



Overture

The Pretty Much
Fortnightly Newsletter of

Old Orchard Church

April 17, 2011
Palm Sunday

Welcome!

Guests: welcome to our worship, and thanks for coming! We invite you to use our **child care services** for infants through children in kindergarten; please see “Children’s Ministries” below. Please see below also for information on children’s ministries and Sunday School. 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.

Sundays@ a glance

- ! 9:00 a.m.! Sunday School
- ! 10:15 a.m.! Worship
- ! 6-8 p.m.! Youth Group / Teen Fellowship

Old Orchard Church

Church Office/Milligan House.....314.962.3795
 Church Building, 640 Amelia314.961.6932
(no answering device at this number)
 Web Site.....www.olderchardchurch.org

Ron Lutjens, Pastor

314.962.6196 see print copy

Mark Robertson, Director of Ministry to Youth & Family

314.707.6050 see print copy

Durinda Hood, Administrative Assistant

314.962.3795 office@olderchardchurch.org

Looking to clean up?????

So is Durinda Hood! She continues to seek volunteers to help clean communion ware. If you are interested in this important, if behind-the-scenes, job, please contact Durinda ASAP at 314.962.3795, email office@olderchardchurch.org



Adult Sunday School Notes









New Members' class and the class on finances will continue through May, after an Easter Sunday hiatus. See Jason Bartlett regarding the latter class.



Youth Group Calendar

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

-  **April 17** – Planning the Easter Sunrise Service
-  **April 24** - Easter Sunrise Service: 7:30 a.m., Blackburn Park. *No Sunday Night Youth Group.*
-  **May 1** - Serving at Creve Coeur Manor
-  **May 8** - *High School Only!* Movie & Coffee, 6:00 p.m.
-  **May 15** - Joint Youth Group at Grace & Peace, 4:30 p.m., @ Grace & Peace
-  **May 22** - End of Year Cook-out

<p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE... Make an Overture!</p> <p>You are invited to write for any issue of our newsletter, the <i>Overture!</i> We welcome sub-missions of articles, art, short essays, poetry, etc. All submissions should be signed by the person submitting them. You can place your <u>signed</u> articles in the <i>Overture</i> box (in the coat room), or email them to the church office. The next issue will be out Sunday, May 1, edited by Liz Romines. Deadline for submissions is next Sunday, April 24.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Evening Women's Bible Study</p> <p>The morning women's Bible study has finished its study book of Genesis. The <u>evening study</u> group will meet for its final class on Thursday evening, April 28, at Milligan House, 7-8:30 p.m. No childcare available. See Jessica Swigart:.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ZUMBA at OOC!!!</p> <p>Sweep out your body's winter cobwebs while you HAVE FUN and exercise at the same time!! Tuesdays in April and May, 6-7 PM in the parlor. (one hour earlier than originally advertised) No charge. Bring your friends and neighbors, too! Contact Becca Skrainka with any questions you have.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mom's Group</p> <p>Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m. till noon; see Kathleen Shumate for location. 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. For more information, or to be put on the email list, please contact Kathleen,.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Our next study will be Saturday, May 7 at 7:15 a.m. Newcomers welcome! We meet the first and third Saturdays of the month and are studying the book of Revelation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-- Hal Pendergrass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OOO 30th Anniversary "Numbering Our Days, Finding Our Wisdom" Volunteers Wanted!!</p> <p>See sign-up sheet today to help with anniversary plans and/or implementing them. Please indicate if you have a particular interest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dates to remember:</i></p> <p>May 14: Picnic at The Easterlings' Farm, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Farewell to Nelson & Kathy Jennings**</p> <p>September 23-25: Anniversary Celebration on OOC grounds</p>		

4/1Clara Lee
 4/2Kirk Norris
 4/4Jennifer Brown
 4/4Cayce Zavaglia
 4/5Anna Coody**
 4/7Gary Boldt
 4/7Luciene Pires**
 4/8Anna Cushman
 4/12Wyatt Woodard
 4/14Lois Gutierrez**
 4/14Elfi Muutuki**
 4/17Linda Lemen
 4/17Phoebe Philip
 4/19Katie Tevebaugh
 4/22Hannah LeFort
 4/22Avery Dixon**
 4/22Janet Rau
 4/22Jonathan Tag
 4/23Jennifer Foss
 4/23Emma Glasgow
 4/24Hal Pendergrass
 4/25Nate Woodard
 4/26Micah Chaplin
 4/26Ben Gutierrez**
 4/29Ellen Petty

