



Overture

The Pretty Much
Fortnightly Newsletter of

Old Orchard Church

May 1, 2010

Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

Welcome to our worship! We invite you to use our **child care services** for infants through children in kindergarten; see “Children’s Ministries” below. If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard & what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms in the lavender or blue pads on the chairs or in the hymnal rack. 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 calendar on next page)

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. Does not meet on the fifth Sunday of the month.

Calendar Notes

Recurring events

Adult Choir: No choir, commencing May 6 (Greg Roig is in Ukraine for two weeks).

Men’s Bible Study: Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. Next meeting: May 15. See Hal Pendergrass for more.

English Conversations: Friday, May 7, at Milligan House, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Last meeting until the fall.**

Lunch at Milligan House: Sunday, May 23, after worship; sign up will begin next Sunday. Betsy Roig and Nancy Weir are hosting with the West County Community Group assisting. In honor of our Children’s Ministry workers.

Calendar Goodies for May

an asterisk indicates that further information can be found *infra*

Tuesday, May 4: Arts Ministry. 7 p.m. Milligan House

Wednesday, May 5: House Church. 6 p.m. Supper; 7 p.m. Meeting

Saturday, May 8: Mercy Ministry meets at 1:30 p.m. at Milligan House

***Sunday, May 9:** Mothers Day. Parlor Fellowship after worship in honor of Seminary Grads and graduate school graduates.

***Tuesday, May 11:** Leaders' Meeting. 7 p.m. at Milligan House

Sunday, May 16: Budget Proposals are due.

Thursday, May 20: Baccalaureate (7 p.m.) for Covenant Seminary (Location not known)

Friday, May 21: Commencement for Covenant Seminary (Location not known)

***Saturday, May 22:** Baby Shower. 10 a.m. at Milligan House

***Sunday, May 23:** Lunch at Milligan House in honor of Children's Ministry workers.

Tuesday, May 25: Budget Construction Meeting. 7 p.m. at Milligan House.

Sunday, May 30: No Sunday School (Memorial Day weekend)

Extra-Special Advance Notice of Calendar Goodie (Goody?) for June

Wednesday, June 9, Congregational Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Discussion of our budget for 2010-2011.

Youth Group Calendar

May 2 - Harvest Night, bring \$5 for pizza. 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Room.

May 9 - Mother's Day, no Teen Fellowship. Teens are, however, in charge of the Parlor Fellowship so need to help with set up and clean up.

May 16 - Loving People, serving a meal at the Sunshine Ministries. 5:45 p.m. at the Milligan House.

May 23 - Growth Group. 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Room.

May 30 - Parent/Teen Cookout at the Milligan House.

(See Mark Tucker for questions.)

KHPYΓΜΑΤΑ ΤΗ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΙ (Announcements for the Church)

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, May 16, edited by Alyssa Santoyo. Deadline for submissions: May 9.

PRAYER! FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Thursday, May 6, 2010

As part of the National Day of Prayer on May 6, the Gateway NDP team invites you to an **Evening Concert of Prayer** at Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Cornerstone is located at 921 Edgar Road in Webster Groves. If you have any questions, please contact me at [see print copy]. Thank you very much,
--John Ritland, Cornerstone Elder & member, Gateway National Day of Prayer team

Bring Food Any Sunday

Non-perishable food donations will be collected on any Sunday and will be given to a food pantry, usually Grace and Peace Food Pantry. Please refrain from glass containers. Just leave it in the box and the tall wicker basket in the parlor. When we have food accumulated we will donate it.

Next House Church

House Church meets this Wednesday, May 5, 6 p.m. pot-luck supper (bring a dish to share). 7 p.m. meeting. Child care offered at 7 p.m. Let Hannah Nelson (see print copy) know if you need child care.

Next Leaders' Meeting

Reminder! **Tuesday, May 11, 7 p.m.** at Milligan House. Ministry coordinators, elders, deacons, community group leaders: mark your calendar! This is our vision sharing meeting as we prepare for next year's budget.

Once & Future Weddings

Wedding Reception for Bruce and Lily Ji

Please come and celebrate the marriage of
Bruce and Lily Ji
who were married in March in China.

Friday, May 14, from 7 until 9 p.m.
at the Milligan House
Wedding video will be shown at 7:15 p.m.
Refreshments at 8 p.m.

Cards and your best wishes only—no gifts, please.

