



## OVERTURE

The (Almost-Fortnightly) Newsletter of Old Orchard Church

✝ Easter Sunday! April 4, 2010 ✝

### Welcome to Our Easter Festivities & Worship!

#### Today's Schedule:

(No Sunday School today. We will resume classes next Sunday, April 11, at 9 a.m.)

- 7:15 Sunrise Service at Blackburn Park  
8:00 to 9:40 Breakfast buffet at the Milligan House. Also, there will be line dancing.  
9:00 Egg Hunt for kids  
10:15 Easter Worship  
After Worship Balloon send off. Kids (and adults) are invited to fill out a post card to attach to a helium balloon which we will send off after worship.

*Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection,  
not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.*

*~Martin Luther*

## And Again, Welcome!

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

### Our Children's Ministry

**Nursery:** Offered for infants & children through kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building basement.

\*Today care of our children will be shared by 20 workers in two shifts.

- × **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:** For children in grades 1-5 and meets in the Milligan House during worship, dismissed at 10:50. Does not meet on the fifth Sunday of the month. And isn't meeting today!

## Old Orchard Church

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*He takes men out of time and makes them feel eternity.*

*~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## OVERTURE

You are invited (please!) to write for any issue of our newsletter, the *Overture!* We (really really) 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 (hopefully featuring *your* excellent work!) will be out Sunday, April 18. Editor will be Susan O'Neal. Deadline (you *know* you want to submit something!) is next Sunday, April 11.

## CALENDAR NOTES

- ❖ **Women's Bible Study.** Resumes this week. Meets 9:15-11:30 a.m. on Fridays at Milligan House. Will finish April 30. See Melissa Nelson for more.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study.** Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.
- ❖ **Choir.** Meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. See Greg Roig for more.
- ❖ **English Conversations.** Resumes this week--Fridays 4:30 to 6 p.m. See Hurvey & Dorothy Woodson.

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### **Adult Sunday School Class**

*"A Few Good Men and Women"* Come watch and discuss good films featuring Christian men and women who helped shape history. Come on **April 11** at 9 a.m. to watch the second part of *Our People*. The Remarkable Story of William and Catherine Booth founders of the Salvation Army. This is the story of how one couple took God's love to the poor. Please join us!

### **House Church for April**

Also, during the House Church on Wednesday, April 7 we will hear from **Wilma Cross**, missionary to Chile.  
6 p.m. Pot-Luck & 7 p.m. meeting.  
Child care will be offered starting at 7. Let Hannah Nelson know if you want child care.

### **Mission Trip to Chippewa Nation (July 24-30)**

If you are interested in going on this mission trip, please see Mark Tucker. Deadline to sign-up is **April 15**.

### **The Crossing Benefit Concert—All Invited!!**

As a fundraising event for an orphanage in Haiti, we will be hosting a Celtic band from Chicago on Sunday, April 11 (doors open 6 p.m.). The Crossing is a talented and energetic Celtic band that has been playing for over 20 years and they are coming to play right here at OOC! Our hope and prayer is that this will also be an opportunity to build bridges with people in our community who are not connected to a church. So please prayerfully consider who you could invite.

### **Food for the Refreshment Table Wanted!!**

Please bring a snack or sweet treat for the refreshment table for The Crossing Concert. Please contact Jason Bartlett at [see print copy for contact info] by Friday 4/9/10 and let him know what you are bringing.

### **Lawn Mowing—Yes, it's time to sign-up!**

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 who lives in Rock Hill. **Bill Grady** coordinates lawn mowing at the church/Milligan House, and **Mark Robertson** coordinates lawn mowing at Willie Lee's. Sign up sheets are circulating today!  
For questions, please contact Bill Grady at [see print copy]; or Mark Robertson at [see print copy]

### **Missouri Presbytery Mission Trip to Haiti**

A mission trip to Haiti is being planned through our Presbytery. MNA is ready to start receiving teams. Dates and costs have yet to be set. Presbytery hopes to send a large team.

