



Overture

The Pretty Much
Fortnightly Newsletter of

Old Orchard Church

July 18, 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. Please see below for information on children’s ministries and Sunday School. **Please be advised that there is no Sunday School during the month of July.**

Sundays @ a Glance

10:15 a.m. Worship
6-8 p.m. Youth Group/Teen Fellowship (see calendar 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, **will not meet during the summer.**

Calendar Notes

Calendar Goodies for July-September
an asterisk indicates that further information can be found *infra*

July 18-31: Pastor Ron away for sabbatical and vacation

July 21-31: Pastor Mark away.

July 24-30: Mission Trip—Taking Narnia to Chippewa Nation

***August 3-7:** Summer Narnia Program. All invited to closing program on Saturday morning, August 7.

September 17-18: Church-wide retreat—details and sign-up coming soon!

Youth Group Calendar

Sunday, July 18: 5:15-8 p.m. Sunshine Mission and then out for ice cream

Friday, July 23: Bible Study at Einstein’s. 9 a.m.

July 24-31: Mission Trip to Red Lake Reservation

Thursday, July 29: Swim Party

Friday, July 30: Bible Study at Einstein’s. 9 a.m.

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), or email the to the church office. The next issue will be out Sunday, August 1, edited by Tamara Rice. Deadline for submissions: July 25.

Cornerstone Corporation Update

We are grateful for the eager hands you sent us a few weeks ago. [Note: This was a group of 5!!] They helped convert a grimy utility room into a welcoming space for our families to do laundry. We hope to open the space in the coming weeks. We were also able to create fresh mulch beds around our buildings. It is really amazing what a few hours of labor can create. I know that our families appreciate the care that we are able to put into our buildings with the help of our volunteers. I know also how encouraged I am when I walk up and down the street and see the flower beds teeming with flowers. Last, we were also able to create the prototype of a PVC soccer goal that our young friends at Cornerstone will soon enjoy.

Prayer requests:

We have a handful of families who are struggling to pay rent due to a number of reasons. Please pray that those who are struggling would choose wisely as they consider their options. As I [Matt Kimbrell] spoke with a young mother recently, I was able to explain how I know the desire to run from responsibilities and anxieties, but that I also know that running from them doesn't make them disappear. I have had this conversation with many families over the past eight years--and in some cases wisdom is cast aside for the delusion of freedom from debt or responsibilities. I am hoping, against the cynicism of my experience, that wisdom prevails in this situation and that there will be an earnest and sincere effort to reconcile. As always, please pray that we would extend the redemptive compassion of our Savior as we walk with our families. Pray, moreover, that hardened hearts would find the mercy of that same Savior and stop running.

We would also seek your prayers as we consider again the stock of available housing in the West End community. Our feasibility study team toured an abandoned building last week that looked to be too far gone to resuscitate for low-income housing. It is sad, really, to see these homes that were quite glorious a century ago crumbling each year due to neglect. With renewed vigor, though, we are seeking additional buildings to purchase. Our last four-family building was purchased through a tax auction through the City of St. Louis. there is another tax auction slated for July 20, 2010. We ask you to pray that we would be discerning stewards of the resources entrusted to our care. This is my prayer this week in fact as I prepare our budget for the coming year.

Pray, too, for the Board of Directors, as we earnestly seek the Lord's will in moving forward with plans to hire a Managing Director to oversee many aspects of the ministry, including more aggressive fund-raising.

--submitted by Matt Kimbrell and Jim Lowe

Leung Update

News regarding Stephen & Vicki Leung at Ascension Presbyterian Church in Forest Hills, New York is posted. Check out Stephen's blog at <http://leungs-forest-hills.blogspot.com/>.

Transitions: Shepherding Concerns and Conversations

Please Note: The following announcement is written by the Director of the Shepherd's Center and submitted by Durinda Hood. It is a program offered in the community.)

Aging is good.... and as we face life's transitions sometimes we need a little more information. Join us four Tuesday evenings, **August 10 through 31**, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. for this series designed for seniors and/or their children. Topics covered are writing an ethical will, de-clutter and downsizing, top ten things you need to know when living alone and local senior living options. Cost is \$7 each week or \$21 for all four sessions. For more information and to register, call Shepherd's Center at 314-961-2669

Narnia Children's Summer Program (aka VBS) Update

Please, please consider how you might help with VBS this summer. We have nearly 100 kids registered again, and just over half of the volunteers we need to make the week successful!