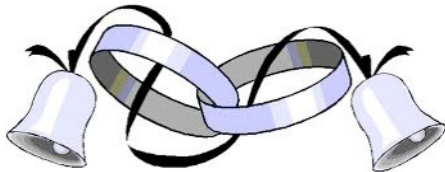
April



Birthdays

**member of missionary family supported by OOC

Wedding Bells



Are Ringing

All OOC women are invited to a bridal shower to honor Sandra Ribeiro. Sandra and Chuck Schulte will be married at Old Orchard Church 11 a.m. on June 4th.

WHERE: Milligan House
 WHEN: Saturday, May 7 at 10:00am
 HOSTESSES: Lina G. and Thais M.

Sandra is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond. If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift. Please give your contribution to Lina or Thais by Sunday, May 1. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring something for the refreshment table._____

Please join your sisters in Christ in a time of prayer and celebration for Sandra.

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, a disabled citizen who lives in Rock Hill. **Bill Grady** coordinates lawn mowing at the church/Milligan House, and **Mark Robertson** is coordinating initially lawn mowing at Willie Lee's, but we are looking for a new coordinator. Interested? See Mark Robertson.



Sign up sheets are circulating today! For questions, please contact to coordinators:

Bill Grady: See print copy.

Mark Robertson: See print copy.





Holy Week, 2011



Maundy Thursday

Adult Meals: April 21. 6:15 p.m. The menu is simple: Hearty Soup and 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.

Children’s Meal. There will be a special meal for children starting at 6:00 p.m. (*divided ages: 1-4; 5-11 years*) at the Milligan House during the adult meals. Pick up time for children will be 8:00 p.m.

We need **helpers** for the children’s meal. See today’s sign-up sheet.

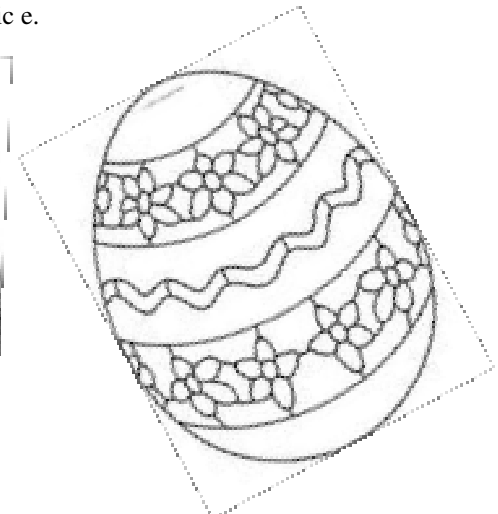
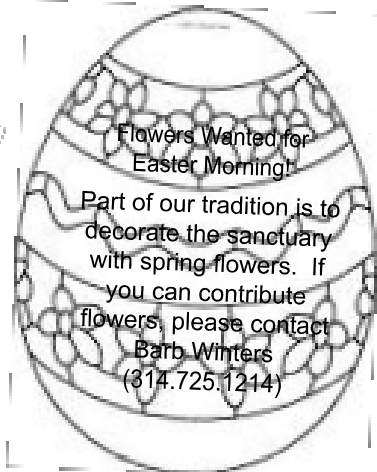
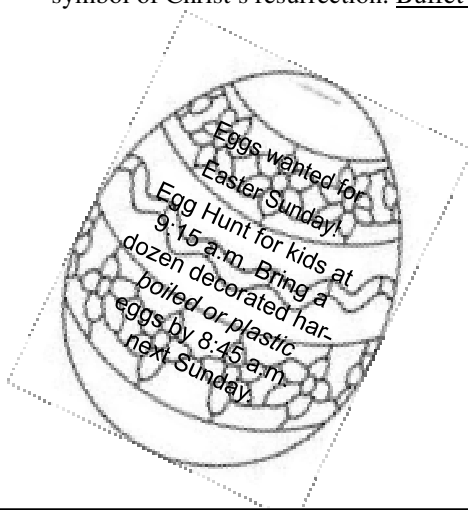
Good Friday

Joint Good Friday Worship with Cornerstone E-Free

7:00 p.m., at Old Orchard Church. OOC will lead worship; Pastor Terry Schoenfeld from Cornerstone will preach. Child Care is offered for children 3 years and younger. Please sign your child up!

