



Overture

The (almost) Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church ~
February 6, 2011

Welcome!

Guests, we welcome you and thank you for coming! 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. Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. and is offered for all ages. See notes about Adult Sunday School classes.

If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and 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.

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.** For children in grades 1-5. Listen for dismissal time during worship.

Adult Sunday School

New Members' class is well on its way. And....

"Want to be a better steward of your finances?" Then come join us as we listen to "Dave Ramsey's: Financial Peace University" (CDs). With only two lessons down it's not too late to start. Next lesson, "Cash Flow Planning." See Jason Bartlett for questions.

Upcoming Communion Class?

Parents: If your child is at least 7 years old and has shown signs of a simple, childlike trust in Christ, and an interest in participating in the Lord's Supper, please contact me and let me know. As soon as we get a small knot of kids together we will do a 6-week class preparing children to be admitted by the elders to Communion. I'd like to start when we have at least 4 children. --Ron Lutjens, 314.962.6196

Moms' Group

Tuesday mornings, 10 am-noon, Location of the group will be announced each week. Geared toward mothers with young children at home, but all are welcome! Come join us to fellowship and share our joys, burdens, and wisdom together in this grand ministry to which we have been called. Talk to Kathleen Shumate or Melissa Nelson for more information or to be put on the email list.

Parlor Fellowship Next Week

Please sign-up to bring food for the next Parlor Fellowship to be on Sunday, February 13 after worship. Marie Chambers and Nancy Weir are our hostesses.

Lunch at Milligan House

February 27 after worship at Milligan House. Hostesses are Linda Lemen and Becca Skrainka with the Roig Community Group assisting. It'll be a Chili Cook-Off! Watch for sign-up sheets next week.

SuperBowl Party at Milligan House

Tonight! February 6, 5 pm. at Milligan House. Youth Group will be watching the SuperBowl. Adults in the congregation are invited to join! Bring a snack to share. And bring your canned soup for Sunshine Ministries!

Children's Coordinators to Meet!

Children's Coordinators Meeting, Feb. 15 @ 6pm.

Please join us in the Milligan House at 6pm on Tuesday, February 15 if you are a Children's Ministry Coordinator. Food will be provided. We will be brainstorming for the upcoming months and discussing the new playground! See you there. --Mark Robertson

Youth Group

(Sunday evenings, 6-8 p.m., Milligan House basement except where noted)

February 6 – Super Bowl!!! (starts 5 pm) at Milligan House

Saturday, February 12 – Combined Guys' and Girls Night at Memorial Presbyterian (5 to 7:30 pm)

February 13 – The Life of Jesus – Jesus and Temptation

February 20 – The Life of Jesus –Jesus and Fishing

February 27 - The Life of Jesus – Jesus and Rules

Women's Bible Study

Both of the women's Bible studies are studying the book of Genesis. The Morning Study meets Fridays, 9:15 am - 11:30 am, at Milligan House (child care available.) and the Evening Study meets Thursday evenings also at Milligan House, 7-8:30 pm. No childcare available. For more info about either study, please contact Melissa Nelson.

Men's Bible Study

Our next study will be Saturday, February 19 at 7:15 a.m. Newcomers welcome! We meet the first and third Saturdays of the month and are studying the book of Revelation. — Hal Pendergrass

Communion Cleaning! Volunteers Wanted!

I am looking for volunteers to rotate on a monthly basis to help clean communion ware. The job goes faster if you work with someone else as a team. I am looking for at least two more people, and substitutes. If you are interested in this important, but behind the scenes job, please see Durinda ASAP. Thanks!

--Durinda Hood, 314.962.3795.

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Next Overture! & New Editor Needed!

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 them to the church office. The next issue will be out Sunday, February 20; editor to be announced. Deadline for articles is next Sunday, February 13.

We are looking for someone to join the other three editors, taking a turn once every 2 months. See Durinda Hood SOON.

Adult Choir

Meets Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. Please see Greg Roig, music director, for schedule & questions.

Photos for OOC 30th Anniversary

For our 30th anniversary we would like to update our OOC photo albums. We are looking for a team to work on this. Although most of our albums are currently scrapbook style, we plan to purchase an album in which photos are slipped into photo sized sleeves so you have to decorate scrapbook pages.

Each family will also be given the opportunity to submit a picture or two (current one, and then one of the family when they came to OOC) of their family with a brief description of how the Lord brought them to OOC or a significant way the Lord used OOC in their lives. So be thinking about this, and look for a picture of your family you'd like to submit. If you have a photo of you or your family around the time you first came to OOC, we'd like

that as well. (again, Barb could scan this if need be)



Also, if you have photos of OOC events/people you want to submit to give to the album or to have scanned for the album, please get them to Barb Winters. Please indicate whether they are for us to keep or to scan and return.

Please let Barb Winters or Durinda Hood know if you want to be a member of the "Anniversary photo album team."

