



## *Overture*

**The (almost) Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church ~  
October 2nd, 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 for all ages meets at 9 a.m. Please see the note below about it.

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.

❖ **Children's Worship**: Children in grades 1-5 will be dismissed to the Milligan House around 11:50 a.m.. See Mark Robertson.

#### Important Sunday School Note!

Dear parents of children ages 3-grade 5,

**Children's Sunday School** resumed on Sept 18, but it is not too late to participate!! We have a GREAT set of teachers, who are very excited to come alongside you and disciple your children, if you will give them the opportunity by bringing your children each **Sunday at 9 am!** This year, **all classes will go to the basement first**, across from the two nurseries, for singing together. (If arriving after 9:15, children go directly to their classrooms.) Each week, every class collects an **offering** that goes toward our **sponsorship of Ana Beatriz Silva Menezes** through Compassion International. The teachers and I count it a privilege to work with your children!

PreK class (ages 3-5) meets in the Preschool Nursery with Jessica Burdette & Anna Norris

Early Elem. Class (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) meets in basement with Sue VanHoornbeek & Alyssa Catlin

Upper Elem. Class (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) meets in 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Milligan with Matt Philip & Russ Tamm

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at any time:

Abby Bishop

Children's Sunday School Coordinator

See print copy for contact info.

### Adult Sunday School Class

Please join us for Sunday School! We have begun a 9 week look into the idols of our hearts by reading and discussing Tim Keller's book *Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope that Matters*. In *Counterfeit Gods*, Tim Keller helps the reader understand what happens to us when we turn good things into ultimate things, things that become functional gods in our lives. Dr. Keller looks at the most common of these functional gods in our culture and challenges us to search the affections of our own hearts. You can watch a video of Tim Keller introducing the book at

[www.amazon.com/gp/mpd/permalink/m3HGKONIM8II2M/ref=entfblick](http://www.amazon.com/gp/mpd/permalink/m3HGKONIM8II2M/ref=entfblick)

**When?** We will meet each Sunday morning at **9 a.m.** in the Milligan house for the next **nine weeks** (9/18/2011-12/13/2011).

**Childcare?** Childcare **will be provided** this Sunday and each person who signs up for the class will be asked to volunteer for one week during the Sunday School hour to care for the children.

**Why?** Personal growth. Fellowship with fellow Old Orchardians. Food and coffee!

Please contact Margaret or Jonathan Shumate with any questions.

### OOC Youth Calendar for October

*Sunday Nights @ 6 p.m. Milligan House*

October 2 - Youth Group **\*Parents' potluck; 6<sup>th</sup> graders invited**

October 7-9 Youth Retreat at Eaglehurst Ranch (\$35 per person; Emily Roig leading us in worship for the weekend!) **\*6<sup>th</sup> graders invited**

October 16 – Youth Group

October 23 – Serving at Creve Coeur Manor

October 30 – Youth Group Halloween Spectacular **\*6<sup>th</sup> graders invited**

### Calendar Notes

#### Sundays

- Sunday School: 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.
- Worship: 10:15 to 11:50 a.m.
- Youth Group: 6-8 p.m. (see Youth Calendar for more details.)

#### Movie Night

- Friday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Milligan House

#### English Conversations:

- Fridays: 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Milligan House

#### Meetings

- House Church. Wednesday, October 5. Dinner: 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.
- Tender Mercies Prayer: Saturday, October 8, 9 – 11 a.m.

#### Fellowship

Next Parlor Fellowship will be on Sunday, October 9. (Marci Robertson & Margaret Wilke hosting)

Next Lunch @ Milligan House – Sunday, October 23. (Betsy Tevebaugh hosting)

#### Work Day

Saturday, October 15. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Women's Bible Studies

- Women's Morning Bible Study meets at 9:15 a.m. on Friday mornings at Milligan House
- Women's Evening Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Milligan House

### **Men's Bible Studies**

Men's Bible Study on Saturday, October 15 at 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays)

Revelation Study

Men's Friday Bible Study: Fridays, October 14 & 28 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays). 6 to 7:15 a.m. Joshua Study

### **A St. Louis Area Young Life Fundraiser!**

Find out what Young Life is all about, featuring Webster Groves area leader Shelley Milligan. Anyone who would like to come is welcome. The event is October 11 @ 7:30 pm @ the UniGroup Headquarters, 1 Premier Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. RSVP by Monday October 3 to Erin Vonder (see print copy for contact info). Young Life began in 1941 with the idea of reaching out to disinterested high school students with the message of Jesus. Young Life is in every state, working with urban, suburban, and rural kids. It has ministries in 60 countries outside the United States. Annually Young Life leaders impact the lives of over one million kids.

