



Overture

The (almost) Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church
March 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.

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 and someone will contact you.

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.



Preschool worship is offered for children aged three through Kindergarten. Three-year-olds and four-year-olds are welcome to attend preschool worship for the duration of the service. Five-year-olds are asked to remain upstairs in the worship service until they are dismissed at 10:50.

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.

Children's Worship is offered to children in grades 1-5. Listen for dismissal announcement.

Sunday School News

Adult Classes:

Our current New Members' Class is in full swing as is our "Dave Ramsey" finances class. Please see Jason Bartlett if you are interested in the class on finances, and if you are interested in the New Members class, please see Matt Philip.

Do you know someone who is ready for 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. Right now we have 3 children lined up and I'd love to have a fourth if someone is ready. I'd like to start when we have at least 4 children. --Ron Lutjens

All play and no work?

Work Day! Plan on coming Saturday, April 9 to work on Old Orchard Church's two properties! If you can host lunch, please contact Matt Philip. We'll begin sign-up sheets for this starting March 20. Thanks for marking your calendar!

Holy Week Schedule

In years past, Good Friday has been quite hectic--rushing from work to early meals in homes and then off to the worship service. This has been an especially frantic time for families with young children and for those involved leading in worship. For these reasons, the Music & Worship Ministry is proposing to have our meals on Maundy Thursday, April 21, in commemoration of our Lord's last supper. (Grace & Peace, our mother church, has done this for years.) We are hoping this would allow more people to attend both and with much less difficulty. These meals could begin a bit later, say around 6:00 pm, giving more time to return home from work. Since there is no service to follow, the meals could be done in a more leisurely manner and cleanup would not prevent folks from attending the service. The Good Friday service would proceed as normal, although we could begin it earlier (7:00ish) to allow families with younger children to attend while still getting the kids to bed at a reasonable hour. --Greg Roig for the Music and Worship Ministry

And, hey, we need hosts for these meals!

We are looking for hosts for these meals on Maundy Thursday, which is April 21. The menu is simple:

Hearty Soup and Bread. Since we are not rushing off to a worship service in Webster Groves, we are not limiting homes to being near Webster. If at

all interested in hosting, or you want to explore this opportunity, please let us know by putting your name on the sign up list, or e-mailing the church office or calling Durinda Hood. A brief description of the meals is below. Thanks! --Durinda Hood

Reciting Meal: During these meals, we read the highlights of the story of our redemption in Christ. A Bible goes around the table, verses assigned for each person to read. As we hear of the movement back and forth throughout history—from Genesis onward—between God's grace and our sin, a center candle is alternately lit and extinguished.

Sharing Meal: During these meals, we focus on certain passages of Scripture, or songs, or meditations on the suffering of the Lord and then there is some time for focused, individual sharing on how the work of Christ has affected our own lives personally.

Sounds fun, but what is Maundy Thursday?

I've consulted my linguistic Bible, the Webster's International Unabridged Dictionary, 2nd ed. (from the 1930s), which confirms that "Maundy" of Maundy Thursday is derived ultimately from the Latin word *mando*, *mandare*, "I command." The connection seems to be John 13, where Jesus washes the disciples' feet, and eventually says, in v. 34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." The word in the Latin version of the NT (the "Vulgate") for "commandment" is *mandatum*, a noun (cf. English "mandate") derived from *mando*. Given that the foot-washing and new commandment came on the Thursday before the crucifixion, "Maundy Thursday" = "Mandate Thursday," when Jesus gave his disciples that new commandment.

--Jim Lowe, our resident Latin Scholar

Easter Baskets!!!



Yes, we plan to collect them again. Baskets will be out in early April. For those of you new to OOC, we collect fun and practical things for kids ages 3 through 11. We usually include a coloring book with the Gospel message in each basket and an invitation to our Summer Narnia program. --Sponsored by the Mercy Ministry.

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** 4 (four) other members must also join in nomination.

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.

Parlor Fellowship

The next Parlor Fellowship is March 13, directly after worship. Special guest hosts will be: Jan Rau and Maryann Kohl. If you are so inclined, please sign up to bring treats to share. We are especially in need of tea sandwiches!

Extra! Extra! Baby Boy Born!



Fletcher Thomas Woodard was born at 8:02 am on Friday 2/25. He was 7lbs., 2oz. Parents: Nate & Gina Woodard

Speaking of birthdays...OOO March Birthdays



3/1 Dave Dundore
3/2 Matteo Zavaglia
3/3 Hurvey Woodson
3/8 Keegan Donovan
3/9 Nate McKie
3/11 Harper Kuhn
3/11 Samuel Kern
3/14 Taylor Branson
3/17 Grace Greene
3/19 Jim Lowe
3/21 Mark Robertson
3/21 Connor Wilke
3/22 James Barrs
3/23 Abby Bishop
3/23 Dan Smith
3/25 Judah Kuhn
3/27 Shelly Schmalhofer
3/28 Sam Foss
3/31 Richard Winter

Mom's Group

What: The mom's group is geared toward mothers with young children at home, but all are welcome! Come join us in fellowship as we share our joys, burdens, and wisdom in this grand ministry to which we have been called.

