide Sunday School** in June for all ages on **Modern Day Parables**.*

Old Orchard Church Contact Info

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Church Office E-mail: office@oldorchardchurch.org

Web Site: www.oldorchardchurch.org

Calendar Notes

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

Recurring events

Adult Choir has begun summer vacation—no further Monday night rehearsal. See Greg Roig for questions.

English Conversations will not meet again until September. See Hurvey or Dorothy Woodson for more information.

Men's Bible Study meets next on Saturday, June 6, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.

Lunch at Milligan House. Please sign up for lunch in two weeks (Sunday, May 31) after worship. We shall honor our Children's Ministries' workers. Chris Carter and Marie Chambers are hosting. Sign up to come!

For Teens

Sunday, May 17: 5:30-8:00 p.m. **Loving People.** Serving a meal at Sunshine Ministries Homeless Shelter.

Sunday, May 24: 6 to 8 p.m. **"Hot Topix"**—"Our Weird World" (guest speaker on current events).

Sunday May 31: 6-8 p.m. Parent/Teen Night (cookout).

Parents, talk to Mark Tucker if you have any questions or concerns.

Special Calendar Goodies

Thursday, May 21: **Children's Ministry** meeting. 7 p.m. at Milligan House.

Sunday, May 24: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Monday, May 25: **Church office will be closed** in observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 26: 7:00 p.m. **Budget Construction Meeting** for elders, deacons, treasurers.

*Friday, June 5: 6:30-9:30 p.m. **Ladies' Story Feasting Time** at Milligan House.

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Wednesday, June 10: 6:45 p.m. **Congregational Budget Meeting.**

KHPYΓMATA THΙ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΙ (Announcements for the Church)

Directory Updates

- ❖ Emily Roig's e-mail account unfortunately got hacked into and she has changed accounts -- See Print Copy.
- ❖ Wilke family e-mail address has changed. It is now (See print copy).

Reminders for Leaders & Ministry Coordinators

- ❖ Reports and proposals for the next budget due **TODAY**, Sunday, May 17.
- ❖ Budget Construction Meeting will be May 26, 7 pm for elders, deacons, treasurers.

People to Mow Lawns

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

Bartlett Baby Birth

Karissa Grace Bartlett
Parents: Jason & Amy-Ruth Bartlett
Born Tuesday, May 12, 6 a.m.
8 lb. 1 oz; 21 inches
Congratulations!

Spring Flowers Bring Baby Showers

The women of the West County Community Group are hosting a baby shower for Emily Wicker. She and Matt are no longer at Old Orchard Church, as Matt has recently become the Director of Children's Ministries at Central Presbyterian Church Chesterfield. After praying Matt and Emily through their courtship, engagement, and first 2 years of marriage, we want to send them into parenthood, too, with prayer and good wishes. Anyone who would like to join us in this is welcome to attend. Details are as follows:

Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.
Kathy Jennings' home
565 Bridgebend Rd.
Manchester, MO 63021

Hostesses: Kathy Jennings, Patricia Lee, Dot Branson, Maryann Kohl, Jessie Swigart, and Suzanna McKeon

Gifts and contributions to the refreshment table are welcome.

The Wickers are registered at Babies R Us. The easiest way to find their registry is to search for Wicker in Missouri rather than to put any more details.

RSVP to any of the hostesses personally or call Kathy [see print copy for number].

Overture Deadline in Two Weeks

May 31 is the deadline for submissions to the next *Overture*, which will be out Sunday, June 7. 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 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 is Susan O'Neal.

Narnia in the D.R. CARWASH FUNDRAISER



Want to get your car washed? Want to help support our church trip the orphanage in the Dominican Republic where we will be doing our Narnia Summer Children's Program? Well, you can do BOTH simultaneously on Saturday, May 23, 9 am - noon. Cost is any donation you wish to make. Where? The parking lot behind Crossroads Presbyterian Church (2640 Oakview Terrace, Maplewood 63143) Manchester & Oakview. See Mark Tucker for more.

Churchwide Retreat

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I know many of you have been waiting to find out about a churchwide retreat for this year. Thank you for your patience. After our retreat last year (Spring 2008) we decided to push the 2009 retreat to the fall, thinking that this would be the best time to draw in more folks, avoiding conflicts with high school, seminary and college graduations, and Mothers' Day. But after investigating numerous locations which were booked up or a bit pricey, it seemed that we might should postpone it until next year (fall 2010). Given the fact that we are in a recession and just had two retreats (men's in the fall of 2008 and women's in February 2009), and our yearly teen retreat, it seemed best to the Session to skip the churchwide retreat this year so we can get in sync and do more specialized retreats in the year between our churchwide retreats which we want to schedule every other year from this point on. I know that this will be disappointing to many of you, but we do think this is a good way to go over the long haul—churchwide retreats every other year and specialized retreats in the year between (father-son, mother-daughter, mens,' womens' retreats, etc). However, we do encourage you all to go on "grassroots" informal retreats with each other this year. And we will help you do it! I (Pastor Mark) have spent oodles of time researching retreat and camping areas and I'm willing to help folks organize a trip. So, go retreat...please! And contact me if you need help.

