

# **OVERTURE**

## The (Almost) Fortnightly Newsletter Of Old Orchard Church July 3, 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 on a summer schedule. Please see below.

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.
- Movies for Minors has begun.\* The next one will be July 10<sup>th</sup>. This ministry is for Grades 1-5, who will be dismissed to the Milligan House at 10:50. See the article below. Helpers are still wanted.

\*Children's Worship will not meet this summer.

#### **Sunday School News**

No Sunday School for through the months July for children.

#### Summer Adult Class. Not too late to join us!

Summer Sunday School class for adults (that runs during June and July and the last week in August), **Disciplines for Disciples—A Simple Introduction.** This class is focusing on some of the classic spiritual disciplines we need to be learning and practicing if we are to keep our communion with God intimate, authentic and growing. We are focusing in particular on learning how to meditate on God's Word—not simply on how to read it or study it but on how to meditate on it. What's that all about? Someone who has spent the past year going deeper in the discipline of meditation on Scripture recently wrote, *The Word of GOD is truly powerful. I found it strong enough to stop me in my tracks.*"

Join us on Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Milligan House, to find out more. Childcare will be provided, but you will need to let Mark Robertson know (707-6050). This would be a great way to refresh your relationship with the Lord and renew your love for him in this 30th anniversary year!—Ron Lutjens

**Intergenerational Sunday School Class.** In August (7, 14, 21) after Summer Narnia (VBS), there will be an intergenerational Sunday School to which we will invite attendees of Summer Narnia, which will have just finished.

Movies for Minors. Kids in grades 1-5 are invited to go across the street to the Milligan House during Sunday worship to enjoy a short film based on the liturgy theme of that morning's worship service. This will take place every other week, so that kids are able to worship for the full service on occasion, and have the opportunity to watch a fun film on the other weeks. There will be a short Q&A at the end of each film, facilitated by two adults. We are looking for a few adults to rotate and help with facilitating this time. Please contact Mark Robertson if you are interested in helping. Thanks!!

## Next Parlor Fellowship

After worship on July 10. Maryann Kohl and Jan Rau are hosting. Please sign up to bring food.

## House Church.

Wednesday, July 6. Pot-luck supper at 6 pm (bring a dish to share) and meeting at 7 pm. Child care provided if parents' request it so let Mark Robertson know (or sign up on sheets circulating on Sunday, July 3.) Greg Roig will share about his teaching time in the Ukraine.

#### Youth Group

High School Only! Summer Bible Study—Every other Thursday! Next one is July 7 @ 9 am @ Einstein's. Marvelous! Stupendous!

**Monday, July 4, morning**—4th of July Parade. Pass out candy! Dress up like a zoo animal!

Friday, July 8, evening—Ice skating in the middle of summer, with Crossroads Youth.

Saturday, July 23, morning—Car Wash for Japan!

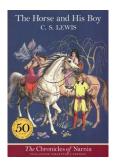
July 26-30, morning -- VBS. Sign up to help!

--See Mark Robertson with questions.

## Summer Narnia—Please Register!

Tuesday, July 26 - Saturday, July 30, 2011

9:00am – noon. OOC'ers, please register your kids. Registration is now on the OOC website. Be thinking about volunteering. See Kelli McKie for questions.



#### **VBS Decorations Needed:**

Fishing Related Props: The front entry way of the church will be transformed into a mini fishing village for VBS we are in need of appropriate props to create this look: baskets, wooden or plastic fish, small metal boat, ropes, nets, fog machine, old sails etc

Palace Props: Ron's study will be transformed into a palace....we are needing appropriate props as well as **SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO DECORATE THIS ROOM** on the Sunday afternoon or Monday before VBS starts. We are needing pillows, rich looking fabric remnants, old paintings...etc...anything that you feel could add to the palace feel of a room.

Small inflatable blue kiddie pool to be used to create a magical pool for VBS tiki hut, or raffia skirting

All props can be brought over the next few weeks and left in the storage room to the left of the pulpit or given to Cayce Zavaglia or email her at caycez@sbcglobal.net to ask additional questions or inform her of what you will be bringing or if you would be available to decorate the "Palace."