For more information or if interested in going, contact the church office.

([office@oldorchardchurch.org](mailto:office@oldorchardchurch.org)).

### **Next Lunch at Milligan House**

Sunday, April 25 after worship

Hostesses: Betsy Tevebaugh and Ann Stuber

### **Weddings Abound! Shower next week!!**

All OOC women are invited to a triple bridal shower to honor **Lina Stanly, Tami Poehlman** and **Alyssa Santoyo**.

**TO HONOR:** Lina Stanly, Tami Poehlman and Alyssa Santoyo  
**WHEN:** Saturday, April 10, at 2 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Milligan House  
**HOSTESSES:** Jessica Burdette and Melissa Nelson

Lina and Owen as well as Tami and Brad are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond. Alyssa and Chris are registered at the Etsy website – [see print copy] (or similar new or gently used items found locally).

If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift. Please give your contributions to Jessica Burdette or Melissa Nelson by Sunday, April 4 (Easter). It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring something for the refreshment table.

Please join your sisters-in Christ to encourage these three brides-to-be and to join together in a time of prayer and celebration.

Lina and Owen Gentry will be married in Virginia on May 31; Tami and Brad Smull will be married in St. Louis on June 5; and Alyssa and Chris Catlin will be married in St. Louis on June 12.

### **OOO Work Day**

Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sign up on clipboard to come.

Lunch Provided. Mark your calendar!!

### **OOO Directory**

Now available!

Corrections!

-The email address for **Sue vanHoornbeek** is: [see print copy].

- **Betsy Tevebaugh**. Please correct the home phone number to [see print copy].

**OOO Monthly Income Report**

In looking at how we are doing with our church’s monthly income through February, we are running pretty close to what was budgeted, which means that with the generous gifts in December we are projected to have a surplus at the end of the year:

Period	Income	Compared to previous year	Compared to budget
Feb 2010	\$20,775.43	+\$3,174.76	-\$683.76
Jul09-Feb10	\$248,403.79	+\$32,809.42	+\$37,106.51

We are glad to see that giving amounts have risen to a level that is in line with our current budget, although regular giving is still a bit below. This puts us in good shape for this fiscal year as we have money remaining from our record December giving that will make up for the small monthly shortfalls and still should allow us to have funds remaining. The officers are glad to see that we should not have to make any further cuts and, if the current giving pattern remains, we will have the happy task of discussing how we can use the apparent surplus to restore some of the benevolences, salaries, and ministry expenses that were cut last summer.

We thank you for your generous giving and ask that you continue to share what God has provided you as together we use those resources to increase His kingdom in this world. Please continue to 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

**Thank you from the Amy Lutjens’ Family**

*We sent flowers to the funeral service for Amy Lutjens (Pastor Ron’s mother) for the wider Lutjens family. This is an acknowledgement of it recently received.*

-Durinda Hood

The family of Amy E. Lutjens acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you for the gift of flowers to honor our Mother at her funeral—we are grateful for your kindness extended to our family.

- Blessings, Linda (Lutjens) Abrams and family

**BIRTHDAYS!!!**

4/1.....Clara Lee	4/21.....Yohan Ahn
4/1.....Mark Tucker	4/22.....Avery Dixon**
4/2.....Kirk Norris	4/22.....Janet Rau
4/4.....Jennifer Brown	4/22.....Jonathan Tag
4/4.....Cayce Zavaglia	4/23.....Jennifer Foss
4/5.....Anna Coody	4/23.....Emma Glasgow
4/7.....Luciene Pires**	4/24.....Hal Pendergrass
4/14.....Lois Gutierrez**	4/25.....Nate Woodard
4/14.....Elfi Muutuki**	4/26.....Ben Gutierrez**
4/17.....Linda Lemen	4/29.....Ellen Petty
4/17.....Phoebe Philip	
4/19.....Katie Tevebaugh	**members of missionary or ministry families

## ADVERTISEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Visit With Wilma Cross**

Here is your chance to have a good visit with Wilma Cross, our missionary to Chile! She is here in St Louis (staying with Linda Lemen) until Thursday (April 8) morning. She will be speaking at the House Church on Wednesday. But she is more or less free until then for lunch or supper or tea/coffee, whatever. She has a car and knows her way around St. Louis.