--Pastor Mark, for the Session

Looking for College Graduates!

We're honoring college graduates at the Parlor Fellowship in June. Please let the church office if you've graduated/to graduate this spring! office@oldorchardchurch.org.

Invitation to Cancer Support Ministry Dinner

The Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church invites you to attend a Cancer Support Ministry dinner on Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kirk's Fellowship Hall. Dr. Greg Jewell, an OB/GYN physician who practices locally, will speak about a variety of cancers. The cost for dinner is \$7 and reservations can be made by contacting Jack or Sara Sanders [see print copy for contact info]. Please respond by Tuesday, May 26, 2009. The Kirk is located at 12928 Ladue Road, St. Louis 63141.

MORE VOLUNTEERS for Webster Rock Hill Ministries

From: Webster-Rock Hill Ministries, Ed Johnson

Many, Many Thanks to our volunteer retirees.

Regular Office hours are Monday- Friday, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon.
This has created several Regular Volunteer openings for:

Intake/Interviewer, and Floater for each of the days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.
Friday- Receptionist and Floater

Call or come by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries' office if you can help.
314.961.5082
111 E. Waymire, Rock Hill 63119

You can also talk to Phil Patterson who is our representative to WRHM.

--Submitted by Durinda Hood

Narnia Summer Children's Program

From the beginning of Old Orchard Church in 1981, the main focus of our summer children's programs has been outreach to those *outside* of church fellowship, particularly, families who are not part of an evangelical church. As the years have gone by, we've had more and more children from other evangelical churches joining us. At one level, this is great, but given the small size of our facilities, we *have to* limit our program to roughly 100 children—and even that is stretch for us.

This year we will be making a serious effort to draw in families from outside of the church and give them first priority, after our own children. With about 30 of our own children, it will mean we will be keeping about 70 slots open for these children until July 10th (our Narnia program runs from Tuesday to Saturday, August 4-8).

Therefore, hurry and register your own children before the slots fill up (www.oldorchardchurch.org). But also, please be encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to join us. If they are not already part of a church we will hold a spot for them, but if they are from other churches we will put them on a waiting list.

We are sorry to have to do this, but we believe our Narnia program is a great tool to commend the gospel to unchurched families. At the same time, we want to say that we do very much wish we had the facilities to include everyone.

THE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!!

One of the hallmarks of Old Orchard Church has always been the importance we place on creating opportunities for people to fellowship over food in a pleasant setting. This is one of the things the hospitality ministry facilitates for the benefit of all who attend or visit our church. Ordinarily we have refreshments in the parlor (back of the church) one Sunday a month after worship. We also try to have a full meal in Milligan House about 8 times a year, usually on the 4th Sunday. In addition, we arrange to have refreshments for congregational meetings and special occasions. This adds up to about 24 events a year.

Do you enjoy parlor fellowships and meals in Milligan House? If so, here's what you can do to help.

- ❖ Sign up to bring food when the clipboards come around in the communion circle. Each family that plans to attend should try to contribute if at all possible. For Parlor Fellowships, please sign up for one item per family. For meals in Milligan House, please contribute one need per adult attending. Needs usually include food, cash, and clean-up help. Guests are always welcome to attend at no charge, without signing up. And of course, we want you to stay even if you didn't sign up--there is always enough food.

- ❖ Join the Hospitality Ministry and volunteer to host an event. We have detailed instructions for you to follow and we will pair you with someone who has experience. ***We currently need hosts for events in July, August, September and December.*** Talk to Kathy Jennings about where you can fit in. A community group is welcome to take this on as a group activity. Recently our teens hosted the Mother's Day fellowship with great success. Men are always welcome to participate. Jim Lowe has organized meals for us in the past.

With ideally 2 hosts or hostesses per event, you can see that this requires a lot of people. Currently, many of our members are having to serve as hosts for several events a year in order to cover everything on the calendar. We would like to lighten the load a bit by bringing new people in to help us. New folks may not understand how all of this wonderful food magically appears on a regular basis! Non-members are always welcome to contribute by signing up on the clipboards.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy (see print copy for contact info).

Ladies! Mark Your Calendars for our First Storyfeast!

When: Two evenings (pick one) June 5th & June 6th

Where: Milligan House

Details: MORE TO FOLLOW SOON!

