



# Overture

## The Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church –October 4, 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. Also, visit our **Sunday School**, offered for all ages (9 a.m. 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.

### 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.

**Children's Worship.** Children grades 1-5 are dismissed at 10:50 a.m. to go across the street to Milligan House for worship.

### Next Parlor Fellowship

Our next Parlor Fellowship will be after worship on Sunday, October 11. In honor of Amy Lutjens who will move to South Carolina on October 19 to be with her oldest daughter. Gretta Kraft and Laurie Lowe are hosting. Please sign up to bring food on the sheets circulating.

### "3 Nights Together"

#### Theme: "Beauty, A Window Onto God"

Mark your calendar for: October 28, November 4 and 11. Each start at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28. First of "3 Nights Together." Meets at Milligan House.

Wednesday, November 4. Second of "3 Nights Together." Floral Designer Jane Winter's talk: "Truth, Beauty, and Flowers" Meet in sanctuary. Invite friends.

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### Provide Articles for the Overture

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 place your signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). The editor for the next issue is Prisca Rice with Tamara Rice assisting and will be out Sunday, October 18. Deadline is Sunday, October 11.

### **A Gift of Love in the Face of Death – Last Call!**

We continue to pray for Jim Butz and his family in their ongoing grief over the terrible loss of Jim's sister, Teresa. In the experience of many who lose someone close to them, this time after the funeral, when everyone has gone home and gotten back to their own lives, is particularly hard. They have begun to face the painful task of going on, for a long, long time, without the person they loved.

One way we thought we could continue to support and encourage the Butz family as they grieve and seek the Lord's face, is to take up a collection in the congregation for a nice tree that Jim's parents could plant in their yard in memory of Teresa. Some in our fellowship may have already given memorial gifts, but for those who want to contribute toward a gift to Jim's mom and dad from Old Orchard Church, please make your check out to the church and designate it "Teresa Butz Memorial." If we get more than we need for a tree, we'll put it toward a bench or birdbath—something Jim thinks his parents would appreciate and would go nicely in their large and lovely backyard.

Please continue to hold up Jim and Amy, Jim's brothers and sisters, and especially Mr. and Mrs. Butz, before the Lord; and let Jim know you continue to remember him in his ongoing sadness over the loss of the sister he loved and held dear.

--Ron Lutjens, for the Session

### **Ted Barker**

The funeral for Ted Barker, Will Barker's brother, took place last Tuesday. Do continue to pray for the Barker family as they mourn his passing.

**Will & Gail Barker** are not returning to Wisconsin after all as we put in the last *Overture*. However, they are going to be in Columbia with their daughter Ann for the time being. Here is their address there if you'd like to send a sympathy card:

c/o Ann Barker

see print copy.

### **In Search of Weekday Childcare**

I'm in the last stages of my dissertation and am looking to work more during the week. I would like to find someone who can watch Elliot for three or more hours on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. My schedule is very flexible on those days, and we could find times that work for both of us. Contact Jill Storm if interested. See print copy for contact info.

### **Hair Styling Offered**

**Kimberly Lutjens**, Ron Lutjens' sister, is offering her services as an experienced hair stylist. Here's her note about her services:

Are you concerned about how you look?

Is your hair long and in need of a trim?

Are you tired of the same style from your stylist, and want to try a different one?

I do styles to make you look the best you can be!

Ask and you shall receive. Make an appointment

I will visit your house or you may visit my house.

Phone #see print copy. No e-mail.

Haircuts/Styles: Adults, \$20.00 and Children, \$15.00

Extra fees will be required for extra services.

*Let's get together.*

## **Upcoming Talks**

### **Fall 2009 Francis A. Schaeffer Lectures: Culture Making**

When: October 9-10, 2009, Fri., 7-9 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Covenant Theological Seminary

Speaker: **Andy Crouch**, author of *Culture Making: Recovering Our Creative Calling*, and a senior editor for Christianity Today International.