Those of you with children could think of the benefit for them. Both Hurvey and I remember our parents inviting missionaries to our homes and it had a lasting impact on our lives. Wilma is a very special person with lots of interesting stories! She is an easy guest so don't worry too much about a clean house and special meal.

If you are interested in seeing her, please contact Dorothy Woodson [see print copy for contact info].

### **Vote Yes to Proposition A**

The County gets a second chance to do the right thing. On April 6 (Tuesday after Easter), Proposition A will be on the ballot for the second time. As before, the vote has benefits directly for those who can't afford an automobile. The Yes vote means they can get(or continue to get) to work, to shop, to visit family and friends, and do many of the things we just hop in the car and do. And it also can mean that some folks (like me) who have cars, can choose to use them less than they might, and cut pollution of our air.

This vote is not an affirmation of metro transit fiscal shortcomings, or an opportunity to penalize the system. You don't "cut off your nose to spite your face." Our community needs better public transportation. And it certainly can't afford to lose(as in the first vote) any of what it already has. If Prop A does not succeed, we won't have better public transit, we could have even worse than we do. Metro needs income just to maintain the status quo.

Please vote YES on prop A.

- Brinson Hood

### **L'Abri Lecture Library Online**

The L'Abri audio lecture library started when a student at Swiss L'Abri hid a microphone behind a flower-pot in order to record one of Dr Schaeffer's lectures. Since then lectures and discussions given week by week at the various branches of L'Abri have been recorded and over the past 40 years the library has grown into the thousands. The lectures cover a wide range of topics from art and apologetics, to politics and postmodernism. This reflects L'Abri's central principle that Jesus is Lord of all of life.

Up until now the lectures have mainly been available at the L'Abri study centres, prompting one student to call this resource 'boxed lightning.' Now we hope to let the lightning out of the box by making the lecture library available online at our new website - '**L'Abri Ideas Library**'.

To get to the site simply go to the L'Abri homepage at [www.labri.org](http://www.labri.org) and then click on the **Resource** button. There you will find links to some branch tape collections as well as the L'Abri Ideas Library

It currently has over 350 lectures, including over 100 given by Dr Schaeffer, which can be downloaded in mp3 format. We decided to make the downloads free as we wanted to make the resource available regardless of ability to pay. But we also hope those who are able will make a donation for the lecture material and so support the maintenance and improvement of the site.

We will, of course, continue uploading material until our entire back catalogue is available on-line. But in the mean time please remember that the whole collection is already available in a number of different formats from our US distributors SoundWord Associates (see their link also on our Resources page). They will also continue to be the exclusive distributors of all recent Conference lectures.

- Jim Paul

**Thank you!**

Thank you all so much for your gifts and generosity at my baby shower. Your love, prayers and support have been overwhelming as we prepare for our baby girl! We can't wait for her to meet you all.