February Birthdays

2/1	Kathy Nelson
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2/2	Mary Ann Kelly
2/4	Ron Nelson
2/5	Steven Greene
2/6	Jessica Rinn**
2/6	Jerry Taussig
2/10	Tim Muutuki**
2/11	Bruce Cook
2/11	Lois Easterling
2/12.....	Gayle Larson
2/12	Ron Lutjens
2/15.....	Chris Catlin
2/16	Donna Knobbe
2/18	Bruce Ji
2/19....	Leandro Lemen
2/19	Joseph Muutuki**
2/19.....	Jonathan Powers
2/19	Nellie T. Pun
2/21	Margaret Killeen
2/23.....	Jon Coody**
2/24	Jenny Dixon**
2/24.....	Debbie Patterson
2/24.....	Emma Powers
2/26	Katherine Mohler
2/26	Pedro Pires**
2/27.....	Jason Bartlett
2/27	Simeon Woodard
2/28	Gail Barker
2/29	Gary Glasgow

**members of a missionary or ministry family

OOO Monthly Income Report

December is always our biggest month in terms of income, and last December was no different. Although it was quite a bit lower than last year, it still exceeded what we thought would be a conservative budget and put us in a very good position for the year so far:

Period	Income	Compared to previous year	Compared to expected income
Dec 2010	\$64,167.13	-\$19,269.26	+\$19,167.13
Jul10-Dec10	\$178,102.36	-\$22,836.19	+\$13,928.36

We were hoping that we would see some generous giving at the end of the year so that we can go back and restore some of the cuts that were taken, and it appears that is the case. Even though monthly giving has been a

little lower than budget (we had received about \$5,000 less than budgeted over the first five months), if we anticipate that trend to continue over the last half of the fiscal year we should still be ahead by around \$7,000. The Session is therefore putting together a plan to restore funds that were cut to staff and benevolences, which we should be able to put into place soon.

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

OOO Calendar

Sundays

Sunday School: 9 a.m.

Worship: 10:15 to 10:50

Regular Meetings

Moms' Group: Mondays, 10-noon (location varies weekly)

Adult Choir: Thursdays, 7:15 p.m.

Evening Women's Bible Study: Thursdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Milligan House

Morning Women's Bible Study: Fridays, 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. at Milligan House

English Conversations: Fridays: 5 to 7 p.m. at Milligan House

Men's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House

Fellowship

Parlor Fellowship: February 13 after worship

Lunch at Milligan House: February 27 after worship at Milligan House.

Other Meetings in February

Children's Coordinators meet at 6 p.m. at Milligan House on February 15.

Financial Class: Extended Class meeting: February 26 in the morning.

Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for February 2011

- 1. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Pray for guidance for Wilma as she counsels people who have been in her seminars, for the God's Spirit to bring change in their lives. Pray that the light of Christ would shine in the prisons as the work continues there.
- 2. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Pray for Rob as he will be teaching a series of classes on "Sonship" (Biblical teaching on sanctification) at several week long seminars this month. Pray for the Lord to bring about renewal in the lives of those who attend. Pray for protection and blessing for Tunde and the girls while he is away.
- 3. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** We have just become aware that Ruthie suffered a fall with serious injuries on Jan 11. After surgery in Lima, she was flown to Chattanooga on Jan 29 for further treatment. She suffers from cancer and osteoporosis. Please be praying for her and Gerry. Just before this happened, Gerry wrote on 1/6 that they are now "in the air" and will be able to broadcast all over the Andes. Pray that they may be able to go ahead with broadcasts even without Gerry and Ruthie.
- 4. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** Pray that the staff will be given insight into the issues that the students have and be able to address them in a helpful, Biblical way. Pray for the children of staff, that their parents will have adequate, quality time with them and that the children will be protected and blessed. Pray for the Lord's continued financial provision, particularly in the Swiss branch.
- 5. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Pray for open hearts at film nights, English nights and Bible studies. Pray that the Lord will give fruit as Dawn ministers to the students individually. Pray for plans for outreach this spring. Pray that Ana will grow in her new faith.
- 6. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Pray for Joe and Elfi as they carry on their work with their church, while dealing with the issue of Joe's father, who is terminally ill with cancer. (No news since Nov.)

Continue to pray for wisdom in dealing with Anishmas, the 12 year old girl who is living with them.

7. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil. Pray for Luciano's many (and fruitful) activities with Colloquium, teaching at the Christian school and increasing involvement in their church. Pray that Luciano's diabetes will stay under control.

8. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines. Pray that the Lord will help and encourage them as they have to deal with individual issues among believers, particularly with pride and submission to authority. Pray for the Lord to supply urgent financial needs. Pray for William, a new believer at the Hillside Ministry, who was recently paralyzed by an accident. Pray that the weekly Bible study in his home will help him trust God and deal with his physical and spiritual condition. His wife attends church.

9. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they consider the future direction of their work. Pray for health, as they all have been sick for some time. Pray they will find a suitable location for the student Bible Study. Pray for fruit from continued teaching of individuals and from their many contacts in the small town where they are living. Pray for continued financial needs.