Signup: COMING SOON!

*One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of Your majesty
And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.
Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts,
And I will tell of Your greatness.
They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness
And will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.
Psalm 145:4-7*

Open Letters to the Congregation

Mittersill, Thursday, May 7th, 2009

Dear Friends,

Several have asked how Katharine and Daniel's wedding went, and therefore to let everyone know, in a timely way, we are sending a "group e-mail." We certainly hope that everybody's name who would like to hear is included; our apologies if we overlooked someone, but please, those of you who receive this, pass it on to others who would be interested, if you know of someone.

As most of you already know, the wedding was on the 18th of April. It was close to Basel, Switzerland, in a lovely "pre-Alpine" setting that happens to be in a "corner" where Switzerland, France, and Germany meet. St. Chrischona, the little seminary where the wedding was, and where Katharine and Daniel will begin attending in the fall, sits atop a beautiful hill that overlooks other hills and valleys that fall away in several directions as one looks out from the wall that surrounds the chapel. It makes one immediately think of the word, "pastoral," as it is a gently undulating landscape, verdantly beautiful as it was early spring, with all kinds of blossoming trees, bushes and flowers. Surrounding St. Chrischona itself are pastures where sleek, fat cows graze, well-tended gardens, a greenhouse, a large farm and barn where one can buy fresh milk, goats, orchards, and many trails and pathways leading in all directions.

But first, let me "back up" a bit...The wedding week began with several family members and close friends attending the civil ceremony which took place on April 11th in Mannheim, Germany. Afterwards we walked amidst lush gardens and fountains taking pictures, crying and laughing together, as we all began the process of realizing that Katharine had just signed her name as Katharine L. Gleich for the first time. Daniel's home church in Meckenheim, Germany hosted a lovely coffee and cake time later that day, with young and old regaling Katharine and Daniel with singing, hugs, and well-wishes along with a little "sermonette" from the pastor.

Then, in the evening of the next day, Easter Sunday, after spending a lovely day with Daniel's parents, Katharine, Daniel, Hans, and I headed for St. Chrischona, with rising feelings of expectation and anticipation of what lay ahead. Jamie, my cousin from Dallas, arrived on Tuesday, April 14th along with Luit, her husband, and her daughter, Natanielle. Being in the flower business, she and Luit went to work immediately to execute the plans that Jamie and Katharine had painstakingly e-mailed about. Flowers were arriving from Holland and needed to be picked up in Baden, and then off to the flower auction in Bern to purchase more flowers, with buckets, vases, and all other necessary paraphernalia that was needed to bring plans

into being, procured as well. On Wednesday, Daniel's parents arrived, and then shortly thereafter many started coming in, from all four corners of the world. Our oldest son from Africa, a dear friend of Katharine's from Moscow, two families from Hungary, including Rob and Tünde Futo, my father and brother with his wife and Heather Dryden from the States, and Hans' two sisters and their families from Finland and the Faroe Islands. Many came from all over Germany, family and also friends, for example, from places where the "Word of Life" friends have dispersed, (where Katharine and Daniel first met.) It seemed that the whole hill slowly became a hubbub of activities in preparation in one way or another for Saturday. The flower arranging was happening in the barn along with napkin-folding, place cards and welcome packets assembled in one or another of the dormitories. There was also a continual coming and going of several that took day trips to Swiss L'Abri or to Basel, so that there was never a shortage of topics in the evening dinner conversations. Over all, there hung a growing excitement in the air of the coming event, as Katharine and Daniel would appear here and there, finalizing details, checking to see that hopefully, nothing was being overlooked, but also, it seemed that they, too, were getting caught in an irresistible current that was quickly heading in the direction of *Saturday*.

Finally, the morning of the 18th dawned brightly. Katharine was whisked away by her Dad to a nearby village to have her hair done, and afterwards enjoyed the last conversation as a single woman, with her father, over a croissant and hot chocolate, a cherished tradition that had developed between the two of them years ago. Then, back at St. Chrischona, I had the honor of helping Katharine dress. She had designed her wedding dress herself and had had it made, trying her best to find the most reasonable way possible, which it really turned out to be. Also, it was "manifest beauty" in its creativity and reflection of several of Katharine's own traits and characteristics. It couldn't have been a more perfect dress for her, although she and the seamstress had needed to navigate several "narrow passages" in the work of creation! But now, with all the finishing touches sewn into place, when Katharine put it on, she looked more beautiful than I have ever seen her. She was radiant! The necklace was latched, the flowers placed lovingly in her hair by Jamie, the veil placed carefully over the lilies-of-the-valley that now dangled playfully and fragrantly around her head, and she was ready! Daniel's sister, Steffi, showed up just at the last minute and asked if she could pray for us, as Hans, Katharine and I spent those last precious few minutes together.

