



OVERTURE

The (Almost-Fortnightly) Newsletter of Old Orchard Church

✝ Sunday, August 21, 2011 ✝

Welcome!

Guests, we welcome you and thank you for coming!

- 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" We will have one today. Grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 10:50 to go to Milligan House then to enjoy a short film based on the liturgy theme of the morning's worship service. Children's Worship will meet again September 18. See Mark Robertson.

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❖ Next Overture!

Next Overture! And Another Editor Is Sought!

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, September 4; Liz Romines is editor. Deadline for articles Sunday, August 28. Prisca Rice, who did this issue will be unable to continue as one of our rotating editors after this issue.

If you can take a turn once every couple months editing the *Overture*, please let Durinda Hood know. (we rotate among four people) If you want to take a trial turn and not commit yourself, the dates open until the end of the year are the issues that come out on September 18 and November 20.

Thank you, Prisca!

Prisca Rice will be leaving at the end of month to go to France for a year. She has been one of our rotating editors for (some time now). E-mail her a thank you as she has been in Columbia, Missouri in graduate school.

CALENDAR NOTES

Women's Bible Study

Friday Morning Bible Study is starting again!* Planning on coming? Be sure to sign up on the sheets circulating today and over the next few weeks. Not sure, but interested? We want to know that, too. We will be ordering materials after Sept 5th.

What: The Gospel of Luke (with a parallel study of Luke for the children in the nursery)
When: Friday mornings, 9:15 am - 11:30 am, Sept 16, 2011 - April 27, 2012
Where: Milligan House living room
Led by: Betty McCracken
Childcare: available and free
Cost: \$20 one-time materials fee (confidential scholarships available if needed) due at first class

*Plans for an evening Bible study have not yet been finalized...more info coming soon.

--Melissa Nelson

Youth Calendar

Youth Group on Sunday Nights meets from 6 to 8 pm

Saturday, August 27 - City Museum, meet at Milligan House @ 9 am, bring \$6 for lunch

Sept. 4 - Labor Day (no youth group)

Sept. 11 - first Youth Group (pizza and games)

Sept. 18 - special guest speaker (parents invited)

Sept. 22-24 OOC Anniversary Weekend (no youth group)

October 2 - Youth Group

October 7-9 Youth Retreat at Eaglehurst Ranch (\$35 per person; Emily Roig leading us in worship for the weekend!)

OOO Anniversary Dates – Mark Your Calendar!!

Day of Prayer: Wednesday, September 7, 2011

30th Anniversary Weekend Celebration: September 23-25, 2011 (Friday-Sunday)

In Honor of OOC's 30th Anniversary

We are taking up **three collections** in conjunction with our 30th 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.

-- Half will go to help **renovate 2 apartments**, providing housing for women served by the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter (Cornerstone Corporation in St. Louis City). Designate: "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.

Designate: "Copper Cross"

Photo Albums - Your Help Is Sought!

--**For Scrapbook of OOC 2011 People.** Two Photos & More sought of you & family. Let's fill the wall!!

The wall is getting a few more photos! Wonderful! Help fill it up!!!

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 family 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 samples on the wall in the vestibule. And watch for more photographs on the wall!! Thanks for your help!!

--Other photos from various years are also wanted. Please submit photos to Barb Winters or Durinda Hood. Envelopes are in the parlor for you to use.

Men's Bible Study to Start again!

Men, join Hal Pendergrass starting on September 10 at 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House for the Men's Bible Study. Talk to Hal if you have questions.

Calendar Notes

Sundays

- Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sunday School. See notes about exceptions!

◇Last Intergenerational class today, August 21.

◇Adult Class on "Disciplines for Disciples" will meet August 28 and finish on September 4.

◇Teacher Training on September 11 at 8:30 a.m.

◇Children's classes will not meet again until September 18.

◇Fall Sunday School classes for all ages begin Sunday, September 18

- Worship: 10:15 to 10:50 a.m.

Youth Group: 6-8 p.m. (see Youth Calendar for details)

Anniversary: See Anniversary announcements!

Meetings

- Session Meeting: August 25, 6:30 p.m. September 20, 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship

- Lunch at Milligan House: August 28 after worship at Milligan House.

- Parlor Fellowship: no Parlor Fellowship in September. Come to the Anniversary Celebration instead!

