



# OVERTURE

The (Almost) Fortnightly Newsletter  
Of Old Orchard Church  
January 8, 2012

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. (except during some holidays). Please see note below for more.

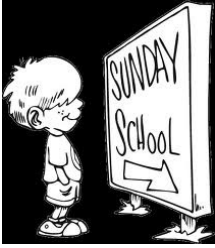
If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms in the lavender or blue pads on the chairs or in the hymnal rack



## 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 they are dismissed at 10:50.
- **Children's Worship** For children in grades 1-5 meeting at Milligan House. Listen for dismissal announcement, usually around 10:50 am. See Mark Robertson for questions.



## Sunday School News

Sunday School resumes at 9 am today, January 8, for all ages.

- **Adults**

- New Members' Class, led by Pastor Ron.
- 4-week class on reading the Book of Proverbs led by Jonathan Shumate.

Here are the weekly topics

- Week One: Introduction to Proverbs: What is godly wisdom? How do we get it? Who is it for?
- Week Two: Skill in the Art of Godly Speech
- Week Three: Skill in the Art of Godly Marriage and Child-Rearing
- Week Four: Skill in the Art of Godly Work and Financial Stewardship

- **Children**

- Classes resume today

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## On the Calendar

**Choir Meets:** Thursdays at 7:15 pm at Milligan House. See Greg Roig.

**English Conversations:** Classes resume January 20. Meets Fridays: 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Milligan House

**Stated Session Meeting:** Thursday, January 12, at 4 pm

## Fellowships

**Bagel Fellowship today.** Thanks to Amy Grady & an assistant from the Hospitality Ministry for hosting.

**Lunch at Milligan House** will be Sunday, January 22 after worship. Please sign-up today to bring food. See Betsy Tevebaugh for questions.

## Leaders Meeting

Leaders (ministry coordinators, community group leaders, officers), mark your calendar!  
**Tuesday, January 24** at 7:00 p.m. at Milligan House.



Youth Group meets (most) Sunday Nights from 6 to 8 pm

- **January 8** – Youth Group
- **Saturday, January 14 at 11 am** – The Loop Ice Carnival
- **January 15** – no Youth Group
- **January 22** – Trade-Up Scavenger Night
- **January 29** - Youth Group



### Men's Bible Studies: Fridays & Saturdays

Both 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. Next meeting January 21.
- 2nd and 4th Fridays from 6:00 – 7:15 a.m. a study in Joshua. Meets next on January 13 and 27. See Ed Killeen for questions.

### Men's Monthly Social

- 1st Fridays, 5-6:15 pm at Llewellyn's Pub, 17 Moody, Webster Groves 63119; meets next on February 3. For questions about the Men's Ministry, see Ed Killeen.

### Women's Bible Study: Morning & Evening

All ladies are invited to attend either the morning or evening Bible study on the book of Luke at the Milligan House. Both studies use the same material and a similar discussion format. \$20 materials fee (confidential scholarships available).

- Friday mornings: 9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Free child care. Begins again January 13.
- Tuesday evenings: 7:00 p.m. No child care offered. Begins again January 17.

For questions, please contact Melissa Nelson or Jessie Swigart.

## **Millsaps Chamber Choir Tomorrow Night!**

Please join us to hear the Millsaps Chamber Choir tomorrow night, **Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Please **invite friends to attend with you.** A love offering will be collected to help with tour expenses.

*Nate and I both sang in this group when we were at Millsaps, and I can guarantee that the quality of the performance will be outstanding! Invite friends and neighbors to come hear a free concert at Old Orchard and bless this group with your presence. –Kelli McKie*

### **Joining Hands: Celebrating Together the Gospel ~ the Light of Life A Regional Service of Worship & Prayer** (invitation and information at [www.getintolife.org](http://www.getintolife.org))

**When:** Sunday, January 22, 2012 ~ 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

**Where:** The Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2143 N. Ballas Road, 63131

Childcare provided ~ Reception following.

*--Sponsored by the churches of the Presbyterian  
Church in America in the St. Louis Region*

## **Brazil Trip Plans**

In 2011, plans were made to take a team from Old Orchard Church to Goiania, Brazil, in support of Luciano and Luciene Pires. The team will be traveling on June 29 and will be returning on July 9, teaching neighborhood children in a Vacation Bible School with songs, skits, and crafts. Brazilian parents value highly the English language for their children, so it is a wonderful opportunity for our church members to serve their church and their community in this way.



## **Twins!**

Nelson and Kathy Jennings are the proud grandparents of Sarah Grace and Lydia Ruth, born on January 6 in Seoul, Korea, to daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law, Kenneth. Double Congratulations are in order.

## Thank You from Hurvey and Dorothy

There is no way to tell you how much the loving support we have received from our dear family at Old Orchard has meant to us. The beautiful tributes during the Sunday service and Memorial Service. The hugs, comforting words, the avalanche of lovely cards with thoughtful notes, the beautiful flowers, the wonderful meal following the Memorial Service, the delicious food. And most of all, the help and comfort from the Lord in answer to your faithful prayers for us.

