



## OVERTURE

The (Almost-Fortnightly) Newsletter of Old Orchard Church

✙ Sunday, May 15, 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. 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 located at Milligan House. Listen for dismissal during worship.

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## OVERTURE

### ❖ 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 Sunday, June 5 with Alyssa Catlin as editor. Deadline for articles is Sunday, May 29.

## CALENDAR NOTES

- **Sundays**  
Sunday School: 9 a.m. No Sunday School May 29 and in June and July.  
(except New Members' Class will meet June 5)  
Worship: 10:15 to 10:50
- **Regular Meetings**  
Mom's Group: Tuesdays, 10-noon (location varies weekly)  
Adult Choir: Thursdays, 7:15 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House
- **Fellowship**  
Lunch at Milligan House: May 22 after worship at Milligan House  
Next Parlor Fellowship: June 12, 2011

### Other Meetings & Notes for May

- **Written Budget Reports Due:** May 15, 2011
- **Arts Ministry:** Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at Milligan House
- **Tender Mercies Prayer.** Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m.
- **Budget Construction Meeting** (elders, deacon, deaconess, treasurer) Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m. at Milligan House
- **Office Closed:** Monday, May 30.

### Look Ahead!

- PCA General Assembly: June 7 - 10 (Ron will attend)
- Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:45 p.m. Mark your calendar!
- Children's Ministry coordinators meet Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at Milligan House. See Mark Robertson
- *Congregational Meeting*  
The congregational meeting scheduled for June 15 (6:45 p.m.) is to vote on Currie Bishop, standing for the office of elder, and to get feedback from the congregation on the proposed 2011-2012 budget. Child care will be offered. (Let Mark Robertson know if you will be using child care.)

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### ❖ Our Library

Please browse our selection of books in the vestibule by the kitchenette. More books are in our library rooms, located in the Milligan House on the first floor by the kitchen and bathroom. Enjoy!!

**Library News:** Several new books and new-to-us books have been added to the library collection. The following are among those currently available on the library bookshelf in the south vestibule:

- Two new books by Tim Keller: *King's Crossing* and *Generous Justice*.
- Eric Metaxas's biography *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. A large book, but well worth the effort. Metaxas is a good writer and Bonhoeffer is an instructive follower of Christ and witness to God's grace.
- *Marriage to a Difficult Man* by Elisabeth D. Dodds. "... a unique biographical glimpse into the life, ministry, and marriage of Jonathan and Sarah Edwards."
- Three by Philip Yancey: *The Jesus I Never Knew*, *Disappointment with God*, and *What's So Amazing About Grace*.
- *Reading the Bible as History*, by Theodore Plantinga. "Explore the historical dimension of the Bible. This is our history as spiritual children of Abraham."
- *For All the Saints ... Praying for the Church* by J.E. Eubanks, Jr. "Grounded in Scripture, this book is an aid in learning to pray for the local church and the church universal ...."
- *Beyond Culture Wars* by Michael S. Horton. "Is America a Mission Field or a Battle Field? How should we relate to the wider society."
- For parents: *The Space Between - A Parents' Guide to Teenage Development* by Dr. Walt Mueller and *Don't Make Me Count to Three* by Ginger Plowman. "Weaves together biblical truth and practical parenting advice."
- *Bible Stories for Children* by Geoffry Horn. Favorite stories told in simple language, beautifully illustrated.

--Gail Barker

❖ **Summer Nursery Schedules - Please get yours!!**

Please pick up your nursery schedule for the summer. Also, please add Margaret Wilke's e-mail to your address book so her reminders don't wind up in your spam folder, (see print copy).

Thanks to all of you for your care for our children!

--Margaret Wilke

❖ **Sunday School News**

Adult and children's classes resume today and will go through May 22. No Sunday School Memorial Day Weekend, May 29 and through the months of June & July. New Members last class, however, is June 5. In August, after VBS, there will be an intergenerational Sunday School to which we will invite attendees of VBS.

❖ **Lunch at Milligan House**

May 22 after worship at Milligan House. Nancy Weir and Betsy Tevebaugh are hosting with the Jennings' community group assisting. Please sign up to attend and contribute food.