Women's Ministry

- Women's Morning Bible Study begins September 16 at 9:15 a.m.

- Baby Shower for Lina Gentry, Tami Smull and Brittany Smith on Saturday, September 17 at 1 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

- Men's Bible Study will begin again on Saturday, September 10 at 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House

Children's Ministry

- Children's Worship will begin again on September 18.

Mercy Ministry

- *Mini Work Day (morning only)* at homes of families served by Webster Rock Hill Ministries on Saturday, September 17. Handymen, mark your calendar! More information forthcoming.

ADVERTISEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Babies Born – Parents & Grandparents in Congregation!

New Parents:

Adam Richard Longbrake was born August 16, at 6:15 p.m. (or so). He weighed 9 pounds 15oz!! and is 23" long. Parents: Mark & Erin Longbrake

Grandparents (again)!

Perrin John ["Johnny"] Newman III, born at 4:30 am, on August 16 at 8 pounds 2 oz, born to Susannah Newman, daughter of Ron and Katherine Lutjens, and husband, Perrin (Perry) John Newman II.

More blessings on the way for **OOC Baby shower** for Lina Gentry, Tami Smull and Brittany Smith Milligan House Saturday, September 17 at 1 p.m. The women of OOC are invited to a baby shower for Lina Gentry, Tami Smull and Brittany Smith. First babies one and all. Everyone is registered at Target; in addition, Brittany is registered at Amazon.com, Lina and Tami at Babies R Us. If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift. Please give your contribution to Karen Reinheimer or Jessica Burdette by Sunday, September 11. 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. --Hospitality Ministry

Tutoring Opportunity: You're invited to spread the gospel to the urban poor through tutoring a student in grades K-12 once a week for 1-1/2 hours. Firm Foundation Tutoring's North City program runs on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 4:15-5:45 for elementary students and from 6:00 - 7:30 on Tuesday and Thursday for middle school and high school students. The South City program is from 5:00-6:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tutors choose which day of the week, time, and location works best for them. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Laurie Jones at: [314\)726-2302 ext. 233](tel:3147262302). Firm Foundation is a member of New City Fellowship and Restore St. Louis.

Sunday School News

***Intergenerational Sunday School Class finished today.**

*** Adult Class. Disciplines for Disciples – A Simple Introduction.** Will meet Sundays, August 28 & September 4. No children's classes during these dates.

*** Children's Teacher Training:** Sunday, September 11 8:30 a.m. No classes.

*** Fall Classes** for adults and children will begin Sunday, September 18, 9:00 a.m.

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!!

Lunch @ Milligan House

Please join us for our next "Lunch at Milligan House" on Sunday, August 28. We will be having sub sandwiches, chips/dip & dessert. The Nelson community group will be assisting Betsy Tevebaugh who is hosting. Sign up sheets circulating today.

Men's Retreat - Oct. 21-22, 2011 (Fri. night thru lunch Sat.)

Friendship with God and Men-- reflections from our own men and time to enjoy one another. Location at Camp Trinity in New Haven, MO. Cost: \$35. To register.... More details forthcoming.

Lawn Mowing – Please sign-up!

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. See sign up sheets! For questions, please contact Bill Grady; or Mark Robertson.

Leaders' Meeting

Tuesday night, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Milligan House. We will have a lot to talk about that night! Ministry coordinators, officers, community group leaders, plan to be there! Let Ron Lutjens know if you have an unavoidable conflict that prevents you from joining us.

ByFaith OOC Group Subscription

You are invited to join with other OOC folks to get a byFaith subscription at the group rate of \$12 each. In order to participate, Old Orchard has to write one check to byFaith so we must collect checks/cash from those participating. There are samples of the magazine in the parlor. **Your copy will be mailed directly to your home each quarter.** If you want to participate, please fill out one of the forms on the table in the parlor, put it and your check/cash for \$12 in an envelope and give it to Durinda Hood. Checks need to be written to **Old Orchard Church**, but are not tax deductible because you are receiving a magazine subscription.

We have received **five subscriptions (and two more on the way)**, thus far. We've met our minimum for a group!

Please get your subscription in by August 21.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you all so much for faithfully reading this little publication! I've enjoyed my time as editor and I'm excited about the next phase in my own life and that of OOC. Happy end of summer and remember: lemonade is a year-round beverage. -Prisca Rice