10. Jon and Tanya Coody – St. Petersburg, Russia. Pray for Jon and Tanya as they transition to live in Oklahoma near family to continue preparations for moving back to Russia. Pray that Jon will finish the work for his ThM, that Tanya will get American citizenship, that they will raise support for an August departure, etc. Pray that the Bible College where Jon plans to teach will be able to get a visa for him.

11. Anne Reitsema – Khartoum, Sudan. We recently received a lovely letter from Anne who is leading the Northern Sudan program for a relief group. (See the Foreign Missions Bulletin Board.) Pray for peace and stability in the country. Pray for safety for her and their teams. Pray that their lives will demonstrate God's work in them as they relate to other staff, authorities and other organizations. As Anne constantly needs to make important decisions, pray that she will keep finding time to spend time with Him.

The Story of Jacob

I spent my summer vacation in South India in the home of a Kerala Christian family. I had noticed that both parents, who are dentists, would come home from work and both spent time with their children either discussing school or just playing with them. As in many Indian families it is a 3 generational home where the grandparent(s) help rear the children. In this family the grandmother spent hours tutoring the 6 year old, Lela and her 9 year old brother, Jacob. I watched while the grandmother spent weeks with Jacob as he memorized 200 Bible verses for the Sunday School Competition. The grandmother spent hours writing verses in English and each day he worked on reciting them after he returned from his English medium school. Jacob is being educated in English so he can travel from state to state or out of the country to study later in life. Although he speaks Malayalam fluently, he has not been trained to read and write as it is a language used only in that one southern state in India. By the day of the competition, Jacob could quickly recite page upon page of his Bible verses. He has won the previous year and thought he could do so again as he had added 50 more verses than he did last year.

His grandmother, aunt and I were on the road traveling the day he was to recite his 200 verses to the judges.

That is when we got a sad phone call. Jacob had dressed up and gone to compete but when they arrived, they were advised that the rules had just been changed. He would have to write all of his memory work in Malayalam, no exceptions. He returned home and later so did we. Now I must admit, at this point I was contemplating either taking a very long walk in the tropical heat or climbing a tree for a few hours to avoid the outbursts of a disappointed 9 year old. However, when we walked in, Jacob was calmly playing with his toys in the dining room. I watched and waiting for awhile and finally asked him how he felt about the morning's disappointment? He looked up and said, "Well Papa and I went to his room and we talked about this. Papa says life is not always fair; sometimes the rules just get changed and there is nothing we can do about it. But, the good thing is no one can take my Bible verses away, they will always be in my head to live by and I can always go on to win other things in my life."

I cannot tell you how deeply I was impressed at the wisdom of that father and that family. How easy it would have been to just be disappointed together and pout. But "Papa" turned it into a real life lesson and this 9 year old displayed more maturity than I have seen in many adults. All because they live what they believe in; Christianity. – Written by Linda Lemen

Know Someone You Might Nominate to Be a Deaconess, Deacon or Elder?

When we nominate: During the month of February. (It's that time of year again!)

Who nominates: Any adult **member** of Old Orchard Church can nominate candidates. But four other members must also join in nominating someone.

Who gets nominated: Any man who is a **member** of Old Orchard Church who is thought to be qualified for either the office of elder or deacon, and any woman who is a **member** and thought to be qualified to be a deaconess—all according to the criteria set out in the Word of God (**deacon: Acts 6:1-6; I Timothy 3:8-10, 12-13; deaconess: I Timothy 3:11; Romans 16:1-2; elder: 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4.**) **TO NOMINATE SOMEONE MEANS YOU BELIEVE HE OR SHE MAY WELL HAVE THE GIFTS AND CALLING TO BE A DEACON, ELDER, OR DEACONESS, AND SHOULD EXPLORE THIS WITH THE SESSION BY ENTERING THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.**

The nomination itself: The nomination **must be in writing**, must include a statement as to why the nominator believes the person should be considered, **must be signed by the nominator and four other members** of Old Orchard Church, and must be turned in directly to an elder.

Whom to approach in a nomination: The member nominating should **first approach the Session** with a written nomination, *not the person being nominated*. The Session will then take the nomination and approach the individual with it. This is not “going behind the person’s back;” but rather, by allowing the elders to approach people with the fact that at least five members of the fellowship believe they may have the gifts and calling for this work, we heighten the need for them to seriously consider it before the Lord. If, after careful prayer and discussion with the elders and others, the nominated person concludes God is not calling him or her at least to go through the apprenticeship program, the nomination can be declined, or postponed, and that is the end of the matter.

Either the Session or the person nominated will inform all signatories to the nomination as to whether or not the nomination is being accepted and the apprenticeship entered.

Apprenticeship period: Those people nominated have through March to think, pray, meet with other officers and with the Session as they try to discern God’s leading as to whether to go into the apprenticeship program. The apprenticeship may begin as soon as all those considering it have made up their minds. But it shall be under way **no later than April 1**, and goes through October.

Time of elections: Elections shall normally be held in mid-November.

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