When: Tuesday mornings, 10 am-noon

Where: Location of the group will be announced each week.

Talk to: Kathleen Shumate for more information or to be added to the email list.

Women's Bible Study

Both of the women's Bible studies are studying the book of Genesis.

Morning Study: Fridays from 9:15 am - 11:30 am, at the Milligan House (child care is available)

Evening Study: Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, at the Milligan House (no child care available)

For more info about either study, please contact Melissa Nelson.

Men's Bible Study

The men are studying the Book of Revelation.

We meet the first and third Saturdays of the month and our next study will be Saturday, March 19 at 7:15 a.m. Newcomers welcome! --Hal Pendergrass

Adult Choir

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

Women's Ministry Crafty Saturday

Non-crafty people welcome!!

Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Milligan House, 10 am to 12 noon

Ladies, come join us for a time of crafting and fellowship! 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, 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! If you have any questions, call or email Alyssa Catlin.

Youth Group Calendar: the Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings, 6-8 p.m., in the Milligan House basement except where noted.

Sunday, March 6 - The Life of Jesus – Jesus and Fishing

Saturday, March 12, **10 am:** APA Collection Drive and tour of the facilities

Sunday, March 13 – No Sunday Night Youth Group

Sunday, March 20 – The Life of Jesus –Jesus and Rules

Sunday, March 27 – The Life of Jesus –Jesus and our Doubts

Bethany Christian Services First Annual Fellowship Dinner

You're invited!

Why: The purpose of the dinner is first, to celebrate what God is doing in the lives of people who are touched by Bethany's ministry in our area; second, to cast vision for where we believe God to be taking us to serve more children in our community and around the world; third, to challenge our guests to partner with us financially as we do God's work through Bethany. Come and see what God is doing in the lives of children and families through Bethany. Please invite anyone you wish who might be interested in being part of this special event.

When: April 2nd at 6:30 pm

Where: The Renaissance Grand Hotel, 800 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63101

Time: Reception: 5:45 p.m., Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker: Mark Ottinger. He and his wife, Tona, have adopted four children through inter-country and domestic adoption.

Reservations. Seating limited. Reservations required. Adults only please. An opportunity for a financial faith promise investment will be provided.

**RSVP online at www.bethanymissouri.org
or with Mary**

Foreign Mission Prayer Requests

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 counsels with individuals and deals with conflicts as well as his regular teaching and leading groups. Pray for Tünde as she is preparing the choir to record a CD March 27-April 3.
3. **Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez** – Huanta, Peru. Pray for them as Ruthie's cancer has returned and "is aggressively attacking Ruth's liver and bones." They are in Chattanooga where she is getting treatment. Gerry is continuing to prepare two messages a day to be broadcast from Huanta to the scattered Quechua people in the mountains. Pray for healing and peace for Ruthie and "a clear mind from above" for Gerry.
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 for a situation in the Hillside ministry where a “Christian” group in a nearby town is trying to “buy” believers with free food and promises of prosperity. Pray for discernment and resistance to temptation for the believers there. Pray for the Quimbos as they have so many ministries to care for. Pray for the Lord to meet their financial needs.

9. **Joel and Jessica Rinn** – Verona, Italy. Praise and prayer for the four young men who are committed to the Verona Bible Study. Pray for fruit from their many good contacts in the small town where they are living. Pray for guidance as various ministries are opening up: an International Bible study in Trent; a request for help to establish a PCA church for American army families in Vicenza. Pray for continued financial needs.

10. **Jon and Tanya Coody** – St. Petersburg, Russia. Pray for Jon who is “frantically” writing to complete his thesis by Monday, March 7. Pray for him as he will be going to the Ukraine with Hans Bayer to teach leaders, March 19-23. He also plans to go to St. Petersburg to visit with people at the university where they hope to serve. Pray for Tanya and the children in Oklahoma in his absence.

11. See print copy for the final prayer request.

Collection for Sunshine Ministries

Sunshine Ministries, located in North St. Louis, includes a homeless shelter for men and as well as work with families and youth. As stated on the Sunshine Ministries’ Website, since 1903, Sunshine Ministries has been transforming lives... helping men, women, and children discover their God-given potential and learn to live a life of meaning and purpose. Sunshine Ministries is committed to providing high-quality, Christian social services to the poor and needy of St. Louis by offering: Healing (from the past), Help (in the present) and Hope (for the future).

We will be collecting the following items for this ministry during the month of March:

- Men’s aerosol deodorant
- Disposable razors
- Toothbrushes (toothpaste not needed at this time)
- Bar soap
- Body wash (individual or family size, but not refill containers)
- Toilet paper (any size package)
- Paper towels
- Diapers

Socks: men's, women's and children's

Please bring your contributions and place them in the foyer in the brown wooden box.