❖ **Adult Choir**

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

❖ **Arts Ministry Meeting.** Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Milligan House.

❖ **Men's Bible Study**

Our next study will be Saturday, May 21 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

❖ **Mom's Group**

Tuesday mornings, 10 am-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. Talk to Kathleen Shumate, (see print copy), for more information or to be put on the email list.

❖ **Youth Group**

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

**May 15** - Joint Youth Group with Grace & Peace, 4:30 p.m., @ Grace & Peace

**May 22** - End of Year Cook-Out

❖ **Budget Schedule--Reminders For Leaders!**

Written Budget Reports Due: Today, Sunday, May 15. Please get them to Durinda Hood. ([office@oldorchardchurch.org](mailto:office@oldorchardchurch.org))

Budget Construction Meeting. Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at Milligan House. For elders, deacons, deaconess, treasurer.

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

Sign up sheets are circulating today! For questions, please contact Bill Grady or Mark Robertson.

Help Wanted!



❖ **ZUMBA at OOC!!!**

HAVE FUN and exercise at the same time!! Tuesdays in May & June, 6-7 PM in the parlor. It's not too late to join this motley crew; plenty of room! Take advantage of this opportunity. No charge. Bring your friends and neighbors, too! Contact Becca Skrainka with any questions.

❖ **Tender Mercies Prayer**

This is an opportunity to pray for our adult covenant children who are not walking with the Lord. Many of these young adults were baptized at OOC and we promised to pray for them. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 21 at the Milligan House for a time of sharing and prayer. We usually meet every other month. If you are interested, please join us. If you are interested and not able to make that date, contact Betsy Roig.

❖ **OOC Anniversary Funds**

We are taking up three collections in conjunction with our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. See full descriptions in last week's *Overture*. Please make checks payable to Old Orchard Church and designate it for which fund you want to give to.

(1) 30th Anniversary Fund. To help defray costs of the various things we are doing for our anniversary celebration. Designate: "Anniversary Fund."

(2) Love Gift. Recipients to be determined. One will be a be split between a far and a near-home missionary/ministry as a kind of thank-offering to the Lord for his mercies to us over these first 30 years. *Designate: "Anniversary Love Gift"*

(3) Copper cross. We're setting up a fund that folks can contribute to so that we can hire an artist/craftsman to build us a copper cross to go on top of the bell tower at the church. We are in the process of talking with people to get an idea of the cost of this. *Designate to: "Copper Cross"*

So as the Lord leads, we do encourage the fellowship to give to one or more or all of these funds but cheerfully, with thankful hearts, and *above and beyond what you are already giving to help support the work of Old Orchard Church.*

Warm thanks to you all,

Ron Lutjens, on behalf of the Session and the 30th Anniversary Committee

### ❖ **More Graduates! Congratulations!**

- **Prisca Rice** received a Master's of Arts (MA) in French Literature from the University of Missouri on Friday, May 13. Congratulations!!

- **Brittany Smith** is receiving a Master of Arts in Educational Ministries from Covenant Theological Seminary. Well done, Brittany!

### ADVERTISEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Baby Boy Born!**

Athos Leal was born on Tuesday, May 10. 6 lbs. 1 oz. Congratulations, Andre & Thais Marques!

- **HOUSE FOR RENT OR SALE**

Mike and I are wanting to rent or sell our home in Clifton Heights, a wonderfully central location. We're less than 10 minutes from Old Orchard, and within 10-15 minutes of almost anywhere--downtown, Clayton, Forest Park, hospitals, Dogtown....you name it.

We would love to have believers living here! It's a cute brick 2 bed, 1 bath home. Wood floors, large, light-filled rooms, updated kitchen and bath, front porch, back deck, fenced in backyard. We even have a veggie garden ready for you. ☺

We're asking \$875/month for rent, or \$139,999 for sale. If you'd like to come look at the house, or know someone who might be interested, please give me a call or email (see print copy) (that's an L in there).

Look us up on Zillow to see pictures. \_\_\_\_\_ Marmaduke Avenue 63139.

Thanks!

Annie Kuhn



❖ *We had filled our wooden box in the foyer with personal care items and canned goods that we took over to Sunshine Ministries in April. Here's a note in response.*

May 2, 2011

Dear Friends at Old Orchard,

You all are such a blessing! The wonderful donation of toiletries and canned goods will be a great help to us as we serve our homeless guests and families.