The Lord has been good. And as you know, though our hearts are sad and we miss her terribly, we do rejoice with Anne's being whole in the Lord's presence. We look forward to her greeting us when we arrive!



## 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!!

## OOO Gift for Philippine Flood Relief

On December 16, torrential rains caused widespread flooding on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines, where PMI missionaries Rene and Lani Quimbo have several ministries. At least 1,400 lives were lost with thousands more having their homes swept away in floods. The OOC Foreign Missions Ministry has voted to send \$1,000 to the Quimbos to aid them in flood relief. Here are some quotes taken from letters sent on December 18 and 19: [Note: The Portal Ministry Center is in the city and part of their university student ministry. Lacolac is their Hillside Ministry to very poor farmers, usually about two hours away from the city, where they have Bible studies, a group of believers, a daycare center and various livelihood projects.]

*From the Quimbos:*

*We are all ok despite no electricity on the first day of the storm and parts of the Portal ministry center roof leaking. Drinking water is fast disappearing in supermarkets, and water refill stations all have long lines of clients, some have no more to sell. We have nothing to complain about personally, but our hearts bleed for others who have lost family members to death, and basic properties such as houses.*

*The road going to Lacolac where the mountain ministry center is located is virtually impassable due to landslides. The first two bridges (long) have been washed out, and going up to the ministry center up there is dangerous, expensive, and takes a much longer*

*time. We have to get on a boat to cross the raging river, holding on to a rope that has been set up on both sides of the river. Then you get on a single motorcycle paying around \$2.5 per passenger. Then comes the next river that you have to cross in a similar way, then on to a motorcycle again. Then you have to walk 15 kilometers up and down the mountain because landslides have made the road impassable to any vehicle. Bringing basic supplies such as food is a great hassle. Many of our church members have lost their farm produce (corn and cassava chips) to the storm.*

*Two of our church worshipers had moved close to the river, they were swept away, drowned and died. Two families, our ministry co-workers, had their houses washed out and most of their basic stuff has been lost in the flood. [It wasn't clear in the letter, but it seemed as if these disasters happened in the major city where they live on the coast.]*

*Thank you for your concern and prayers. Even this will not take anything from the joy of the Christmas message. Hallelujah!*

*Love,  
Rene and Lani\*\**

OOC had received a \$500 undesignated gift for Foreign Missions which has been given to the Quimbos to use for their own increased expenses. The other \$500 came from the Foreign Missions Emergency Fund for 2011. If anyone would like to give an additional gift, either make out a check to OOC with Philippine Disaster Fund on it, or send directly to PMI [Presbyterian Mission International], with the designation on a separate piece of paper. The address is in our church directory. Let's be praying for Rene and Lani as they attempt to help victims physically and spiritually. Pray for physical stamina and safety.

\*\*Note: A longer, more recent letter with pictures from the Quimbos is on the Foreign Missions Bulletin Board opposite the kitchen. There are also copies of the letter you can read at home.

*--Submitted by the Foreign Missions Ministry*



## Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for January 2012

- 1. Jon and Tanya Coody – St. Petersburg, Russia.** Pray that the Lord will supply for their financial and prayer support so that they can leave in March. They are nearing 65%. Pray for them to have confidence in the Lord's plans for them. Praise that they are being used in the Lord's work here while they are waiting.
- 2. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Pray for continuing contact with destitute families who were given meals at Christmas. Pray for a retreat Jan 6-8 for professional young people, that the Lord will work in their hearts. Pray for the Lord to work through Wilma as she counsels people in spiritual need.
- 3. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Praise that the Christmas concerts were a great success. Pray for Rob in his teaching in the Bible School and as he disciples the small group leaders for the Film Klub for singles. Pray that many singles will find their future spouse through this club.
- 4. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** Gerry and Ruthie have asked us to pray that the Lord would give them another opportunity to participate in the Lord's harvest in Peru. Though the doctors have said that the cancer is not advancing, Ruthie is suffering a great deal and Gerry is caring for her and serving as housekeeper and cook.
- 5. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** As the new terms begin in both branches, pray that the students of the Lord's choice will be there and will interact well with each other and the staff. Pray that the individual student's needs will become clear and that the Lord will begin His work in each one. Pray for wisdom and stamina for the staff. Pray for financial needs in Switzerland.
- 6. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Pray for Dawn for wisdom as she juggles studies at Covenant Seminary and ministry at St. Louis University with Cru (Campus Crusade). Pray for individual students to whom Dawn has ministered in Spain, that God will continue to work in their lives. Pray for the ongoing spread of the Gospel among students in Madrid.
- 7. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Pray that the Lord will bring to pass potential steps forward in the work there: the possibility of an Indian pastor and also an American missionary couple through SIM (Sudan Interior Mission) to work with them. Praise for their faithful service in Kenya for fourteen years!
- 8. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** Pray for them as they carry on the work of Colloquium, that they will continue to witness the Gospel to unbelievers and equip the Saints to defend their faith. Pray that adequate funds will come in as they make plans to visit the US in the fall for several months.