--Submitted by Mark Robertson, Director of Ministry to Youth and Families

### **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!!

### **Thank You!**

Dear OOC Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness towards me and Owen. We are so blessed by all the baby items. Having our first child with family so far away is so daunting but with church family so near, it brings us comfort to know there are so many people who have helped us in this process. We are so blessed by Old Orchard's hospitality and sense of community. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Lina and Owen Gentry

### **Men's Ministry**

**Men's Retreat**—Friday & Saturday, October 21 - 22

It's time to connect with one another while relaxing (fishing, hiking, or canoeing) at Camp Trinity in New Haven, MO (about one hour and fifteen minutes drive from St. Louis), so please join us for "Friendship with God and Men: reflections from our own men and time to enjoy one another." There are two lodging options: a dorm-style cabin and a campgrounds. \$35 covers three meals and the dorm-style cabin; \$20 covers meals for those camping on the grounds. Pick up a registration form today. Cabin space is limited. Turn in or mail your registration form to the church office (639 Amelia) **by Sunday, October 16** to reserve a spot. Cabin space limited. *See Ed Killeen for more information.*

### **Men's Weekly Bible Studies**

Meet at the Milligan House (639 Amelia 63119)

1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7:15 – 8:30 a.m., a study in Revelation. Hal Pendergrass leads.

2nd and 4th Fridays from 6:00 – 7:15 a.m. a study in Joshua (starts October 14)

### **Men's Monthly Social**

1st Fridays 5-6:15 pm at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, Webster Groves 63119 starting November 4, 2011.

For questions about the Men's Ministry, see Ed Killeen.

### **Bethany Christian Services' Trivia Night**

Looking for something fun to do with a group of good friends? Bethany Christian Services is hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, October 15th, at 7:00 pm to benefit Safe Families for Children. SFFC is a ministry that seeks to serve families in crisis by offering struggling parents the option of temporarily placing their children with volunteer Safe Families until they can get back on their feet. The event will be held at St. Charles First Assembly of God and the cost to play is \$15 a person or \$100 for a team of 8. Please sign up by Oct. 10th and feel free to call [314-781-6363](tel:314-781-6363) or email Kristina [see print copy] with any questions you may have. See you there!

### **Fall Work Day!**

Please sign up for OOC's Fall Work Day at Old Orchard Church. Saturday, October 15. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come morning or afternoon. Lunch provided! Jim Lowe is our lunch host. Sign up sheets circulating today.

### **House Church**

Wednesday, October 5. 6 p.m. pot-luck dinner; 7 p.m. Meeting. Bring a dish to share if you come for the dinner. For child care, please sign up or let Mark Robertson know that you want to use child care services.

### **OOO Directory**

If you are new and want to be added to the Old Orchard Church Directory, please e-mail the church office ([office@oldorchardchurch.org](mailto:office@oldorchardchurch.org)) and we will e-mail you a form to complete and return to the office. If you don't have access to e-mail, please see to Durinda Hood. Or if you are currently in the directory and have changes, please e-mail them to the church office.

### **Women's Bible Studies**

All ladies are invited to attend either the morning or evening Bible study on the book of Luke. Both studies will be using the same material and a similar discussion format in order for there to be continuity between the evening and morning studies. \$20 materials fee (confidential scholarships available). Both classes meet at Milligan House.

When the classes meet: Friday mornings, 9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Free child care.

Tuesday evenings: 7:00 p.m. No child care offered.

Please contact Melissa Nelson or Jessie Swigart with questions.