*If you would like to bring a small fruit plate for the
refreshment table, that will be appreciated.*

Mr. and Mrs. Sean and Janette Hurley
invite the members
of Old Orchard Presbyterian Church
to join them at the ceremony
uniting their daughter

Alyssa Linden Santoyo
to
Christopher Thomas Catlin,

son of
Mr. and Mrs. Philip and Laureen Catlin.

Saturday, June 12, 2010
at 2:00 p.m.
Old Orchard Church

Cake reception following

*Please R.S.V.P. at [see print copy]
or Alyssa's cell: [see print copy]*

Parlor Fellowship

Next week, Sunday, May 9, we will have a parlor fellowship after worship. Our teens, along with Marci Robertson, will host. Look for sign-up sheets! We want to honor our seminary and graduate school graduates.

Lawn Mowing— Please 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! Please contact Bill Grady at or Mark Robertson. [see print copy for contact info]

Missouri Presbytery Mission Trip to Haiti

Dates: May 14 - May 22 and August 14 - 22. If you are interested in going on the trip in May, please contact Bil Vincent, 636.978.5945 Ext. 227 right away, as you'll need to start immediately on preparations (passport, immunizations, etc.).

Graduates—Who Are You?

During the next two parlor fellowships we will be honoring our graduates. On May 9, we will honor seminary and graduate school graduates, and on June 13 we'll honor high school and college graduates. If you are graduating, we'd love to hear from you so we can include you so please send to the church office an e-mail and let us know! Send email to office@oldorchardchurch.org. Thank you!

Thus far, these are the seminary and graduate school graduates we have been informed of and will honor at the next parlor fellowship on May 9. If there are others, let us know!

Currie Bishop – Master of Divinity. Covenant Seminary.

Lina Stanly – Master in Counseling. Covenant Seminary

Jill Storm – PhD - European Jewish History. Washington University

We'll list the high school & college graduates at a later date.

Tell Us About It in The Overture!

Most of you know that our church's current theme is (Let Us) Press On To Know the Lord. (Hosea 6:3) We want to create a space here in the Overture for people to be able to share ideas of what is helping them to press on to know the Lord. Hearing from others practical ways of doing this is helpful and encouraging. So please submit your book titles, experiences, & routines...anything that is edifying. Share what you are learning about Him, not in order to boast, obviously, but in order to give glory to God and to encourage the rest of us as we all Press On to Know the Lord. Overture submissions can be made electronically by emailing the church office (office@oldorchardchurch.org) or by placing a SIGNED article in the Overture mailbox in the coatroom.

-- submitted by Melissa Nelson

Youth Art Show

Sunday, June 20.

Must be age 21 and younger to submit art.

All media. All artwork must be labeled, ready to hang, and in Ron's study by Friday, June 18th.

Adult Sunday School Class: *A Few Good Men and Women*

9 a.m. Sunday mornings at Milligan House. Come watch and discuss good films featuring Christian men and women who helped shape history. Today we're finishing *Briars in the Cotton Patch*. Next Sunday "Perpetua, Early Church Martyr" fascinating true story of a courageous young woman (around 22 years of age) of the early church (approximately 200 AD) who dared to claim Jesus as her Lord in the face of Roman opposition.

OOO Monthly Income Report

Our church's monthly income through March is still looking steady overall, although March was one of the lowest giving months of the year to date, and over 20% lower than the previous year:

Period	Income	Compared to previous year	Compared to budget
Mar 2010	\$17,829.00	-\$5,143.43	-\$3,631.00
Jul09-Mar10	\$266,254.91	+\$27,643.71	+\$33,475.51

With three months left in the fiscal year, it does appear that we should have a good surplus (thanks to a record-high December), and expenses are currently running a bit below budget expectations, which helps even more. The low level of income in March does create some concern for the future and will temper our plans for the next fiscal year unless we see a significant change in April. If we do not count December giving, our church needs about \$5,400 per week to maintain current expenses, and our giving in this fiscal year (not counting December) is just under \$5,000; this will be an ongoing concern.

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

Baby Showers! Babies Reign!

*Baby Shower for Michelle Welker and Amy Butz
Milligan House
Saturday, May 22 at 10 am*

The women of OOC are invited to a baby shower for Michelle Welker and Amy Butz. Michelle and Josh will welcome a second child in June (their first at OOC) and Amy and Jim welcome their first-born in September.