Love, Marci Robertson

**Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for April 2010**

- 1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Wilma will be in St. Louis April 1-8. She is speaking at the House Church on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Pray that her visit will be a blessing for her as well as for us. Thank the Lord that neither the Ruhama house nor Wilma's home sustained serious damage in the earthquake last month.
- 2. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Continue to pray for Rob's health. He has been having serious respiratory problems for over two months. Pray for appropriate treatment and for Rob as he continues most of his activities. Pray for the witness to unbelievers at the Easter concerts given by Tünde's church choir, especially the one on April 3 at the Town Hall where Tünde's unsaved brother will attend.
- 3. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** Pray that the Lord would continue to bring healing to the church and repentance to those involved in the serious church discipline problem last fall. Praise that Gerry's sleep and energy level have improved drastically with a change in his diabetes medication!
- 4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** Pray for the Lord to continue to work in the lives of the students as they will be leaving early this month when the term ends in both branches. Pray for guidance and unity for the Members Meeting in mid April. Pray for rest for all of the staff during the break.
- 5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Pray that Dawn will be encouraged and see spiritual fruit from her faithful work among the students. Pray for Christian fellowship for Dawn herself. Pray for more financial support.
- 6. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Pray for a twelve-year old Indian girl, Anishma, who has fled her home because her father had become very violent. He drinks and has been in and out of jail. She has been keeping house for him and her elderly grandmother. The church is looking for a good boarding school which would be quite expensive.

**7. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** Praise that funds were received to replace their car. Pray that the Lord will continue to use Colloquium to help people grow in their knowledge of and intimacy with the Lord. Pray for wisdom as they counsel people with serious problems. Pray for financial stability and a new property. Pray that Luciano's diabetes will remain under control.

**8. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines.** Pray for wisdom as they deal with the serious personal problems of the many people they deal with in the various branches of their work. Pray for the Lord's guidance as they are continually expanding their work. Pray for physical and spiritual protection particularly at the Hillside and Zamboanga City ministry sites.

**9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Praise that Philipp, the German student, has made a definite profession of faith! Pray for his spiritual growth before he needs to return to Germany. Pray that a solid core of people would attend the church services. Pray for funding to continue renting the ministry room.

**10. Bob and Shirley Woodson – Lima, Peru.** Pray for Robert as he preaches in various churches and conducts Bible Studies with groups and individuals. Pray for Shirley as she meets with women for Bible Studies. Pray for their planned retirement to Atlanta in the fall.

## STORIES AND SUNDRIES

March 23, 2010

Dear Old Orchard,

First of all, I want to tell you guys how much I miss all of you and your smiling faces! I love all of you and have been so blessed by your support for me and all of my endeavors. I wanted to let you all know of a trip I am taking for the first six weeks of my summer. I am doing an internship in the Prime Minister's office in Harare, Zimbabwe from May 12-June 25. This was an amazing opportunity that I received from my dad's recent trip to Zimbabwe and the generous hospitality of Mr. Eddie Cross, a Christian man who my dad met who is an MP in the Zimbabwean Parliament and is an elder in a Presbyterian church there. Mr. Cross has offered me housing and this internship for my 6-week stay in Zimbabwe, which I am so thankful for.

Since you are all near and dear to me, I wanted you to know about this exciting opportunity that I am embarking on soon, and wanted to let you know how you can support me as a body. Most importantly, I would appreciate your support for me through prayer. I am very excited for what the Lord is going to teach me on this trip, and how He is going to stretch me, but I know that I will experience times of loneliness and feeling overwhelmed while I'm there. Your prayer for the trip and for my overall well-being would mean a lot to me. Secondly, with air fare and other miscellaneous costs, this trip is going to cost us around \$3500. Although this is a daunting thing, I am confident that the Lord will provide the funds and that He will continue to make this trip possible. My trip has been approved for Old Orchard support by the Foreign Missions Ministry, so if you wish to contribute you can make a tax-deductible donation through Old Orchard. You can simply specify my name for the funds.



Again, I cannot thank you enough as a congregation for the love and support you have shown me over the past ten years that we have been at Old Orchard. I love all of you and look forward to seeing you soon!