Our current needs are:

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| 1) 4-5 Classroom Assistants | 4) craft helpers |
| 2) Recreation help | 5) Prayer team members |
| 3) 1 more nursery helper | |

See or e-mail Kelli McKie (kelli@bajink.com) or fill out the volunteer form and put in her mailbox.

Registration is full!

Also, Looking For....

- **Loan us old, big coats** to use to make the wardrobe in the foyer.
- **Hat boxes and other wardrobe items.**
- **Plastic water or soda bottles.**

If you have any of these items, you can leave them in Ron's study each Sunday. Please see Cayce Zavaglia if you have questions or email her [see print copy for address].

Parlor Fellowship type food (bagels & cream cheese, muffins, cheese & crackers, fruit, etc.) wanted for the Closing Celebration on Saturday, August 7. Sign up today! See Jan Rau for questions.

School Supplies for Kids!

Old Orchard Church is collecting **school supplies** through Sunday, **July 25, 2010** for children from families served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. (WHRM will receive supplies through August 6, but we want to receive our donations the week before our Narnia Summer Program begins as the foyer will be decorated for Narnia.)

You can participate in one of two ways:

1. purchase items from the suggested list below and bring them to church. Place them in the box in the foyer.

OR

2. donate money by dropping into the offering plate:
 - a check to Old Orchard Church (in the memo "school supplies")
 - cash in an envelope designating it "school supplies"

Suggested Supplies:

Narrow rule filler paper	Wide rule filler paper	Scissors (Fiskars)
Rulers	2" & 3" ring binders	Pencil pouches
Colored markers	24-Count Crayons	Glue sticks
Colored pencils	Spiral notebooks	Hand sanitizer
Broad tip highlighters	#2 Pencils	Pocket folders
Pocket dictionaries	Blue, black and red pens	
Scientific calculators (\$10 pocket style)	Payless Shoe Gift Certificates	

Sponsored by The Mercy Ministry of Old Orchard Church

He has showed you, O man, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

(Micah 6:8)

Lawn Mowing— Please sign-up!

We need people for the next two weeks for the Milligan House and church's lawns! Looking for people to mow the lawns at the church building/Milligan House and at the home of Willie Lee, who is disabled & 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 or Mark Robertson. [see print copy for contact info]

92-Year-Old Preacher

(forwarded by a friend to, and submitted by, Teddy McCaughey)

While watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time, and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age.

After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high-back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait, to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak:

“When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me...the only thing that would comfort me was this verse:

‘Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
We are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.’”

When he finished, the church was quiet. You actually could hear his footsteps as he shuffled back to his chair. I don't believe I will ever forget it.

A pastor once stated, “I always noticed it was the adults who chose the children's hymn ‘Jesus Loves me’ (for the children, of course) during a hymn-sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best.”

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For us over middle-age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this senior version of *Jesus Loves Me*:

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow,
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

CHORUS:

*Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.*

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

Chorus

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song,
Telling me in words so clear,
‘Have no fear, for I am near.’

Chorus

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won,
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

Chorus

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

Chorus

God has blessed us all!

Grace & Peace Winter Shelter's Rummage Sale

Please Note: The Shelter is only able to begin to receive donations one week before the Sale rather than all during the month of July & the beginning of August as in the past due to lack of storage during this summer's renovations at their building. We've been asking for a coordinator to help collect items from OOC, but no one has yet agreed. (If interested, see Durinda Hood.)

The Sale is a significant part of the Shelter's income so it is important to the Shelter to receive donations in excellent condition. So get your donations in the week after Narnia – beginning August 14.

Donations for the rummage sale will be received during: Sat., 8/14/2010, 1-3 p.m. & during G & P's office hours 8/16 thru 27: 10-3 M-W-F & 10-4:30 T-Th

The Winter Shelter's **annual rummage sale** will be over two weekends: August 20 & 21 and August 27 & 28 and will be at Grace & Peace, 5574 Delmar, St. Louis 63112. You are also invited to attend the sale.

Open Letter to the Fellowship

Dear Friends at Old Orchard:

We were so happy about and so appreciated the reception that you had for us. Bruce and I were deeply moved: it really meant a lot to us. We want to thank all of you who came to celebrate with us and we specially want to thank our Community Group who worked so hard to make our lovely reception happen. All of you made us feel like a family and specially for me, because it truly made me feel that I am well accepted in the family.

We are looking forward to getting to know more of you in the church and participating in more activities in church. You are our family away from China. I thank the Lord for bringing me into this wonderful family.

Love,
Lily Ji

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