



Overture

The Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church – July 19, 2009

Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

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

Children's Ministries During Worship

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. 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.

No Children's Worship for the summer. We will resume in the fall.

Sunday School News

No Sunday School for the month of July.

Bring Food Any Sunday

The Mercy Ministry team continues to accept donations of non-perishable food throughout the year to be passed on to a food pantry. Grace & Peace Fellowship's Food Pantry continues to be in need of food. --*Durinda Hood* for the Mercy Ministry

Pick Up Your Directories, Please!!

The directories are in the parlor. One per household. Please sign-up on the clipboard if you want a second copy. Your first copy (and binder) is free; we ask for a donation toward the cost of your second copy (\$1.20 without binder; \$4.35 with binder). I am willing to e-mail a PDF copy of the directory to anyone who requests it at office@oldorchardchurch.org.



Baby Shower for Brianna Tamm

Saturday July 25th

10am - Noon at Milligan House

Please come in joyful anticipation of the birth of the Tamm addition.

Bring some treats to share! Brianna is registered at Target. Hostesses are Dot Branson & Maryann Kohl. Anyone wanting to donate to a group gift, please give it to Maryann Kohn or Dot Branson today

Prayer Requests/Overture Clarification

Please note, clarification: In the July Foreign Missions Prayer Requests, under #4. L'Abri Fellowship, there is a prayer request for "Prisca." This is Priscilla Sandri in Switzerland, not our Prisca Rice in Rochester! Sorry for any confusion.

Calendar

No Sunday School during the month of July.

Visiting (out of town) **Youth Group** has cancelled their trip to St. Louis originally scheduled from Monday evening, July 20 until Saturday morning, July 25.

Pastor Mark Tucker Takes a Vacation. July 23-July 30.

Baby Shower for *Brianna Tamm* on Saturday, July 25, 10:00 a.m. See announcement for more.

Lunch at Milligan House for July has been cancelled. Next Lunch after worship will be August 23.

School Supplies Collection during July and will end **Sunday, July 26**. See article for more info.

Parlor Fellowship. On Sunday, August 9 after worship. Sign-up sheets circulating today, July 19.

Calendar Note

Men's Bible Study is scheduled to meet next on **Saturday, August 1** at 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass to confirm this & for questions. Group usually meets the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Teen Calendar

- **Friday, July 24.** 6 p.m. *Lost and Found* #4.
- **Sunday, July 26.** 6 to 8 p.m. *Lost and Found* #5.
- **Friday, July 31.** Friday Morning at Einstein's, 9 to 10 a.m.
- **Sunday, August 2.** Rock the River Outreach Concert. After church until late.
- **Tuesday, August 4-8.** **Narnia Summer Children's Program.**
- **Friday, August 7, 6 p.m.** *Lost and Found* #6, "Night at the Museum 2"
- **Sunday, August 9.** No Teen Fellowship.

Overture Submissions

You are invited to write for any issue of our newsletter, the *Overture*! 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). The editor for the next issue (out Sunday, August 5) will be determined. Deadline today.

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July 7, 2009

Dear OOC Friends,

Thank you for your regular and kind queries about how my back is doing. I just saw my surgeon for my three-month (and two weeks) post-op X-ray checkup, and he says everything looks great. I can basically do most anything I want except heavy lifting and high-impact sports for about three more months – which is fine with me, but I guess that means I can't join the Cardinals until the playoffs (wishful thinking on both counts)!

Several times each day I am simply ecstatic and extremely grateful to be moving about pain-free for the first time I can remember, as well as with vastly improved fluidity. If my Dec, 2000 heart surgery has kept me here this long, this back surgery has sure made the extended stay incredibly more pleasant.

Thanks again for your prayers and regular expressions of concern.

*Gratefully,
Nelson Jennings*

Thank You!

Dear Church Family at Old Orchard,

We wanted to thank you all for your prayers and well wishes for our upcoming wedding, and greatly enjoyed seeing everyone at church and at the open house. Thanks also to those who contributed to the group gift card to Target...what generosity! It has already come in handy in helping to furnish our future apartment! Thanks again to all!

