



Overture

The Almost Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church — November 1, 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. Our **Sunday School** is offered for all ages and meets 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.

"TRUTH, BEAUTY, AND FLOWERS"

We are encouraging the fellowship to come, and especially to bring a guest to, Jane Winter's talk this Wednesday, November 4, titled, "Truth, Beauty, and Flowers." Jane is the owner of Wildflowers LLC and a floral designer of some reputation here in St. Louis. This is an illustrated talk Jane gave at the L'Abri Conference in Rochester, Minnesota a couple of years ago, and it focuses on how she uses flowers, in their remarkable beauty, to reflect what is true and good and beautiful in human life and relationships. The Bible teaches us to value and cultivate those things as good gifts from God.



Hopefully, you have been thinking about someone to invite. Remember our commitment to "step out of the boat" and take some risks in reaching out to those around us who need the Lord. There will be a reception at 6:30, and then Jane will speak at 7. Hope you can come!

--Ron Lutjens

CHILD CARE OFFERED DURING "TRUTH, BEAUTY, AND FLOWERS"

Childcare is provided for children up through 3rd grade. Contact Hannah Nelson to reserve a childcare spot. Or you can also sign up on the sheets circulating today.

CONGRATULATIONS! HARRIS BABY BIRTH--



Auden Laing Harris

Born at 4:23 p.m. Sunday, October 18.

10 lb, 6 oz and 21.5" long

"Auden" means 'old friend' and is Norwegian.

The happy parents are Ken & Dawn Harris!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session is calling for a Congregational Meeting for officer election.

Wednesday, November 18, 6:45 p.m.

Members are required to attend. Please let an elder know if you want to be excused.

Denny Reinheimer is standing for the office of deacon. Please see his testimony which is being distributed today.

Donna Knobbe who has been in the apprenticeship program has decided not to be considered for election as a deaconess.

Childcare provided. Please sign up for child care (sheet will be available next Sunday, November 8) or let Hannah Nelson know you will need child care to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Book of Job: TEXT, IMAGE, MUSIC

Until Christmas, the adult Sunday School class will focus on that difficult book of the Old Testament, Job. Class begins very promptly at 9:00 a.m. so that I may excuse myself at 9:50 to rehearse with the choir; class members can plan on using the last few minutes of each class to close in prayer. We meet in the Milligan House, and I welcome all to join the class. —*Jim Lowe*

OOO DIRECTORY UPDATE--PLEASE HELP!!

Yes, it is time to update the Directory! If you have changes please e-mail them to the church office (office@oldorchardchurch.org) or write them down and put them in Durinda Hood's mailbox in the coat room. New to OOC & want to be included? Please fill out a form (copies in the parlor) and leave in Durinda Hood's mailbox or e-mail info to office@oldorchardchurch.org. Please get your information to the office by December 6. Thanks very much!



And while we're thinking about the directory, here's a change to put in your current directory:

Betsy Tevebaugh's new address:

See Print Copy for info.

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Children's Worship. Children in grades 1-5 dismissed around 10:50 a.m. for Children's Worship in Milligan House.



KIDS' CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE!

Kids! Christmas Craft Sale again! Kids 18 years and younger are invited to make Christmas presents that they can show and sell to others in the fellowship. Date of the sale: after worship **Sunday, December 13 or 20** (date to be finalized by Sunday). If you plan to make things this year, please let Kelli McKie know (see print copy for contact info).

For those of you new to the church, our kids have displayed some wonderful talents and hard work in the past. Some have made candlesticks from things in the woods, wax candles, cookies, breads, note holders, marbled note paper, fire starters, wrapping paper, ornaments—lots of great gift ideas. Plan on buying a few last minute gifts!

GRACE & PEACE WINTER SHELTER

As you know, the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter welcomes in homeless women every winter starting in November and continuing through March. This is largely a volunteer ministry and we are in need of some new folks to join the volunteer team.

With only 12 days to go [as of this writing] until we open the shelter for this season on November 10, we are in need of several (about 5 per month) additional volunteers, with a slight preference toward women. These workers can serve 6-10 p.m. or overnight, primarily on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. No experience is needed, but overnight workers must be Adult Christians and we strongly urge new volunteers to come to Shelter training on Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. To inquire or sign up please contact Sarah Taylor, Volunteer

Coordinator, at wintershelter1@gmail.com or 314-960-7248. Thanks for considering this chance to serve the poor with us!