--Wendy Jennings

### **A Tribute**

The following tribute to my mom was written by her former pastor, Russ Shopland, and read at her funeral, since he was unable to be there and conduct the service, as we had hoped. Pastor Shopland was a faithful pastor and friend to my parents for (roughly) the last 25 or so years they lived in New Jersey. My mother served people left and right and had the spiritual gift of hospitality. In Scripture the Lord's Messianic Banquet Table seems to be promised when Jesus returns and our bodies are changed, rejoined to our spirits and all believers from every place and time will feast together, the Lord gloriously in their midst enjoying them and they, him. But surely, the essence of what Pastor Shopland says here is true: Mom is in God's presence, her spirit perfected, and she has her full rest now from all her work here, and sees with perfect clarity all the ways Jesus served her—and, we may say, even serves her now, as she serves him with her praise.

--Ron Lutjens

### **In Honor of Amy Lutjens Memorial Service of Worship on February 20, 2010**

There is an empty chair at the table today, an empty chair at the Family table, an empty chair in the fellowship hall—for our friend, Amy, has been called to sit at another table,

. . .The Table of The Lord.

Yes, an empty chair at our table, and we miss her, oh so much. We miss her radiant smile, the joy of her presence, the warmth of her hospitality, the depth of her generosity, and at the same time, the greatness of her humility. For to sit at table with Amy meant many precious things—not only an abundance of food, the great taste created by the cook, the constant service and the concern for the guests, but there she would be, enhancing the well-being of others and embracing all present with a warm welcome as friend.

We would find her giving in love, in prayer, and in service—"For the Spirit of the Lord was upon her" and she was His servant and helper here on earth.

Her dedication to her Lord was exemplary, and she was a role model of faith: "We need to pray about that," she would often say. Once I called her "one of our prayer warriors" and the heads of all those with me nodded, giving knowing assent. Yes, I knew Amy, knew her to be a person of unshakable commitment, with a great gift of faith, the depth of love and genuine constant desire to be more like the Lord. "I'm sorry," she would all too often say—it was like she was willing to bear the burden and guilt of others in a mysterious Christ-like way. But truly she had little to be sorry for, except of course, that she didn't have more to give for and to her Lord Jesus.

His Spirit was truly upon her to enable her; His Spirit was at work in her to refine her, working to purify her relationship with Him by His presence in heart and home. How often did she not prepare a table for others in her home—and now it's the Lord's turn: "thou preparest a table before me . . ." (Ps 23:5). And the Lord's Spirit has prepared her table through the gift of Himself, and by His presence at His table. For there at the altar she

would meet and dine with the One whom she loved most, the One who poured out His life-blood for her, and by His sacrifice on the cross opened His arms welcoming her into His eternal embrace. For she found His love irresistible! In trust she answered His invitation to “Come Unto Me ... sit, eat, and be satisfied.” She heard and trusted the words of her Savior who said: “I AM the Living Bread from heaven, the Bread that gives life to the world. Eat and be full.”

In her life on earth, Amy was always waiting on tables, waiting on others. Now she sits! She sits at the Lord’s Messianic Table, at His special Feast of Love. Today she is not the servant, she is His Guest of Honor—the impulse in her is to rise and wait on others. But the Lord speaks lovingly to her—“Amy, Sit and Enjoy. THIS FEAST IS FOR YOU!”

With Love,  
Pastor Russ Shopland  
Amy’s Pastor  
Church of The Savior from 1980 - 2006  
“Praise The Lord”

### **Easter Fare**

From my (still very Canadian) friend who last year gave me a recipe for (the strange Canadian delicacy) Cuban Lunch, here is another (also Canadian) recipe for your (non-Canadian but still American) Easter eating (feel free to use Canadian ingredients):

#### Easter Eggs

Cream together:

- 6 tbsp soft butter
- ¼ cup peanut butter
- ¼ cup marshmallow cream

Gradually beat in:

- 1 ¾ cup powdered sugar

Drop by level tablespoonfuls onto a baking sheet lined with waxed paper; Form into egg shapes and freeze 10 minutes.

Melt chocolate, dip eggs, and return them to waxed paper. Decorate immediately with sprinkles, and let stand until set. Done! Easy, eh?

--Prisca Rice