We enjoyed being with you in March. We appreciate you all and cherish your partnership in ministry!

God Bless!

Carol Clarkson  
Associate Director  
Sunshine Ministries

❖ *FirstLight Ministry*

FirstLight, a ministry that does support groups for those struggling with sexual brokenness (same-sex attraction, sex addiction, spouses of those struggling with sex addiction, parents of those with same-sex attraction), is in current need of a male volunteer interested in leading one of our Sex Addiction groups. If you have experience in leading groups, and an interest in learning more about Sex Addiction and serving with our ministry, please consider volunteering with us! We are also looking for women leaders interested in volunteering with our Same-Sex Attraction group for women, our Spouse Group, and a new Sex Addiction group for women, as well. If you are interested in any of the above positions, please contact Ministry Director Sean Maney at (see print copy).

If you are interested in what FirstLight is doing and would like to partner with us, please consider joining our Prayer Team! The prayer team meets monthly on Sunday evenings to pray over the various groups and concerns the ministry has. If you would like to attend one of our meetings, please email (see print copy) for details.

--Submitted by Christy Gambrell for FirstLight Ministry

❖ *Thank You Note*

Gina and I would like to extend our thanks to the house groups who brought us dinner after our son Fletcher was born on February 25th. The meals were delicious and the sentiment was sweet. We are grateful and blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community of brothers and sisters in Christ. We are, of course, also grateful and blessed for the birth of Fletcher. He and Gina are both doing great, as is Wyatt who is overjoyed to have a little brother. Once again, many thanks!

Love,  
the Woodards

*(This note was submitted while I was in Texas caring to my parents and got missed in being published until now. -Durinda Hood)*

## STORIES AND SUNDRIES

### *Thank You*

James and Jen are so grateful for the ways the Old Orchard family help prepare for little Nathan James Schaefer through the baby shower on April 16th. The prayer time was especially a blessing to mom. Nathan has already been able to use many of the wonderful gifts in his cozy new home environment. Jen and Nathan are doing well; mom is resting and taking it easy and Nathan is eating and sleeping great. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

-- Jen, James, Nathan Schaefer

### **You Know Psalm 23, But Do You Know What Shepherds Know About Sheep?**

Last year, in Women's Bible Study, we studied Psalm 23. As I prepared for the lesson, I went back and re-read Phillip Keller's *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*. I was amazed at the hidden richness of this well known and well-loved Psalm after learning so much about sheep and their shepherds. We have such a loving and patient Shepherd. I HIGHLY recommend this book. Below are some notes I took as I read this small treasure of a book. Read Psalm 23 again, and then read these notes on sheep. I hope they bless you as much as they blessed me. -- In Christ, Melissa Nelson

What shepherds know about sheep

- more than any other class of livestock, sheep require endless attention and meticulous care
- the lot in life of any particular sheep depends on the man who owns it
- sheep will not lie down and rest unless they are
  - free from fear
  - free from friction with other sheep (tension)
  - free from torment of flies and parasites (aggravation)
  - free from hunger
  - ...& only the shepherd can provide these things
- sheep remember one another's faces and remember people's faces, too. they know their owner by his face and voice.
- Sheep depend on the shepherd to take them to clean water; if a shepherd does not do this, sheep will drink from dirty puddles riddled with parasites
- if sheep lie down in a way that they cannot get their feet back under themselves they cannot get up on their own, no matter how much they struggle. Shepherds call this a "cast" sheep. It is vulnerable to attack, helpless & close to death. If a sheep stays cast it will die. If the weather is hot, it will only take about 2 hours...if it's colder out, it can take a couple of days. The gases in their bodies build up and blood circulation gets cut off. Shepherds are constantly counting their sheep to make sure no sheep are cast. If they are missing a sheep they drop everything to find the cast sheep.
- The health of the sheep is utterly dependant on the shepherd's commitment to keeping the sheep moving from place to place. The pastures need time to rest from the grazing sheep. Left to themselves they would stay in the same well worn areas and quickly become infested with parasites & skin diseases. In the end the land and the owner are ruined and the sheep become thin, wasted and sickly.