Opportunities for providing an evening meal and/or Sunday morning breakfast are also available for groups or teams of people to work together. Community groups can participate together in providing either one. Or a group of 3 to 6 friends could work together to provide a breakfast together. If you want more information or want to sign-up, contact Emily Holcombe.

Thanks and Many Blessings to You, Melody (Burke) Perkins, Team Leader, Grace & Peace Winter Shelter

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

An opportunity to pray for our adult covenant children who are not following the Lord will meet again on Saturday, November 14 (9 a.m.). Many of these young adults were baptized at OOC and we promised to pray for them. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Milligan House for a time of sharing and prayer. Our plan is to meet every other month for now. If you are interested, please join us. If you are interested and not able to make that date, contact Betsy Roig. (see print copy for contact info)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP AND CRAFTS.

Saturday, November 21, 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!

Amy Butz will be doing a "Make & Take" demonstrating a couple of ideas for homemade Christmas cards. Amy will provide the supplies. If you would like to make a card, a \$2.00 donation for the supplies would help!

If you have any questions, call or email Amy Butz. (see print copy for contact info)

NOTES FROM THE WELCOMING MINISTRY

Hospitality

The Welcoming Ministry would like to thank the congregation for your continued love and hospitality to visitors and new attenders. A part of the mission of the Welcoming Ministry is to encourage the congregation to reach out to visitors and new attenders to show them the love of Christ from the second they step in our church. We hope that you continue to make it a part of your weekly routine to seek out new faces and introduce yourself. We also hope that you occasionally seek to go beyond a "Hello" by welcoming newcomers into your home for a meal, dessert or coffee. These gatherings don't have to be fancy and they don't even have to be planned! An impromptu gathering after church on a Sunday can be just as special to a visitor as if you spent all day in the kitchen. What matters is the conversation and the caring. So, if there is a new face that you have seen around a couple times, consider getting to know them better by reaching out to them and inviting them over. And if you have a story of how God has blessed you and others through showing hospitality in His name, we'd love to hear about it!

OOO Online Photo Directory!!

We have put together an online photo directory that we will make available to the congregation very soon. It will only contain names and faces and will be password protected but if you wish not to be included in the directory for any reason please let us know ASAP.

Ben & Sara Dodd, Welcoming Ministry Coordinators



NEED ANY ODD JOBS DONE?

Having a hard time getting stuff done around your house? Ron Nelson (currently unemployed) is available to hammer, paint, measure, cut wood, do yardwork, lift, climb and clean (windows especially), etc. Interested? Give him a call. [see print copy for contact info]

CALENDAR NOTES

Wednesday Nov. 4. Second of **“3 Nights Together.”** Parlor/Sanctuary. 6:30 Reception. 7:00 Talk.

Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19: **Adult Choir** Rehearsals at 7:15 p.m.

Fridays Nov. 6, 13, 20. **Women’s Bible Study.** 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. at Milligan House.

Fridays Nov. 6, 13, 20 **English Conversations.** 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Milligan House.

Sunday, Nov. 8. **Parlor Fellowship.**

Wednesday Nov. 11. Third of **“3 Nights Together.”** Meet in Community Groups in homes.

Saturday Nov. 14. **Prayer Opportunity.** 9 a.m. See article.

Wednesday Nov. 18. **Congregational Meeting.** See separate article.

Saturday Nov. 21. **Women’s Ministry Fellowship and Crafts.** 10 to 1 p.m. See article.

Sunday Nov. 22. **Lunch at Milligan House** after worship. (Ann Stuber hosting with Nelson Community Group)

Wednesday Nov. 25. Community Groups can meet if they wish.

Thursday Nov. 26. **Thanksgiving Day Worship.** 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Nov. 29. **No Sunday School.** Also, **First Sunday in Advent.**



*Coming
Next Week & More*

ITEEN CALENDAR!

November 6-8. OOC Fall Teen Retreat

Where: Camp Trinity (www.camptrinity.org) (heated rooms!) Matt Morginsky is still scheduled to speak.