Michelle is registered at Target (under Michelle Algood-Welker). Amy is registered at Babies R Us and Cotton Babies. If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift for each mother. Please give your contribution to Michelle Kraft by Sunday, May 16.

If you are able to bring a plate of refreshments to the shower, it would be appreciated. An OOC shower is a special way to fellowship with one another and to encourage our new mothers. Come and be a blessing.

Showers of Thanks

April 17, 2010

Dear Old Orchard Women,

Words do not express the incredible gratitude I feel for your incredible generosity. It wasn't just a shower, it was a deluge of presents. I've never had so much fun opening so many gifts. You have blessed Owen and me with special things that we will think of you whenever we use them. May God bless you for your tremendous kindness.

In Christ,
Lina Stanly

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April 20, 2010

Dear fellow members of Old Orchard,

The wedding shower you held for Lina, Tami, and I was absolutely wonderful! The presence of all the lovely ladies (and those who were with us in spirit) at a celebration anticipating our weddings made me feel so honored. Chris and I are thankful for the many gifts you graciously purchased for us, and also for the money put towards the group gifts. We no longer have any fears that our home will look plain! Most importantly, we appreciate your continued prayers as we seek to follow Christ's direction in our new life. Thank you for the support you have shown both of us during the past five years. We look forward to serving the church and building our relationships with you in our future time together.

In His name,
Alyssa Santoyo and Chris Catlin

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OOC Ladies,

Thank you so much for the shower that you had for us. It was such a wonderful afternoon to share with you. I felt so blessed by the many gifts, but more than that by your encouragement and love. You are a very dear group of women!

All my love,
Tami Poehlman

March Birthdays

5/1 Keith Germer
5/1 Sharon Kern
5/3 Carine Barrs
5/6 Liam Donovan
5/7 Tamara Rice
5/9 Gina Woodard
5/10 Adeline Kuhn
5/10 Emeline Rinn**
5/11 Lina Stanly
5/12 Karissa Bartlett
5/13 Greg Kern
5/14 Ivor Tilford
5/15 Theodore McKeon

5/15 Raphaella Zavaglia
5/16 Matthew Maney
5/20 Drew Burdette
5/21 Sandra Ribeiro
5/22 Alex Bielefeldt
5/23 Bridgette Clifton
5/24 Toby Lowe
5/24 Betsy Roig
5/25 Elliot Storm
5/25 Ian Storm
5/29 Adam Taussig
5/29 Abel Tucker
5/31 Matthias Muutuki**



Post-Wedding Reception

Owen and Lina are having a reception for St Louis friends on Saturday, June 19 from 7-10 pm. It will be held in [see address in print copy] Central West End, 63112. It will be a cocktail party. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your favorite cocktail glass. RSVP [see print copy for contact e-mail] by June 12th.

--Submitted by Lina Stanly

Foreign Missions Prayer Requests

May, 2010

- 1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Praise for a blessed visit with Wilma last month and for her testimony of God's faithfulness. Pray that the Lord will bring those of his choice to work along-side Wilma in the work there. Pray for the Lord's anointing of Wilma to minister to the earthquake victims.
- 2. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Continue to pray for Rob's health. He has been having serious respiratory problems. Pray for appropriate treatment and strength for Rob as he continues most of his activities. Praise for a very successful Easter concert for the choir.
- 3. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** Pray for their ministry in the church, various Bible classes and individual counseling and shepherding. Pray as they continue to minister to a homeless man who seems to be responding to their attention and care. Pray for their continued health and protection.
- 4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** Pray for the new students arriving this month: for good relationships forming and clarification of each student's needs. Pray for financial provision.
- 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 safety and encouragement in their difficult work of leading a church among the Indian community, which consists of both Muslims and Hindus. Pray for new contacts and the protection of new believers. Pray for their adult children Tim, Matthias and Anne.
- 7. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** 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.** Praise for the salvation of a second woman at the Zamboanga City Ministry Center. Pray for these former Muslim women as they are being taught more about leading a Christian life and are even being trained to help in the work there. Pray for physical and spiritual protection, particularly at the Hillside and Zamboanga City ministry sites.
- 9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Pray for their plans as they visit the US this summer. (July in St. Louis.) As the school year ends, pray for Philipp (newly saved) and the other university student contacts, that the Gospel will take root in their hearts. 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 and takes part in women's retreats, etc. Pray for their planned retirement to Atlanta in the fall.

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