### **Tender Mercies Prayer in October**

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 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 8 at the Milligan House for a time of sharing and prayer. If you are interested, please join us. If you are interested and not able to make that date, contact Betsy Roig at 314.963.1135 ([broig56@yahoo.com](mailto:broig56@yahoo.com))

### **Thoughts On The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Going down his steps, I am distracted by the basement crammed with "souvenirs" of the past. Everything seems to need something; a new coat of paint, a swipe of the dust cloth or a twisting of a screw. My eyes can't settle on any one thing as there is so much to take in & I want to see it all! But I am interrupted in my ogling. He says to me, "Oh, here it is! This belongs to you."

I come over to him and take a wooden box from his grasp. It is a sturdy box, but with a cover slightly warped from much use. As I open it, I see the slight dust that has crept inside. What wonder is before my eyes! I can't believe he has saved this for me.

On top, a pin I had not seen for 29 years! I loved to wear it with a certain wool jacket.

Next to it, a bracelet that embellished my wrist when casually dressed. A fancy pair of earrings that always brought me much joy when perched on the bottom of my ears. Then I see one half of a pair of drop earrings that still looked lovely. Several rings all lay at the bottom of the box, happily worn at different occasions.

Jewels in my life, almost forgotten. They seemed more precious to me, as I understood their real worth.

As I got ready to close the box, I felt something on the side. Seeing that it was a crank, I wound it up & let it go. Immediately, happy music filled the air, giving us smiles. My heart was flooded with memories of long ago - good & sad, but joyful altogether.

I try to look at his face but words jump in and out of my mind as I want to tell him my appreciation. Several minutes go by as I try to understand this surprise in an old wooden box. He had a bigger picture & saw that those things in my life were not meant to be tossed aside but to be kept in thankfulness & in remembrance of how they enhanced my life. That we are to celebrate our blessings.

As I calm myself, I do look up & am pleased to see that Katherine has quietly slipped down the steps to join this special moment. Ron has his arm around Katherine and warm smiles are embracing their faces. Overwhelmed, it is all I can do to simply say, "Thanks."

--Dot Branson

### **October Birthdays**

10/3 .....Sylvia Mitchell  
10/3 .....Isaac Whitt  
10/4 .....Julie Peck  
10/5 .....Peter Barrs  
10/6 .....Emma Mohler  
10/6 .....Kevin Raquepaw  
10/8 .....Marny Bielefeldt  
10/11 .....Tünde Futo\*\*  
10/11 .....Michelle Kraft  
10/11 .....Enrique Quimbo\*\*  
10/13 .....James Schaefer  
10/14 .....Jen Schaefer  
10/14 .....John Raquepaw  
10/14 .....Elizabeth Romines  
10/18.....Dan Foss  
10/19 .....Heather Sparkman  
10/20 .....Jerram Barrs  
10/20.....Ian Mohler  
10/20 .....Brittany Smith  
10/23 .....Emily Roig  
10/24 .....Isaac Tag  
10/24 .....Maria Tag  
10/26 .....Susan Bayer  
10/26 .....Levi Dodd  
10/26 .....Ruth Gutierrez\*\*  
10/27 .....Hans Bayer  
10/27 .....Samuel Lemen  
10/27 .....Rocco Zavaglia  
10/28 .....Theo Rinn\*\*  
10/29 .....Jack Easterling  
10/29 .....Gavin O'Neal  
10/30 .....Megan Philip  
10/31.....Teddy McCaughey

\*\*members of missionary families

### **Movies @ Milligan House**

Friday, October 7. 6:30 p.m.

*Another Year* (film by Mike Leigh)

Eat. Watch. Discuss.

See Matt Philip if you have questions.

### **Grace and Peace Needs YOU!**

Winter months are coming! The Grace & Peace Winter Shelter will open November 8. Volunteers for meals, evening and overnight volunteers will be needed during its season of opening. Pray for them--for necessary completion of construction work, funding, volunteers. Contact Melody Perkins if you want to volunteer. She can be reached at [314.367.8959 X 21](tel:314.367.8959). Posted is a copy of their September letter on the Mercy Ministry bulletin board. -submitted by Durinda Hood

### **Website News**

At the request of a member, we recently began each week to put on the OOC website ([www.olderchardchurch.org](http://www.olderchardchurch.org)) the upcoming sermon title and text. It is on the right hand side of the front page. However, it usually will only appear by Thursday of the week before that Sunday's worship so please don't look for it before then.

–Durinda Hood. Administrative Assistant, for the website keepers

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