--OOC Mercy Ministry (See Durinda Hood, Linda Lemen, Phil Patterson, or Deb Pendergrass if you have questions.)

An Important Note on Giving

Giving to Individuals in Need: Christ commands his people to care for each other; we are to obey him and as a body we often demonstrate that care by assisting members of the body of Christ who are struggling to make ends meet financially. Believers at Old Orchard have been very good over the years and have, when seeing a brother or a sister in need, given generously to individuals or families through the Deacons' Fund, the structure the church has set up for this important part of our ministry of mercy. This article was written to clarify the proper procedure which we, as a tax-exempt organization, are required to follow. From time to time we will reproduce this article in the Overture as a reminder.

The church—and not the state—oversees its distribution of gifts of mercy to those in serious financial need. At the same time, because, unlike many other countries, the United States graciously allows all gifts given to charitable causes, including churches, to go untaxed, the state does have a legitimate interest in preventing fraud. Hence, the Internal Revenue Service has a few rules to prevent people from using the church to avoid paying taxes on gifts to individuals that the government does not consider true “charitable giving.” For instance, if you want to give an anonymous love gift of \$100 to a couple in the church who just celebrated their 50th anniversary because you deeply appreciate the model of faithfulness they have been to the fellowship, you are perfectly free to do that! But you cannot give that gift through the church as a tax-exempt “charitable gift.” You have to find your own way to give it anonymously (e.g., cash in a card, a cashier's check from a bank, using another person as a go-between, etc). To prevent people from simply using the church as a conduit with no oversight, the IRS insists that when it comes to giving charitable gifts to individuals, the church rather than the individual wanting to give the gift needs to have final say over whether there is a legitimate financial need being addressed. That's the core principle the IRS lays out. So this leads to the following practical rules for giving to individuals through the church:

- 1) If you want to give a gift to someone you believe is in real financial need, you may write a check made payable to Old Orchard Church and designate it for the Deacons' Fund, but please do not designate on the check the individual or family in need.
- 2) Then write a note to the deacons explaining why you are recommending them, not instructing them, to pass the gift on to that person. Put the note along with the check in an envelope and drop it in the collection on Sunday or mail it to the church office.

- 3) The deacons and deaconesses will then confer and evaluate the need (and may consult the proposed recipient of the gift to get an update about their situation). Often they will wind up concurring that there is a legitimate need and the gift will go to the person; occasionally, they will not. Or they will learn that a current crisis in a person's life has passed and will safeguard the money in the Deacons Fund for future disbursement, either to the recommended person or others in need. Or the gift will be dispersed to someone else in need. But the basic principle is that it is the church and its official representatives deciding who qualifies for individual gifts of mercy and not the various people wanting to give the gifts.

Thanks for following these guidelines—and for the wonderfully generous ways you have loved each other here!

Ron Lutjens, pastor

A note from a friend

Dear Old Orchard Family,

Over spring break [March 16-30] the Westminster Christian Academy band, which I am in, and the choir, are going on a trip to the Czech Republic. Every year the high school band and choir go on a trip, and for the first time it is out of the country. But because Westminster is moving to a new campus they are short on money and cannot give us much in support of this trip. Conveniently, my band director knows a pastor over in Czech who has agreed to help provide housing, food and transportation around the country. In exchange, while there we will be doing some kind of work in the churches. All expenses are paid except for our airline tickets. So I need to raise about \$900 to buy my ticket. It would be awesome if I could have your support! Please make any check payable to my parents, Gary or Mary Beth Glasgow (not to Old Orchard Church) and designate it "Band trip."

Thank you so much,

Emma Glasgow

OOO Calendar

Sundays

Sunday School: 9 am
Worship: 10:15 to 10:50

Regular Meetings

Moms' Group: Tuesdays, 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 (no evening Bible study on Thursday, March 17)

Morning Women's Bible Study: Fridays, 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. at Milligan House (no morning Bible study on Friday, March 11)

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

Upcoming Fellowships

Parlor Fellowship: March 13 after worship

Lunch at Milligan House: March 27 after worship at Milligan House

Other Meetings in March

Session: March 15, 6 pm, Milligan House

OOO Workday: April 9

Baby Shower: April 16

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 13 at 2 am, so spring forward on Saturday night and set your clocks forward one hour!!!!

Children's Narnia Summer Program (VBS) will be July 26-30, 2011!
–Kelli McKie

The Craft Alliance on the Delmar Loop will feature 2 of Cayce Zavaglia's Embroidery Portraits in the group show "Storylines: Contemporary Embroidery" March 18-May 8. There will be an opening reception on Friday, March 18th, 6-8pm.

Next 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 them to the church office. The next issue will be out next Sunday, March 20, editor is Prisca Rice. **Deadline for articles is next Sunday, March 13.**

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