God Bless,
Jenny Lowe and Allen Cook
(to be married August 8 in Portland, Oregon)

Need Any Odd Jobs Done?

Ron Nelson (currently unemployed) is available to hammer, paint, measure, lift, climb and clean (windows especially). Interested? Give him a call or e-mail him. (see print copy for numbers & e-mail address)

Volunteer this summer for Narnia Children's Program!

HELP!! If you were a person who has been on the bubble about helping with Narnia, the bubble just broke. We need several more class helpers. Contact Kelli (see print copy) if you can help.

It just occurred to me that we may be shooting ourselves in the foot by calling the position "teacher." I don't think that is the best term anyway. It's more like a class facilitator or guide or class leader is probably best. A couple of people told me they didn't want to be a teacher because they couldn't teach.

--Mark Tucker

Here's a brief update on our mother church, Grace and Peace Fellowship.

Celebration

One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4,12

For the next 100 years....

As our capital campaign nears the end of its first year, we have reason to celebrate. Despite the economy, more than half of the \$500,000 goal has been pledged, a third of the pledged amount has already been given, and we can see—and hear—the evidence of God's faithfulness:

- A new sound system for the sanctuary is in place.
- Initial waterproofing has been done.
- Lead abatement work in Fellowship Hall has been completed.

Other projects are now being bid or under way:

- Gutter replacement and repair
- A ramp for handicap access at the Clara Street entrance
- New carpeting for the sanctuary
- Exterior painting.

We have never lacked for reasons to be thankful, in our individual lives and—for 40 years—in the life of our fellowship together. As we ponder the work of restoration that remains, we take time out to praise God, to delight in him, to acknowledge his goodness, his mighty acts.

Opening at 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 a Communications Specialist to provide oversight and support for all Westminster communications. Candidates for this position should have communications/journalism education qualifications and/or experience. Forward letters and resumes to Lauren Graham, Advancement Associate, at lgraham@wcastl.org or call 314.997.2900.

Dear Friends and Family,

Hello! Today is July 9th - my due date, and I just wanted to send a quick update to let you all know what is going on...

First, a HUGE praise! For those of you who don't know, Matt began full time employment at Central Presbyterian Church here in St. Louis on July 6th! We are so thankful to have some stability and medical insurance after a year of waiting. The Lord has been so good to provide for us this past year and to give us the gift of a job right before our baby is born. Central is the church that Matt has been working part time at for the past two months. He will continue his duties as Children's Director at the Chesterfield site (similar to a church plant) and will also be working part time with Central Christian School in their after school program (combining those hours makes him full time). He is loving his new job, and it is such a joy to see him using his talents to help kids know Jesus. Everyone loves him!

Second, not much going on on the baby being born front. I'm a bit discouraged since I am neither dilated or effaced, and the doctor has asked us to schedule an induction for July 19th. Since inductions often lead to further unwanted interventions with the labor and delivery process, I am really praying that this baby comes before then. Please pray with us that the baby would come quickly, that I would have courage, faith and peace as I face the unknown, that I would be able to have the most natural birth possible and that Matt would be strong in the Lord for me. The Lord promises that there is a "time to be born" (Ecclesiastes 3:2), so I am trusting that he has a plan for this little one whom he so lovingly has formed in my womb. We are eager for his or her arrival - just to meet and hold him/her for the first time....

Love to each of you! We will send out an e-mail after the baby is born!

Emily Wicker

Hello to all! Baby Wicker is no longer a mystery kicking around in my tummy! He is a beautiful baby boy who entered the world and our hearts on July 13 at 11:22am. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20.75 inches long. Both Mom and baby are healthy. We praise the Lord for a smooth delivery and a joy filled recovery. It is amazing to finally hold him in our arms and to know this precious little one, our son, Benjamin Matthew Wicker.

Benjamin

Son of the right hand

I have set the LORD always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

Psalm 16:8

Matthew

A gift from God

Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,
who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17

The three of us will be going home on Wednesday. Please continue to pray for wisdom and strength as Matt and I transition into parenthood.