Deadline to sign-up is today, November 1. See Mark for details. No youth group Sunday evening.

Sunday, November 15. 6-8 p.m. “Loving People” Creve Coeur Manor.

November 20. Friday. Guy’s Night/Girl’s Night. 6 p.m. at Milligan House

Sunday, November 22. 6-8 p.m. Hot Topic: Life of ??? (6th grade invited). TLT meets at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 30. No youth group (Thanksgiving Weekend)

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 Jim Lowe and will be out in two weeks, Sunday, November 15. Deadline is Sunday, November 8.

OOC MONTHLY INCOME REPORT

I have been asked by the Session to begin writing up a summary of where we stand financially after the treasurers submit their reports each month. The 2008-2009 fiscal year for OOC ended in June, and we finished that year around \$12,000 behind on expenses as compared to income. In response to significantly lower giving levels from the year before, the church officers made significant reductions in budgeted expenses, including unprecedented reductions in our benevolent giving and staff compensation. We also changed our income expectations to what we felt was a more realistic level based on current income.

Unfortunately, we are currently still running behind those projections:

Period	Income	Compared to previous year	Compared to budget
Sept 09	\$17,316.68	-\$834.49	-\$4,143.32
Jul-Sept 09	\$64,591.96	-\$5,373.58	-\$5,154.04

Further, we have taken in \$8,368.50 less than we need to pay our expenses incurred this year.

We had hoped to see giving amounts increase somewhat as we seemed to be past the worst of the economic issues, and giving had gone up over the summer after the congregation became more aware of our situation. If this trend of decreased income continues through 2009, however, the officers will need to make further budget adjustments in order to avoid having another expense shortfall. Please be in prayer for our church's financial situation, and for wisdom for the elders and deacons as we seek to make decisions in line with the Lord's will.

--Nate McKie, for the Session



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (**indicates a member of a missionary family)

11/5 Chris Lowe
 11/7 Jill Donovan
 11/10 Peter Branson
 11/10 Thaddeus Woodard
 11/12 Osman Gutierrez**
 11/14 Greg Roig
 11/15 Gerry Gutierrez**
 11/17 Riley Mullgardt
 11/19 Larry Chambers
 11/20 Jim Butz
 11/20 Ken Harris
 11/22 Ian McKie
 11/23 Mike Kuhn
 11/23 Luciano Pires**
 11/24 Abigail Peck
 11/28 Harry Barrs
 11/29 Noah Pendergrass
 11/30 Nelson Jennings

FOREIGN MISSIONS PRAYER REQUESTS FOR NOVEMBER 2009

- 1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** In the Mercy School classes that will end Dec 5, pray that the students will be challenged in practical ways to live lives glorifying to God. Pray for strength and wisdom for Wilma as she holds seminars and does follow-up counseling as well.
- 2. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Pray for Rob in his busy schedule of teaching in the new Bible School, preaching, counseling, etc. Pray for Tunde as she continues to work with the choir in their church. 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.** Pray that recent problems with their church leadership will result in repentance and greater dependence on the Lord for all concerned. Pray for encouragement and physical strength for both Gerry and Ruthie. Pray for protection as terrorist activity continues to increase in the area.
- 4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** Pray for students, that the Lord would meet them where they are and lead them forward in truth, love and redemption. *Switzerland:* Pray for funds to complete the massive job of replacing the roof on one of the chalets before winter. Continue to pray for Mrs. Schaeffer and Priscilla Sandri and for those taking care of them.
- 5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** 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 consists of Muslims and Hindus. 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 Lani as she and a lady companion are staying in the primitive center in Zamboanga City, in a dangerous Muslim neighborhood. They are already holding several classes. Praise for progress in the Portal, Bajau and Hillside ministries. Pray for adequate funds and personnel as their work continues to grow. The work there started ten years ago.
- 9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Praise for several university students who have been coming to the Bible Study held in the new ministry room. Pray for Philip who is very interested in the Gospel. Their first English service was to be held on Nov 1. Praise/prayer for other new contacts.
- 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 takes trips to minister in the mountains. Pray for both of them as they counsel and teach individuals and in churches.

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