Join us as Andy Crouch discusses the creation and cultivation of culture and how Christians can and should be involved in the process.

*FREE and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.*

## **Remember Creation:**

### **A Christian Introduction to Creation Care and the Ministry of A Rocha.**

Members and friends of Old Orchard Church, you are cordially invited to hear and talk with Rev. David Anderson of A Rocha Canada. David, his wife Shauna, and their three children are friends of Mark & Terri Ryan (formerly members here, now serving with Crossroads Fellowship in Maplewood). The Andersons are currently traveling North America prior to taking up a new position with A Rocha in beautiful British Columbia's lower mainland.

A Rocha Canada is a national conservation organization working to show God's love for all of creation. A Rocha Canada functions under the umbrella of A Rocha International and works in concert with A Rocha projects in 18 countries, ranging in diversity from urban London to the Kenyan coast. A Rocha is Portuguese for "The Rock" and although focused upon environmental action through community-based conservation projects, this ministry is firmly rooted in Scripture and the Christian tradition. (Dr. John Stott & Dr. Christopher J.H. Wright who will be known to many of us are both on the A Rocha advisory council).

**When: Sunday October 18th @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Where: Old Orchard Church, 640 Amelia Ave, Webster Groves, 63119**

**Who: All are warmly invited. Coffee & dessert provided.**

For further details, please speak with Rev. Ron Lutjens, or contact Mark Ryan (see print copy for contact info).

## **Michael Card Concert**

Chesterfield Presbyterian Church.

15037 Clayton Road.

Sunday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$12 and \$16 available at door or in advance by calling 636.394.3337.

See poster on bulletin board.

## **Women's Ministry Fellowship and Crafts**

Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Milligan House

10 am to 1 pm

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, 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! If you have any questions, call or email Amy Butz [see print copy].

### **Westminster Christian Academy Open House**

Westminster Christian Academy invites interested parents and students to attend an Open House on Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. Westminster is located in Creve Coeur and has a current enrollment of 900 students in grades 7-12. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to tour the school, ask questions, and receive valuable information concerning financial aid and special services for students with diagnosed learning needs. Please call 314.997.2900 to pre-register or for additional information.

### **Elder Visitation**

In the Bible, I Peter 5 contains one of the lists of requirements for those who would be spiritual leaders in the church, known as elders. There Peter exhorts elders to “*Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care.*” First and foremost then, elders are to care about the spiritual well being of God's sheep—that's their primary joy and responsibility. To that end it is common for elders to visit regularly each household in their church. We worked at that in earlier years here at Old Orchard, and now that we have three ruling elders we want to revive it.

What will this look like? *For starters, each household will be assigned to the care of a particular elder.* Then sometime over the course of this year, the elder will arrange a time to meet with each of the households under his care. This meeting will not be an interrogation (!) but a time for you to share joys and struggles with an elder as we all press on to know the Lord better than we do now. It's also a time to share with him what needs you may have. Of course, once your elder contacts you, you are welcomed and encouraged to seek him out on your own, whether it be for specific needs or simply because you want to get to know him.

The Session would like to ask each of you to be willing to carve out the time to meet—and particularly to return an elder's phone call or e-mail when he contacts you (and we really would like to meet with husband and wife together).

Finally, we ask that you, as part of the OOC community, commit to praying for your elders and pastors. The best way you can support the ministry at OOC is by committing the leadership to prayer (but please do tithe and volunteer for ministry needs as well).

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Ron Lutjens or Associate Pastor Mark Tucker.

