



# Overture

*The Pretty Much  
Fortnightly Newsletter of*

## Old Orchard Church

*November 15, 2009*

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### 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 around 10:50 a.m. for Children's Worship in Milligan House.

#### *Teen Calendar!*

**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 ??? (6<sup>th</sup> grade invited). TLT meets at 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, November 29.** No Sunday School and no youth group (Thanksgiving Weekend)

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## Calendar Notes

### *Recurring events*

**Adult Choir:** Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m. for rehearsal. See Greg Roig with questions.

**Lunch at Milligan House:** Sunday, November 22, after worship; sign up to attend. Ann Stuber, hostess, assisted by Ron Nelson's (city) community group.

**Community Groups:** optional meeting on Wednesday, November 25.

**Women's Bible Study:** Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m. **No meeting on November 27.**

**English Conversations:** Fridays at Milligan House, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **No meeting on November 27.**

### *Special Calendar Goodies*

*(for starred entries see detailed information below)*

\***Congregational Meeting:** Wednesday, November 18, 6:45 p.m.

\***Women's Ministry Fellowship & Crafts:** Saturday, November 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Day Worship:** Thursday, November 26, 10:00 a.m. (church office closed)

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent:** Sunday, November 29. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

**Leaf Raking:** Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Come and rake our lawns!

\***Baby Shower:** Saturday, December 5, 1:30 p.m., at Milligan House, for Abby Bishop.

\***Kids' Christmas Craft Sale:** Sunday, December 13, after worship.

**Lessons & Carols:** Sunday, December 13 & Saturday, December 19, in the evening; details to be announced.

**Caroling:** Sunday, December 20, in the evening; details to be announced.

## KHPYΓΜΑΤΑ ΤΗ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΙ (Announcements for the Church)

### Directory Updates

Yes, it is time to update the Directory! We've been sending out e-mails to confirm your listing—and if you do not have e-mail, let me (or a member of the Directory Team—Jan Rau, Katie Mohler or Marny Bielefeldt) know if you have changes. You can put them in Durinda Hood's mailbox in the coat room.

New to OOC & want to be included? Please fill out form (copies in the parlor) and leave in Durinda Hood's mailbox. Thanks very much!

### Free for the taking

We have on offer the following items, free for anyone who wants to cart them away from our house:

- ◆ gas clothes dryer: fairly low mileage, still in good shape
- ◆ four volume *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
- ◆ multi-volume *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, ed. Kittel (a serious work of reference, useful primarily for those conversant with "koine" Greek)

Call with questions (314.963.9099) or catch us at church.

--Jim & Laurie Lowe

### Volunteers Wanted! Communion Clean-Up

We need more communion clean-up volunteers. One is having to retire as a regular and become an occasional substitute instead, and we could use a couple more substitutes. If you'd like to participate in this hidden, behind the scenes, but **essential task** on a monthly or occasional basis, please see or e-mail me.

--Durinda Hood ([office@oldorchardchurch.org](mailto:office@oldorchardchurch.org))

## Sunday School News

No Sunday School on Sunday, November 29, the Sunday after Thanksgiving Day.

## Congregational Meeting

The Session is calling for a Congregational Meeting for an officer election on **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 has been distributed. Childcare provided. Please sign up for child care or let Hannah Nelson know you will need child care to attend.

## 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**. If you plan to make things this year, please let Kelli McKie know or e-mail Kelli.

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!

## Women's Ministry Fellowship and Crafts

Ladies, come join us for a time of crafting and fellowship, on Saturday, November 21 at Milligan House, from 10 am to 1 pm! 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!

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.

## 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 next issue will be out Sunday, December 5 with Susan O'Neal editing. Deadline is Sunday, November 29.

## 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) or e-mail him (see print copy).

## Baby shower for Abby Bishop

All OOC women are invited to a baby shower for Abby Bishop, at 1:30 pm on Saturday, December 5, at the Milligan House. Currie and Abby are expecting their first child in late January.

The Bishops have registered at BabiesRUs and Cotton Babies (you can shop online at [cottonbabies.com](http://cottonbabies.com) or at their retail store at 9916 Kennerly Road, 63128). Is your budget tight this month? If you wish, you can contribute to a group gift. **Please give your contribution to Amy Butz by November 29.**

If you are able to bring a plate of goodies for the refreshment table, it would be greatly appreciated. An OOC shower is a special way to fellowship and encourage our new mothers as well as one another. Come and be a blessing.

### **Looking for cabin**

Paula Rice is looking for a cabin to rent for Thanksgiving. Please contact her with any ideas.

### **Regarding Health-care Reform**

Below is a copy of a letter written to members of the U.S. Congress from former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, concerning abortion and the health care reform bills that have been front and center in the news. Everyone should be concerned about the best way for the poor to have access to good health care AND about protecting the lives of the most vulnerable persons in our society, developing babies. The letter was hand-delivered to House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, and Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid.

*--Ron Lutjens*

See separate PDF file.

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November 2, 2009

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader, United States Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
H-232 U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Madame Speaker:

As the former Surgeon General of the United, two terms, from 1981 to 1989, I am writing to express my deep personal concerns about the direction of the health care reform bills currently being considered by the United States Congress. More specifically, I am troubled about the possibility of federal dollars being used to pay for elective abortions and Americans being forced to subsidize them. In addition, I firmly believe that strong protections must be included in this legislation so that health care providers are not forced to participate in abortions against their will. Polls have recently showed an increasing number of participants opposed to abortion.

It is essential that a Hyde-like abortion funding restriction provision (like the amendment included in the annual appropriations bill for the Department Health and Human Services since 1976) be included in any health care bill that is signed into law. I believe that including this legislative language is necessary to ensure that elective abortions are not financed either directly through a public plan or indirectly through federal subsidies provided to purchase health insurance through state exchanges. I also find it troubling that the legislation requires all state exchanges to offer at least one health plan that includes abortion coverage – no other federal health plan has that specific requirement today.

As a physician, I also want to ensure that laws and regulations remain intact allowing health care providers to exercise their consciences and not be forced to provide services to which they have religious or moral objections. Congress has a long history of protecting the conscience of health care providers, first passing the Church Amendment in 1973.

Finally, I believe that it must be made clear through this legislation that state laws are protected and not pre-empted through this legislation, especially those that prohibit abortion coverage. Since 2004, additional conscience protections were included in the annual appropriations legislation for the Department Health and Human Services to include health care entities such as hospitals, provider-sponsored organizations, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), health insurance plans, or any other kind of health care facility, organization or plan. Today, virtually all states have conscience law protections for medical providers.

From my first days as Surgeon General until today, I have always been honest and straightforward with the American people. Therefore, before this legislation becomes law, I believe that the important issues outlined above must be addressed so that it is consistent with current laws regarding abortion coverage and conscience protection. I would appreciate your serious consideration of these matters before this legislation is debated and approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Sincerely yours,



C. Everett Koop, MD, ScD  
U. S. Surgeon General (1981-1989)