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The (Almost-Fortnightly) Newsletter of Old Orchard Church

✝ Sunday, March 20, 2011 ✝

Welcome!

Guests, we welcome you and thank you for coming!

- Child care services for infants through children in kindergarten are offered and 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 in the hymnal rack or on the chairs.

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** 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, usually around 10:50.

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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, April 3, editor will be Alyssa Catlin. Deadline for articles is next Sunday, March 27.

CALENDAR NOTES

Sundays

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

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

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

Upcoming Fellowships

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

Next Parlor Fellowship: April 10 after worship

Buffet on Easter Sunday, April 24.

Ladies, please note:

Crafty Saturday, 10 to noon on Saturday, March 26.

Baby Shower: April 16 (Ladies, look for announcement in this *Overture*.)

Mark Your April Calendar!

Congregational Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 6:45 p.m.

OOO Workday: April 9, 9 am to 5 pm (come morning or afternoon)

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

Youth Group Calendar: *(Sunday evenings, 6-8 p.m., Milligan House basement except where noted)*

No youth group this week

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

OOO CALENDAR

- Nursery Volunteers for Easter Sunday Wanted.

Thanks for all of the sign-ups we have thus far. We are looking for 10 more volunteers to serve in our nurseries on Easter Sunday, filling one shift for each person. See today's sign-up sheet. See Margaret Wilke with questions.

- Mom's 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, for more information or to be put on the email list.

- 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, April 3 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

- Adult Choir

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

- Work Day!

Plan on coming on Saturday, **April 9**, morning or afternoon, to work on Old Orchard Church's two properties! If you can host lunch, please contact Matt Philip. Sign-up sheets out today! Thanks for marking your calendar!

CHURCH BUSINESS

Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 6:45 p.m.

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Wednesday night, April 6, 2011 for the purpose of (1) approving by vote a second term (for 3 years) for the office of ruling elder for Greg Roig and Nate McKie and a second term (for 3 years) for the ministry of deaconess for Durinda Hood; and (2) introducing the plans for our 30th anniversary, celebrating three decades of God's faithfulness to us as Old Orchard Church.

We do need the fellowship to be there to vote on the officer candidates, so we exhort and encourage the membership to be there that night. If there are unavoidable reasons you cannot be there, then please ask an elder if you can be excused. Voting by absentee or proxy ballot for church officers is prohibited by our polity as a Presbyterian Church in America congregation.

Ron Lutjens, Moderator, for the Session

Child Care will be offered during this meeting: Please sign-up for it or let Mark Robertson that you will need child care.

Sunday School News

Adult Classes: New Members' class as well as the class on finances with Dave Ramsey CDs are well on their way. See Jason Bartlett regarding the class on finances.

Lunch at Milligan House

Please sign up today for the next Lunch at Milligan House! We'll eat together after worship on March 27. Betsy Tevebaugh and Sharon Kern will be hosting & the Norris Community Group will assist.

MORE OOC BABIES ON THE WAY!

Baby shower for Jen Schaefer, Thais Marques and Grace Greene Milligan House Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m. The women of OOC are invited to a baby shower for Jen Schaefer, Thais Marques and Grace Greene. Jen and James will welcome their first-born

on about May 7; Thais and Andre expect their first around June 14 and Grace and Steve expect their bundle of joy around May 28. Jen and Thais are registered at Babies R Us and Target. Grace is registered at Cotton Babies and Target. If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift for each mother. Please give your contribution to Marci Robertson or Jessica Burdette by Sunday, April 10. 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 encourage our new mothers. Come and be a blessing.

Last Call!

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

Reminder: The Session is looking for nominations for deaconess, deacon or elder. See instructions posted and in the last *Overture* on how to nominate.

Signup to attend Maundy Thursday Meals – Thursday, April 21.

Sign-up for the Maundy Thursday Meals starts today. See sign-up sheets posted. There is to be a children's meal at Milligan House starting at 6 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to attend one of the meals in homes. Menu: Hearty Soup & Bread.

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.

We may need additional hosts. Please let Durinda Hood know if you are interested in hosting.

Easter Baskets!!!



Yes, we plan to collect them again. Baskets (40) 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 and give them to Webster-Rock Hill Ministries to distribute. We usually include a coloring book with the Gospel message in each basket and an invitation to our Summer Narnia program. Start collecting your items! -- OOC Mercy Ministry.

Women's Ministry Crafty Saturday

Non-crafty people welcome!!

When: 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,

Collection for Sunshine Ministries – Bring by next Sunday, March 27!

We're collecting items for Sunshine Ministries during March.

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.

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

Communion Cleaning! Volunteers Wanted!

I am looking for volunteers to help clean communion ware. 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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ADVERTISEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated Faculty & Staff Positions at Westminster

Westminster Christian Academy in St. Louis, Missouri, a Christian secondary school with 872 students in grades 7-12, is accepting applications for the following full-time faculty and staff positions for the 2011/12 school year: High school Bible; high school physics/physical science; middle and high school art; high school history (Western Civilization and U.S. History); high school special needs; middle school math/science; high school athletic director; and part-time high school drama. Visit our website at www.wcastl.org for application information and/or contact Becky VanValkenburg, Executive Assistant to the Head of School, at vanvalkenburg@wcastl.org or 314-997-2900.

Want to go to Israel? Here's an opportunity....

From October 31- November 9 Professor Jerram Barrs of Covenant Theological Seminary will be leading a trip to Israel for 10 unforgettable days. Please consider joining us as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth and many other sites where Christ conducted His earthly ministry. The tour organizers are Peter and Ilona Greyling from the group Christian Heritage in Cambridge, England. Peter and Ilona have led dozens of tours around the world and 7 to the Holy Land. As we anticipate a very significant interest from participants, we would urge you to consider joining us on this amazing life changing visit. In order to ensure the intimacy of the group, restricted the total number of participants has been restricted to 40. The cost of the trip is \$2,095 a person (not including airfare) and includes 4-5 star lodging, expert Biblical guides,

sightseeing, breakfast and dinner daily, and Israel gratuities. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please contact Peter and Ilona at ilonagreyling@juno.com.

--Submitted by Gavin J. French, Covenant Theological Seminary

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 at 314.769.4333

STORIES AND SUNDRIES

- 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.
- **Classical Guitar Concert!**
Come see the students of Alyssa Catlin perform both ensemble and solo works for classical guitar, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 4pm. Music selections showcase a wide range of guitar music from spanish, blues, jazz, fingerstyle, baroque, and modern genres. The students performing are ages 10-15, so this is a family friendly performance. Concert is free!
--Alyssa Catlin