### **October Birthdays**

10/3 ..... Sylvia Mitchell  
10/4 ..... Julie Peck  
10/5 ..... Peter Barrs  
10/6 ..... Emma Mohler  
10/6 ..... Kevin Raquepaw  
10/8 ..... Marny Bielefeldt  
10/9 ..... Amy Lutjens  
10/11 ..... Tünde Futo\*\*  
10/11 ..... Michelle Kraft  
10/11 ..... Enrique Quimbo\*\*  
10/14 ..... Carol Markway  
10/14 ..... John Raquepaw  
10/14 ..... Elizabeth Romines  
10/18 ..... Dan Foss  
10/19 ..... Gabriella Fogas  
10/19 ..... Heather Sparkman\*\*  
10/20 ..... Jerram Barrs

10/20/07 ..... Ian Mohler  
10/23/85 ..... Emily Roig  
10/24 ..... Isaac Tag  
10/24 ..... Maria Tag  
10/25 ..... Michael Fogas  
10/26 ..... Susan Bayer  
10/26 ..... Ruth Gutierrez\*\*  
10/27 ..... Hans Bayer  
10/27 ..... Samuel Lemen  
10/27 ..... Rocco Zavaglia  
10/29 ..... Jack Easterling  
10/29 ..... Lynn Metzinger  
10/29 ..... Gavin O'Neal  
10/30 ..... Megan Philip  
10/30 ..... Alice Tucker  
10/31 ..... Teddy McCaughey

\*\*member of missionary/ministry family

## Calendar

### October 4-10

Wednesday, October 7. **Community Groups** meet in homes in the evening. **No House Church.**  
Thursday, October 8 through Friday, October 16. Ron Lutjens will be away on Study Break.  
Thursday, October 8. **Adult Choir Rehearsal.** 7:15 p.m. Choir will not meet again until October 29 due to **Greg Roig's mission trip** to the Ukraine from October 10 through October 23.  
Friday, October 9. **Women's Bible Study.** 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. at Milligan House.  
**English Conversations.** 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Milligan House  
Friday, October 9 (7-9 p.m.) through Saturday, October 10 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). **Francis Schaeffer Fall Lectures:** "Culture Making" with Andy Crouch. (see announcement)

### October 11-17

**Sunday,** October 11. **Parlor Fellowship** after worship. In honor of Amy Lutjens who is moving on October 19 to South Carolina to be with her oldest daughter.  
Wednesday, October 14. **Community Groups** meet in homes in the evening.  
Friday, October 16. **Women's Bible Study.** 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. at Milligan House.  
**English Conversations.** 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Milligan House  
Saturday, October 17. **Men's Bible Study.** 7:15 – 8:30 a.m. at Milligan House.  
Saturday, October 17. **Women's Ministry Fellowship and Crafts.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Milligan House.

### October 18-24

**Sunday,** October 18. Deadline for the "Food & Diapers Drive" collection.  
"Remember Creation: A Christian Introduction to Creation Care and the Ministry of A Rocha" in the parlor of the church building at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 21. **Community Groups** meet in homes in the evening.  
Friday, October 23. **Women's Bible Study.** 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. at Milligan House.  
**English Conversations.** 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Milligan House  
Saturday, October 24. Grace & Peace Fellowship will be using Milligan House for the day.

### October 25-31

**Sunday,** October 25. **Lunch at Milligan House** after worship.  
Tuesday, October 27. **Stated Session Meeting** at Milligan House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 28. First of "**3 Nights Together.**" Meets at Milligan House. 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 29. **Adult Choir Rehearsal.** 7:15 p.m.  
Friday, October 30. **Women's Bible Study.** 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. at Milligan House.  
**English Conversations.** 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Milligan House

### Some November dates to note:

Wednesday, November 4. Second of "**3 Nights Together.**" Floral Designer Jane Winter's talk: "Truth, Beauty, and Flowers." Meet in sanctuary. Invite friends.  
Wednesday, November 11. Third of "**3 Nights Together.**" Meet in Community Groups in homes.  
Wednesday, November 18. **Congregational Meeting.** Election of Officers/Deaconesses.  
Wednesday, November 25. Community Groups can meet if they wish.  
Thursday, November 26. **Thanksgiving Day Worship.** 10:00 a.m.  
**Women's Bible Study** will meet November 6-20, but will not meet Friday, November 27.  
**Sunday,** November 29. **No Sunday School.** (weekend after Thanksgiving) Worship at 10:15 a.m.