The church looked nobly regal, with Jamie's flowers like living, silent exclamations of God's glory. The crowd was noticeably excited as the music penetrated the air; Daniel stood, thoughtful and expectant, even more so as the back door opened, and in walked Hans with Katharine on his arm and Tünde's two daughters as flower girls. Finally, finally the moment that the two of them had worked so hard towards, had arrived. There was quiet glory in the air as the ceremony proceeded. Daniels' and Katharine's voices rang out strong and clear in the reading of the scripture, worship filled the church in one accord to the Lord that had made all of this possible, Hans' sermon was given and received from deep within the hearts of all present, the rings exchanged, and all was wreathed in blessing that was most present and actual.

Afterwards were pictures, coffee and cake time, a walk "into the blue," Katharine and Daniel riding a "Just Married" tandem bike that Heather Dryden had helped to decorate, dinner, and afterwards an evening program that included tributes, film clips, presentation of gifts, skits, stories, even an appearance of "Elvis," which made the place erupt! (It was Hans, one of Daniel's good friends.) The food, the fellowship together, the celebration of two lives that now God is joining into one, the love that was showered upon them from every direction, these are all unforgettable aspects that Hans and I will treasure up in our hearts and give God thanksgiving for, for a long time to come.

At the end, was it after midnight?, we all gathered outside in a circle with sparklers in our hands, first of all singing, and then Marcus, another good friend of Daniel's, praying for them, before they soon departed.

They went to spend the night in Basel, leaving the next day for a honeymoon of 6 days in Cambridge, England.

At one point during the evening, someone was commenting about all the hard work that was entailed in the planning and execution of this wedding, beginning with Katharine and Daniel, but including many dear friends and family. Marcus (mentioned above) broke in and said, "Not hard work, *heart-work!*" Well, said, Marcus! And the Lord takes, once again, our five loaves and two fish, blesses them, and distributes to all, full and running over.

I hope that this captures some of the essence of the experience for all those who are interested. We missed those of you that had truly hoped could come, but, there can be a "virtual experience" of the wedding on Katharine and Daniel's website (<http://www.hochzeitsinfos.kilu.de/index.html>), and pictures should soon be found at this address http://www.hochzeitsinfos.kilu.de/photo_gallery/photo_gallery.htm.

We hope that this email finds all of you well, thriving and enjoying spring. Hans and I are "back" in Austria and forging ahead with our respective tasks, trying to make some real headway before we go off to the European Leadership Forum in Hungary in the 3rd week of May.

Heartfelt greetings to each one of you,

Susan (with Hans)

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Hello,

I hope this finds you well! I wanted to contact Old Orchard Presbyterian Church regarding an event that we are having at Bethesda Orchard located in your neighborhood at 21 North Old Orchard Avenue. On Friday, May 22, 2009, 4-7 p.m., anyone 65 and older is invited to join us for a FREE enchanted evening in our garden, featuring the Patt Holt Singers with a tribute to Disney. Complete with free dinner, music and guided tours—what a great way to celebrate Spring! Please share this information with anyone that you think would enjoy coming to this event.

Sincerely,
Tiffany E. Webster LCSW, MSW
Outreach Coordinator
Bethesda Health Group, Inc.
314-800-1945

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Summer Camp VOLUNTEERS for Webster Rock Hill Ministries Sought

Webster Rock-Hill Ministries Summer (8 week) Camp opportunities:

Looking for Activity Coordinators:

- (1) Devotional activity coordinators for one day or up to one week, provide morning spiritual devotional activities for youth (9:15-9:45 a.m.)
- (2) Need for reading/writing coordinators for one day or up to one week (3 to 4 p.m.)
- (3) Field Trips chaperones/coordinators

If interested, contact Webster Rock Hill Ministries at 314.961.5082 or e-mail (see print copy for e-mail). You can also talk to Phil Patterson, our representative to Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

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Landscaping Ministry Volunteers Wanted!!

One of the areas of responsibility that the diaconate oversees is the care of building & grounds. People in the congregation organize some aspect of the work, such as the lawn mowing/snow shoveling, and the landscaping work. Alice Tucker serves as our Landscaping Coordinator and would like a group of 4 to 6 people to work with her who would be called upon to do a task perhaps twice a year, for 1 or 2 hours at a time. Some of the possible tasks you might be asked to do are occasional watering, pruning/trimming, spreading mulch, weeding.

If you are interesting in serving with Alice in helping with the care of our grounds, please let either Matt Philip or Durinda Hood know. There's also a clipboard going around too for this!

Let's help keep our grounds well cared for! Thanks!