-- Cayce Zavaglia

## Funds in Honor of our 30th Anniversary

We are taking up three collections in conjunction with our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. *Please make checks payable to Old Orchard Church and designate to which fund the money shall be given.* 

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

Love Gift. A kind of thank-offering to the Lord for his mercies to us over these first 30 years. Half of what is received will go to Jon and Tanya Coody (PMI) as they are raising support to go to St. Petersburg, Russia. The other half will go to helep renovate 2 apartments, providing housing for women served by the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter (Cornerstone Corporation in St. Louis City). Designate: "Anniversary Love Gift.". Payable to: Old Orchard Church Designate to: Anniversary Love Gift

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. Payable to: Old Orchard Church 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



For Erin Longbrake & Jennifer Brown at the Milligan House on July 16th at 10 am!!!!

The women of OOC are invited to a baby shower for Erin Longbrake and Jennifer Brown. Erin and Mark will welcome their first-born on about August 23 and Jennifer, David, and Dulce are expecting to welcome a new member to their family around September 16. Erin is registered at Babies R Us and. Jennifer 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 Barb Winters or Sara Dodd by Sunday, July 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.

#### **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!!

#### **New Addresses**

We've been publishing changes, but I thought I'd repeat a few recent changes all in one place. Are there others? Please e-mail the church office at office@oldorchardchurch.org.

## E-Mails only:

<u>Peter Barrs</u> new e-mail: See print copy Jill Donovan's new e-mail: See print copy

## **Address Changes:**

**Scott & Rebekah Chaplin** moved out of town:

Micah, Ruth See print copy

## Nelson & Kathy Jennings' Temporary Address:

See print copy.

Jacob, Katie, Emma & Ian Mohler See print copy. New landline See print copy

Chuck & Sandra Schulte

No landline

See print copy.

Brad & Tami Smull's land line is see print copy

Jessie Swigart See print copy

Russell, Brianna, Tori & Sophia Tamm

See print copy

## **School Supplies Collection!!**

Old Orchard Church is collecting school supplies through Sunday, July 31, 2011 for School children from families served by Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

Supplies

for Kids! You can participate in one of two ways:

1. Purchase items from the suggested list below and bring them to church. Place them in the box in the foyer. OR

#### 2. Contribute funds

- a **check** to Old Orchard Church (put in the memo or in a separate note "school supplies")
- cash in an envelope designating it "school supplies"

## **Shopping List:**

Narrow rule filler paper Scissors (Fiskars) 2" & 3" ring binders Colored markers Glue sticks Hand sanitizer #2 Pencils Pocket dictionaries Scientific calculators (\$10 pocket style) Wide rule filler paper Spiral notebooks; Rulers Pencil pouches 24-Count Crayons Colored pencils Broad tip highlighters

Pocket folders

Blue, black and red pens Payless Shoe Gift Certificates

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#### Photo Albums - Your Help Is Wanted!

We have 3 projects in the works—and we need your contributions!

- --Scrapbook of OOC 2011 People. Each household attending OOC is invited to contribute two photos: one of your household around the time that you first came to OOC and a second photo of your household now, in 2011. (Please write on a separate paper the date of photo and your names.) You may include grown children even if they do not attend OOC. The third item is to answer two questions: (1) When and how did the Lord bring you to Old Orchard Church? and (2) How has the Lord used Old Orchard Church in your lives? These are meant to be brief of course! See sample page on the wall in the vestibule. And watch for more photographs!! Thanks for your help!!
- --General Photo Albums. If you have photos of OOC people/events, please get them to either Barb Winters or Durinda Hood.
- **--Photo Book**. In development. We may be looking for specific photos for it—watch for announcements.

--Durinda Hood for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team

## Mom's Group



Moms' Group News. The Moms' Group will meet every other Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. during the summer. Geared toward mothers with young children at home, but all moms are welcome! Our next few dates will be July 6 and July 20. The location will be emailed to the group each week we meet (because it will change based on weather). Please email Kathleen Shumate (see print copy) if you want to be added to the list! Thanks!