## Teen Calendar

\*\*Sunday meetings are 6-8 p.m.\*\*

October 4 -- Harvest Night: Bigger and Better Scavenger Hunt (6th graders invited). Bring a friend!  
October 11--Loving People. Teen Leadership Team meets at 4 p.m.  
October 16-18 -- Sunday, 5th Annual Fall Retreat. Sign-up Deadline: October 1.  
October 31: Hot Topix. Guest Speaker. 6-8 p.m.

# Food & Diapers Drive

Sponsored by OOC Mercy Ministry Team

**When:** September 13 - **October 18, 2009** - We're extending the deadline!

**Please Note:** Checks may also be given in place of food or diapers; please make it payable to Old Orchard Church and mark it for "Food & Diaper Drive."

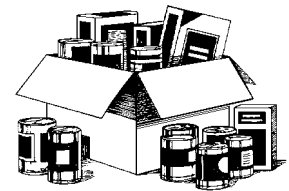
**Food will divided up and be given to families & individuals served by:**

- ◆ Grace and Peace Food Pantry (St. Louis City)  
—food pantry operated by Grace & Peace Fellowship
- ◆ Sunshine Ministries (St. Louis City)  
—food pantry is part of Sunshine Ministries' outreach program in North City
- ◆ Webster-Rock Hill Ministries  
—multi-church ministry of mercy in Webster & Rock Hill

## **What Food to Bring:**

Bring nonperishable items. Individual or family sizes.

No glass please (easier and safer to transport).



**Suggested Food List:** (\* marked items are in a "typical bag" given at Grace & Peace's Food Pantry)

*Canned soup (large & small)	*Macaroni and cheese	*Rice
*Canned vegetables	*Ramen noodles	Vegetable Oil
Canned meats	Boxed Meals	Instant Potatoes
*Tuna	*Baked Beans	Peanut Butter
*Pasta	Canned tomato sauce	Juices
Spaghetti sauce	Oatmeal	Jelly
*Canned fruit	Cereal	Crackers
Canned tomato product	Cane Sugar	Gravy Mix

## **Diapers & Baby Wipes**

- ◆ **Bethany Christian Services:** **newborn size only diapers**, and also **gentle newborn wipes**, for Bethany to disperse to their clients. Often birthmoms will decide to parent, with counseling and other help from Bethany, and it is a blessing to start them off with gift baskets of necessary supplies. Bless these little ones with supplies!  
--Debbie Pendergrass, Representative to Bethany for Old Orchard Church and Infant Foster Care Mom for Bethany
- ◆ **Refuge of Nations:** **Diapers, sizes 3, 4, 5** for children of immigrants and refugees who Refuge of Nations works with. This is such a tangible way to show God's love and care to these families.

## **Old Orchard Church**

**Church Office/Milligan House:** 314.962.3795; **Fax:** 314.962.8285

**640 Amelia/Church Building:** 314.961.6932; **Ron Lutjens' (home) Study:** 314.962.6196

**Ron's E-mail:** see print copy; **Mark Tucker's Office:** 314.680.3670

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**Web Site:** [www.oldorchardchurch.org](http://www.oldorchardchurch.org)