- Sheep will blindly, habitually and stupidly follow one another over the same little trails until they become ruts that erode into gigantic gullies. To avoid this shepherds change their route frequently.
- Sheep are driven through valleys to the higher mountains in the warm months and driven back down as winter comes on...Sheep are taken to mountaintops by way of valleys because there is water there. Even though there are many potential dangers for the sheep in these valleys (hiding predators, flash floods during a storm, rockfalls) he still knows this is the best way to the mountaintop and he stays hypervigilant for any trouble on behalf of the sheep. Sheep follow the shepherd through these valleys because they trust him.
- Sheep need their skin and wool checked from time to time to make sure there are no hidden wounds or diseases. Shepherds used their rod ( a carefully chosen stick) to comb through the wool as well as for defending his sheep from predators (by throwing it or using it as a club) as well as for throwing it across the pasture to discipline wayward sheep.
- Sheep take comfort in their shepherd's staff. A long slender stick with a hook shape on the end, they know it is used by the shepherd to pull an newborn lamb towards its mother so he won't get his scent on the lamb and risk the mother rejecting it. It is also what he uses to reach out and pull to himself individual sheep to examine them. The staff is also used to rescue a sheep stuck in brambles or fallen into a tight place. Sheep know that a shepherd will use the staff to gently nudge them in the right direction. The touch of the staff is a comforting reminder that the sheep belongs to the shepherd.
- Sheep will eat poisonous plants, so the shepherd goes ahead of them examining the high, summer grazing land, working hard to clear it of harmful plants and preparing it for the sheep before they get there.
- Sheep, in the summer, are especially susceptible to "nasal flies". These flies lay their eggs in the moist mucous membranes of the sheeps nose and the worm-like larvae work their way up the nasal passages of the sheep where they create severe inflammation and irritation. Sheep will beat their heads against rocks in a frenzy to be relieved from this pain. Shepherds can free their sheep from this agony by applying a combination of olive oil, sulphur and spices to the sheep's head. An almost immediate relief and contentment occurs. This needs to be done repeatedly during the fly season. This oil also helps with "scab", a condition around the face that covers it with blemishes.
- Sheep can, under a bad shepherd's watch, can be THE most destructive livestock. They can ravage land beyond remedy. But under the proper care, they can be the most beneficial of ALL livestock if managed properly. This is because their manure is most helpful to the soil...they will eat the widest variety of plants and weeds of any other livestock. Sheep grazed properly will make fields green and lush.
- Sheep know (if they have a good shepherd) that he is there...that his presence nearby automatically eliminates most of the difficulties and dangers while at the same time providing a sense of security and serenity.
- Content sheep are the joy of every shepherd and the beautiful land they leave behind them is also a joy.

- adapted from *A Shepherd Looks At Psalm 23*, by Phillip Keller

❖ Book Review – Saving Leonardo, A Call to Resist the Secular Assault on Mind, Morals, & Meaning by Nancy Pearcey.

Nancy Pearcey has a degree from Covenant Seminary and did further graduate work in the history of philosophy at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto. She also studied at Swiss L'Abri Fellowship and was named the Francis A. Schaeffer Scholar at the World Journalism Institute in New York City.



Part one, titled The Threat of Global Secularism, explores the impact of a secular worldview on the culture. This impact touches Christians and their families, who unconsciously absorb these views.

During the 2008 presidential campaign ABC News interviewed several teens attending a Christian youth rally in New York City. Most said they had a strong commitment to biblical ethics and most described themselves as pro-life. Yet many of the same teens said their favorite political candidates were pro-choice. When asked about what sounded like a contradiction, one teen replied that "it's all personal preference. I mean, you can't really pass judgment on someone because that's their belief." Where did teens who considered themselves strongly committed to biblical ethics learn that?