#### **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, July 17<sup>th</sup> with Jim Lowe editing. Deadline for articles is next Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Lawn Mowing - Please sign-up!



We continue to look 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.

#### **OOC Calendar Notes**

## **Sundays**

Sunday School: 9 a.m.

No Children's Sunday School in July

Worship: 10:15 to 10:50

## Regular Meetings

Moms' Group: Wednesday July 6 & 20 at 9:15. See announcements for more information.

## **Fellowship**

- Parlor Fellowship: July 10. See announcement.
- Next Lunch at Milligan House: August 28 after worship at Milligan House. See announcement about needing hosts. (No lunch scheduled in July)
- Ladies, Baby Shower for Erin Longbrake & Jennifer Brown: Saturday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m., Milligan House. See announcement for more.

#### Other Notes for July

July 4: OOC church office closed.

Summer Children's Program: Tuesday, July 26-through July 30.

#### Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for July 2011

- 1. Jon and Tanya Coody St. Petersburg, Russia. Pray for Jon as he is raising support. Pray that the Lord will lead him to individuals and churches who can give and that he will have appropriate boldness in requesting and follow-up. Pray for the many other issues that need taking care of in preparation for their return to Russia, hopefully in September.
- **2.** Wilma Cross Santiago, Chile. Pray that the Lord would continue to use Wilma's life and testimony to minister to the many people who she teaches and counsels. Pray that the Lord will guide others to help in the various aspects of her ministry.
- 3. Rob and Tünde Futo Budapest, Hungary. Pray for guidance as they are working slowly to develop a counseling center in Budapest. Pray for the Lord to send counselors to work with Rob. Pray for the seminars and other activities that will be held this summer.
- **4. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez Huanta, Peru.** Pray for comfort for Ruthie as she is undergoing chemotherapy here in the US. Pray for Gerry as her cares for her. Though the doctor's prognosis is not good, they are praying that the Lord will give them more time to serve him in Peru.
- 5. L'Abri Fellowship England and Switzerland. Pray for both branches as they have guests coming and going during the summer, as well as their regular students. Pray that God's truth will speak to both the non Christians and those who have other spiritual needs. Pray for sensitivity, wisdom and stamina for the workers. Pray for the Lord's provision for financial needs.
- **6. Dawn Miller Madrid, Spain.** Pray for Dawn this month as she has returned to the US and will be attending a debriefing conference in Colorado followed by the national US Campus Crusade staff conference. She comes to St Louis in August. She will be having an extended time in the US, working part time with CC in St Louis while beginning a Master's program at Covenant Seminary.
- **7. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki Nairobi, Kenya.** Pray for comfort for Joe and Elfi as Joe's father died last month after an extended illness. (He was a believer.) Pray for them as they carry on their various activities: Joe's teaching at Daystar University, the multiracial church which is growing, various outreach activities to reach Hindus from India and refugees from the East Congo, etc.

- 8. Luciano and Luciene Pires Goiania, Brazil. Pray for guidance and provision as they need to move soon and are looking for a new facility for their ministry and housing. Pray for Luciano and the children's health as they are suffering from severe respiratory allergies, partly due to construction taking place near their present home. Pray that the Lord will provide a vacation for them this summer.
- 9. Rene and Lani Quimbo Mindanao, Philippines. Pray for wisdom and spiritual and physical protection and strength for the Quimbo's as they have such numerous and varied ministries to care for. Pray for helpers in each of these ministries and pray for the Lord to meet their financial needs. Pray for the Lord's work in the hearts of the many people they contact.
- 10. Joel and Jessica Rinn Verona, Italy. Pray for locations in which to hold church services and Bible studies. Pray for a new teaching job for church member, Davide, near Verona. Praise for a church service starting for US military families in nearby Vicenza. Pray for their witness in the small town where they live. Pray for more financial support and that the family can have a good vacation this summer.