### **Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for October 2009**

- 1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Pray for the Mercy School that will be from Sept 22 to Dec 5. It is to train Chilean pastors and lay people with some sessions open to the public. Pray for Wilma as she directs and teaches.
- 2. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Pray for Rob as the fall activities begin (teaching, movie nights, etc.) Pray for Tünde as she continues to work with the choir and for the girls as they begin school. Pray for guidance as they are in the process of starting a Christian school in the town where they are living.
- 3. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** There has been a serious problem of adultery among the younger leadership in the church which has been devastating for the young people, the church and for Gerry and Ruthie. Pray for repentance and healing. Also, terrorist activity continues to increase in the area: pray for safety.
- 4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** Switzerland: Term began Aug 16. Pray for the student/worker relationships. Pray for the funds to continue the replacement of the roof on one of the chalets. Continue to pray for Mrs. Schaeffer and Priscilla Sandri and for those taking care of them. England: Term began Sept 12. Pray that the Lord will meet the students' needs.
- 5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Pray for contact with new students at the school year begins. Pray that the Lord would draw to himself some of the people Dawn has been sharing the gospel with. Pray for Christian fellowship for Dawn herself. Pray for more financial support: she is \$1,000/mo short.
- 6. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Pray for safety and encouragement in their difficult work of planting a church among the Indian community, which is Muslim or Hindu. Pray for new contacts and the protection of new believers.
- 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 someone to take over the work in Zamboanga City, and for protection and fruitfulness there. Pray for spiritual strength and guidance for Rene and Lani in their many responsibilities. Pray for adequate funds and personnel as their work continues to grow.
- 9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Pray for contacts among students as an American Christian (Anna Lisa) will be attending the university. Pray that the movie nights could be arranged. Pray for resolution to a complex situation in the public schools. Recent changes in laws have made it virtually impossible for non Roman Catholic students to be excused from the "required" RC classes during school time. Pray for wisdom for the Rinn's and others as they confront this illegal situation.
- 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. Anne Reitsema – (not listed here).** Pray for wisdom, courage, strength and protection in her new responsibilities. (see print copy for full prayer request and location)

## **Work Teams Coming....**

(This is a reprint of an article that came out in early August. We are still looking for teams. *So far, 4 men have signed up—which we're happy for!* Men, please consider joining a Work Team!)

### ***Overview***

Some of the men at Old Orchard Church have been batting around for a while the idea of putting together little work teams. These teams would get together to pool their time and talents to help members of our church with house and yard maintenance/repairs/odd jobs--especially widows, single moms, and older folks.

Mainly, the Work Teams would be involved in the following:

1. Work with the Mercy Ministry to determine what needs exist in the congregation. Typically, these needs would involve tasks related to home repairs, gardening/landscaping, painting, clean-up, carpentry, simple car repairs/maintenance, plumbing, electrical, and any other "odd jobs" that the men have the skill and time to do.
2. Some of our services could also include legal advice/representation, technical assistance, financial counseling, "big brother" outings, job search assistance, clerical services, etc... Whatever you're GOOD at, someone else could probably benefit from...

The goal is simple: To participate in, and share, the love of Christ in substantial ways with those who have practical needs; we want these teams to be demonstrations of "the Gospel with rolled-up sleeves." Some of us men have practical skills and talents; some can contribute financially; ALL of us can pray and work to fulfill the mission Christ has called us to: to love one another. It's a great opportunity to let God use us and to put what He has placed into our hands back into his so that we might be a blessing to others in our fellowship.

### ***Scriptural Basis***

Why organize something like this? Because we're supposed to dedicate ourselves to doing good for others. Consider just these two passages:

**Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: To loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. (Isaiah 58:6-10)**

**For we are God's masterpiece, created in the Messiah Jesus to do good works that God prepared long ago to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:10)**

### ***The Call to Serve***

As you consider whether or not to get involved with one of these teams, pray, and ask God to direct you. It might be that he is calling you to offer yourself to Him in this service so that you can become a tool in His "hands," and thereby exemplify His heart to those who will benefit from the resources you have to offer.

We're looking for men willing to commit to 3hrs./Saturday once a month, or once every 6 weeks, or once every two months—whatever cycle of time you can commit to. Please contact Greg Kern or Ron Lutjens if you want more information. But if you're ready to sign up, call or e-mail Greg Kern (see print copy for contact info)!

*—Greg Kern and Ron Lutjens*