With Joy,

Matt and Emily Wicker

Address Change

Durinda's note: I received this note from Jessica and it explains why we couldn't put their new address in the "Friends" section of the new directory. Please note to add it in! And don't forget to change Sandra Ribeiro's address. I've listed it again (just in case you missed it).

Please let us know if you move and/or change phone numbers.

E-mail office@oldorchardchurch.org.

Thank you!

Durinda Hood

July 9, 2009

Hi Durinda!

I hope you are well. I apologize that we did not get back to you sooner. We could not give you an address because we didn't have one! We moved into our house last week and are happy to finally be settled. We miss Old Orchard and hope you are well.

Our new address is:

Peder & Jessica Anderson

(See Print Copy for info.)

I hope you are well.

Jessica Anderson

Sandra Ribeiro

See print copy for info.

Please note the 878 phone number is no longer a valid number for Sandra.

Office Volunteers

Currently Angelyn Tag folds bulletins every other week. I've been filling in the alternate weeks with various people and sometimes myself. If you'd be interested in an "every other week" task please see me about doing this one. The bulletins are usually ready either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning at the latest. You can fold them here, or fold them at home, but if you fold them at home they need to be returned to the church building by Saturday evening.

I'd like to also have a couple people to call upon for other office tasks from time to time. If you'd like to be on such a list, please e-mail me at office@oldorchardchurch.org. If you've volunteered before (especially if it's been a while ago), please let me know if you'd like to still be asked.

Thanks.

Durinda Hood



Rummage Sale

For Grace & Peace Fellowship's Winter Shelter
5574 Delmar 63112

Fri., August 14 (5 to 8 p.m.) & Sat., August 15, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

☐ Donations. They're looking for donations in excellent condition (others really don't sell). Use side entrance at 622 Clara Avenue (at Delmar) between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, July 7 - July 31 or by appointment. Please call Deb Eisenbraun (314.241.4202) in advance to donate large items, or with any other questions.

☐ Helpers Welcome! If you want to help with the sale—before, during or after—contact Deb Eisenbraun (see print copy) or Melody Perkins at 314.367.8959.

School Supplies for Kids!

Old Orchard Church is collecting **school supplies** through Sunday, July 26, 2009 for children from families served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

You can participate in one of two ways:

1. purchase items from the suggested list below and bring them to church. Place them in the box in the foyer.

OR

2. donate money by dropping into the offering plate:
-- a check to Old Orchard Church (put in the memo "school supplies")
-- cash in an envelope designating it "school supplies"

Suggested Supplies:

Narrow rule filler paper	Wide rule filler paper	Scissors (Fiskars)
Rulers	2 " & 3 " ring binders	Pencil pouches/boxes
Colored markers	24-Count Crayons	Glue sticks
Colored pencils	Spiral notebooks	Hand sanitizer
Broad tip highlighters	#2 Pencils	Pocket folders
Pocket dictionaries	Blue, black and red pens	
Scientific calculators (\$10 pocket style)		
Payless Shoe Gift Certificates		

Sponsored by:

The Mercy Ministry of Old Orchard Church

*He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your God.*

(Micah 6:8)

Going to--or Willing to--Travel to Chicago?

Pastor Jorge Patrocinio, Sr., former attendee of Old Orchard, needs to get his Ph.D. diploma from Concordia Seminary recognized by the Brazilian education board. He needs to get his diploma and transcript notarized by the Brazilian Consulate in Chicago. His son, Jorge Patrocinio, Jr. will be returning from Brazil to the U.S. in August and needs a ride to Chicago from St. Louis to go to the Brazilian Consulate and have these items notarized. The Patrocinios are willing to pay for the expenses of the round trip (the suggestion is to make the trip in a day by leaving at 5 a.m. and then returning the same day). Jorge Jr. is not yet 25 years of age so cannot rent a car for this purpose so if a car is rented, it would need to be someone over 25 years of age to go with him. Or perhaps there is someone planning a trip to Chicago and can give Jorge a ride to the Consulate.

If you can help with this request,
please see Mark Tucker or e-mail him.
Thank you!

Old Orchard Church

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