Easter Sunday

- **Sunrise Service**, 7.30 a.m., Blackburn Park (led by our teenagers)
- **Hallelujah Buffet** at Milligan House (see below)
- **Easter Egg Hunt** for children beginning at 9:15 a.m. on the Milligan House lawn.
- **Folk Dancing** 9:30—10:00 a.m. (in the street between Milligan House and the church, or in the parlor due to rain.)
- **Easter Service** in the Sanctuary 10:15 a.m.
- **Balloon Launch.** After worship. The children (& maybe some adults!) will send off helium-filled balloons as a symbol of Christ’s resurrection. Buffet leftovers(if any) also after the service.



Easter Morning – **Hallelujah Buffet** at Milligan House

Please sign up for the Easter Sunday Buffet (see inserts in the bulletin): Bagels, Muffins, Sweetbreads; Fruit Juice; Fruit Plate; 9 X 13 Egg Casserole or contribute cash (for breakfast meat; please give \$5 or \$10 donation to Laurie Lowe or Jan Rau). Warming trays are requested, as well as volunteers to help with clean-up. See the Hallelujah Buffet team: Laurie Lowe, Jan Rau or Michelle Kraft for questions.

A Note of Apology

As a children's worship leader, it is my first and foremost goal that the kids that go home with you have a greater understanding of who God is, why He is important in our lives, and how to respond to Him as they grow. Much to my chagrin, my deceitful tongue slipped in something extra, and your child may have found a new way to describe how angry they get sometimes. If your child found a new phrase, please accept my apologies -- I am responsible for the mishap, and have a congregation who could bear witness. This may be a 'maybe' word in adult conversation, but it's certainly a word I had hoped would ne'er cross my lips within earshot of my smaller brothers and sisters. This is a sin I committed, and would be if no other adult had been present. I repent, and am embarrassed by my actions. Please forgive me, or at least, remind your child that when Jesus was angry, he chose more expressive ways to present himself than a sour expression. For myself, I look forward to continuing to help our congregation's children to love the Lord and worship Him, after a bit of soap in my mouth this evening.

While blushing, with thanks,
Owen Gentry

Thank You

Thanks for praying for my dad and me during my recent time in Texas. I had opportunity to care for him and my mother, and opportunities to pray for him with them.

My older brother ended up in the same hospital with a bowel obstruction when he came to visit and help with dad. I helped him clear his hotel room and go to ER and get admitted to the hospital. Fortunately his bowel obstruction cleared with treatment and he was able to go home after a few days in the hospital without having to be subjected to surgery.

So indeed it was quite a trip, not exactly ordinary. The Lord gave me what was needed for it all. These verses from Psalm 121 encouraged me:

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

My dad is now in the rehab wing of a nursing home, learning to walk with his new hip replacement. He is making progress. As you are able, do pray that he can regain this skill and be able to return home.

Thanks to all of you,
Durinda Hood

	<p style="text-align: center;">This just in from Kelli McKie... Children's Narnia Summer Program: July 26-30, 2011 MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!</p>	
---	--	---

A Reminder from the Nursery Team

Winter is gone! Or at least, we hope so. Though the colder months are behind us, our little ones still come down with the sniffles on occasion, and it is important to remember that, per our policy, if your child has had a fever, cold, diarrhea or vomiting in the past 24 hours, we ask that they not be left in the nursery. This policy is in place for the safety of all our children. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

--Submitted by Mark Robertson

C.S. Lewis, on stage

A lesser-known novel by C.S. Lewis, "Till We Have Faces", is being performed as a play by the Mustard Seed Theatre at Fontbonne University. The play explores the concept of faith.

What: "Till We Have Faces"

When: April 15 through May 1

Where: Fontbonne University Fine Arts Theatre, Wydown and Big Bend Boulevards..

Cost: \$20-30; \$15 for students and older adults; The performance at 8 p.m. on Thursday is a "pay what you can/ pay with a can" food drive

More Info: 314-719-8060 or mustardseedtheatre.com.

--Submitted by Larry Chambers