Pearcey notes that the duality of truth into a fact/value split has been accepted in Western culture since the scientific revolution. The world of facts, referred to as the lower story by Dr. Francis Schaeffer, reflects empiricism with its belief that knowledge is derived from the senses and produces facts that are testable and universally valid. The world of values, referred to by Schaeffer as the upper story, includes things like morality, theology, and aesthetics, which are now regarded as subjective and culturally relative. Some defenders of religion view the fact/value split as positive since, if religion is beyond the reach of reason and rationality, then it is immune to disproof. Journalist Lee Sigel states, "The existence of God is undemonstrable, unverifiable, and the object of an impractical leap of faith in the absurd. Your willingness to stake your life on the possibility of impossibility makes a fact out of a fantasy."

This duality split has expanded throughout the culture so that now the human body is viewed only as a biochemical machine (Empiricism) while the concept of the value of the human has been replaced by Personhood Theory.

Under this theory, value is assigned after a human being reaches some specified state of development. The criterion of value varies among those advocating this theory, but they all agree that merely being human is not a reason for value to be assigned.

Part two, titled Two Paths to Secularism, explores the development of the ideas that led to secularism and the impact of secularism as a worldview on the culture. The section begins with a quick course on the development of art and how it reflects various worldviews over the centuries. How does worldview impact art? Finley Eversole, executive director of The Society for the Arts, Religion, and Contemporary Culture from 1966 to 1969, explained that every culture has its own world view and that the artist gives us concrete images of this worldview. Poet Dana Gioia explained, "When we immerse ourselves in a work of art, we enter into the artist's worldview."

Pearcey explores recent movies as reflections of worldviews. For instance in the movie The Matrix, the Wachowski brothers (directors) credit Nietzsche as the source of their existentialist creed and required the actors to read books by Jean Baudrillard, who has been called the high priest of postmodernism.

Pearcey closes with a section titled "The Church as Work of Art". "Ideas are very difficult to accept if they are abstract and theoretical. We need to see them lived out practically - made visible and tangible". Sociologists use the phrase "plausibility structure" to mean a social structure that makes an idea more plausible. The church should be the plausibility structure in our world. St. Paul said in 2 Cor. 3:3, "You show that you are a letter from Christ... written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God."

Submitted by Larry Chambers

#### ❖ RECIPE FOR ORANGE JULIUS

6 oz orange juice	1 tsp vanilla
1 cup milk	12 ice cubes
1 cup water	Use blender to mix all ingredients to a milk shake consistency.
1/4 cup sugar	Enjoy! --Submitted by Annie Kuhn

❖ Endless Ocean By Ben Killeen

Is there a life to die for,  
A death to cry for,  
An end to begin,  
A soul with no sin?

Once upon a time,  
A barn, manger, straw and grime,  
Wise near traveled near and far,  
Following yonder star.

Endless Ocean,  
Rivers broken,  
Man for Token,  
Bones unbroken.

Is there a perfect road,  
An untouched abode,  
A right, sad path,  
A just Sabbath?

Once upon a time,  
A lake, a boat, men soaked in brine,  
"Cast a side! Again, but the other!"  
A fisherman, and then his brother.

Endless Ocean,  
Rivers broken,  
Man for Token,  
Bones unbroken.

Is there a never-ending tale,  
Wind without gale,  
Stairs from above,  
An ever-lost dove?

Once upon a time,  
A bride, a groom, water, and wine,  
The guests drank the drinks fast,  
But the best was saved for last.

Endless Ocean,  
Rivers broken,  
Man for Token,  
Bones unbroken.

Is there an eternity,  
A fulfilled paternity,  
A good deed done,  
A soul battle won?

Once upon a time,  
A crowd, sermon, grueling climb,  
The Beatitudes were spoken  
Fully by the Endless Ocean.

Endless Ocean,  
Rivers broken,  
Man for Token,  
Bones unbroken.

All I saw was profit cold,  
A good man sold,  
An unjust trial,  
But lack of denial.

Once upon a time,  
A prayer, a kiss, an undone crime,  
The guilty walked, the women cried,  
And, I saw, the other died.

Endless Ocean,  
Rivers broken,  
Man for Token,  
Bones unbroken.

Is there a lamb fully clean,  
A man no demon seen,  
A covenant unbroken,  
An Endless Ocean?

Once upon a time,  
A tomb, two women, ultimate sign,  
Perfume unused, stone rolled away,  
A man who cannot stay.

Endless Ocean,  
Rivers Broken,  
Man for Token,  
Bones unbroken.