#### A Note from Edith R.

Edith is Anne Reitsema's sister. They come from a Dutch missionary family. We are praying for Anne, who attended OOC church while getting a degree at Covenant Seminary some years ago. She is the head of a relief group in Northern Sudan. Edith who was part of our church during her time at Covenant Seminary, too, has been a worker at the English L'Abri for several years. In May we received this hand-written note from Edith, together with a receipt for a gift from OOC.

"Dear Old Orchard Church,

Thank you for your gift. We do thank you for your financial support here at English L'Abri. I personally cherish the knowledge of your connection with me here, having attended Old Orchard in 1996-1998 (while I was at Covenant Seminary) and been influenced through that. It's special to indirectly experience this support now. Please pray for us this summer, since we have a high influx of students coming and going, and for various reasons, this term we are slightly lower in staff, which makes life busier.

Warmly,

Edith"

Note: During the R's sisters' separate periods at OOC, we were blessed by their musical talents on the flute and violin during worship services. In one of the locations where Anne has been in (see print copy), she was playing her violin with a group of Christian musicians, which she said was her greatest joy at that time.

#### Grateful for a Busy Life

Are you always saying as I was, "I wish my life would not be so busy or hectic"? "I wish it would just slow down a little, give me a chance to breathe or catch up on things."? Well, have you also heard the saying, "Be careful what you ask for"? God granted me that "wish", certainly not in the way I would have liked, but none the less, He did answer it. And in answering me, He gave me a different perspective on my "Busy Life". I'm going to try and give you a brief glimpse at slowing your life down. Here are a few things you can try that will definitely slow your life down. The only restriction in order to do these things is that you:

- -- can <u>only use your non-dominant hand</u>. "This is considered your good arm"
- --Your dominant hand has to be kept bent at the elbow across your abdomen at all times. "This is considered your injured arm"
- --You cannot use your dominant arm at all.
- --You cannot request the assistance of any other person to help you do these things.
- 1. Try putting toothpaste on your tooth brush and brush your teeth.
- 2. Try pouring water into the coffeemaker with your non-dominant hand.
- 3. Try getting dressed using only your non-dominant hand.
- 4. Women, attempt to put your underwear on.
- 5. If you use Swiffer Dusters, try putting one on the handle with your "good arm"
- 6. Try washing your dishes by hand, again only using your "good arm"
- 7. Try opening a flip top can, like soda can, with only your "good arm"
- 8. Try eating with only your "good arm". Guaranteed to help you lose weight.
- 9. Shower, wash your hair, dry "good arm", and your back, all while not using your "injured arm"
- 10. Try writing a check with only your non-dominant hand.
- 11. Try "blowing your nose" with only your non-dominant hand.

#### 12. Try typing this using only your non-dominant hand.

I think if you attempted any of the above for one full day, that you too will acquire the "different perspective on life, and be very GRATEFUL FOR A BUSY LIFE. God certainly gave me a gift of loving "challenges", and I really enjoy trying to figure out how to "conquer these challenges". God also chipped away at me to teach me patience, and humbled me to be on the "receiving end" instead of where I'm most comfortable, which is on the "giving" end. He truly is a loving, long-suffering, gracious friend, and Father.

--Jan Rau



#### July Birthdays

7/2	Marie Chambers
7/2	Sara Dodd
7/2	Ken Peck
	Chris O'Neal
7/5	Alyson McKie
7/5Jor	nathan Tevebaugh
	Dot Branson
7/6	Micah Dodd
	Susan O'Neal
	Anne Woodard
7/12	Hong Liu
7/15	Lily Ji
7/16	Bill Grady
7/16	Anaëlle Rinn**
	Ruth Killen
7/17	Katherine Lutjens
7/17	Tori Tamm
	Laurie Lowe
	Nancy Weir
	David Brown
	Bryn McKie
	Rene Quimbo**
	Marci Robertson
	Wendy Jennings
	Patricia Lee
	ophia Schmalhofer
	Ric Donovan
7/31	Mark Powers

<sup>\*\*</sup> member of missionary or ministry family we financially support

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