**9. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines.** Pray for them as they continue to deal with the tragic results of the storm of Dec 16 that took at least 1,400 lives, including two people who worshipped in their church. Two homes of co-workers were washed away and many of their church members in the Hillside ministry have lost their crops and livelihood. There are shortages of basics even in the city. Pray for safety and stamina as they minister to the needy. (A relief fund has been set up through PMI. OOC has already sent \$1,000 using an anonymous gift and the FM Emergency Fund.)

**10. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Pray as the church plant in Vicenza goes forward with the training of elders, membership classes, the need for a larger, consistent meeting place, and confronting the problems of working with American military families. They are stationed in a given location for three years at most. Pray that their ministry in Verona will go forward as well. Pray for financial needs.



### January Birthdays

1/1/07..... Kara Schmalhofer  
 1/1.....Jane Winter  
 1/4..... Kathie Poe  
 1/7..... Jacob Mohler  
 1/7..... Ann Stuber  
 1/9.....Sarah Kern  
 1/10..... Betsy Tevebaugh  
 1/10..... Jon Woodard  
 1/15.....Mila Pires\*\*  
 1/17..... Owen Gentry  
 1/21.....Jonathan Shumate  
 1/22.....Sue Taussig  
 1/22..... Aaron Wilke  
 1/23..... Vicki Barrs  
 1/23..... Eleanor Bishop  
 1/24..... Keila Gutierrez\*\*  
 1/27.....Elizabeth Grady  
 1/28.....Mark Longbrake  
 1/29.....Anne Muutuki\*\*  
 1/29.....Karen Reinheimer  
 1/30..... Russell Tamm  
 1/31..... Annie Kuhn  
 \*\*members of missionary families

### **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, January 22, 2012. Editor to be announced.

## The Year of Our Lord 2011—in Review of God’s Mercies

Here are just a few of the highlights that came to mind as we reviewed this last year. We probably forgot some important ones, but here those we thought of. Some are happy occasions, some are painful, but through them all the Lord has been merciful and faithful to us as a church. This was also shared at the House Church on January 4, 2012.

### Turning 30

This was the year we marked three full decades of being Old Orchard Church! Here were the highlights of our celebration of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary:

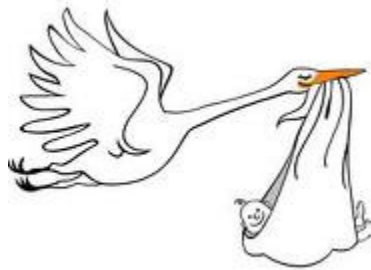
- ❖ Kick-off picnic at Easterling's in Defiance on Saturday, May 14
- ❖ “30 Reflections” written by various and sundry people reflecting on the life of our church and published, one a week, from June into January 2012
- ❖ a \$2,000+ love gift collected for and split between a) help with rehabbing 2 Cornerstone apartments for former Grace and Peace Shelter residents; and b) Jon and Tanya Coody’s ministry in St. Petersburg, Russia (see below)
- ❖ an art show attended by many neighbors
- ❖ many “old-time” OOC members who came back for a wonderful weekend September 23-25, including an outdoor “festival” that Saturday that drew quite a few neighbors, featured catered food and “The Crossing,” the Celtic band from Chicago.

### Coming and Leaving

This was a year for some to leave our fellowship and others to come into it. **Mark & Alice Tucker** & sons left at the end of 2010/the very beginning of 2011 to plant a church in Midtown St. Louis City. The May picnic at the Easterling's was also our send-off for **Nelson & Kathy Jennings** who moved to New Haven, Connecticut, in the summer where Nelson took over the directorship of Overseas Ministries Study Center. After they had been supported by us for many years, with both prayer and a little financial support, Rochester L’Abri directors, **Larry & Nancy Snyder**, retired and moved to St. Louis to be near daughter, Katie (and Jacob) Mohler and their grandchildren, and joined our fellowship. Members, **Jon & Tanya Coody**, moved to Broken Arrow (suburb of Tulsa), Oklahoma to raise money to return to Russia under the auspices of Presbyterian Missions International where Jon will teach at St. Petersburg Christian University in St. Petersburg. **Chris and Kiki Schwartz** left for a pastoral position in Texas. **Heather Sparkman** returned to St. Louis after working for several years with RUF at the University of Arkansas; **Scott & Rebekah Chaplin** and children left to take a church just outside of Columbia, Missouri. **Jonathan & Angelyn**

**Tag** and children left, as did **Curtis & Julie Peck**, **Phil Patterson** and **Steve & Grace Greene**. Some who came in 2011—or thereabouts—are: **Isaac & Tanya Whitt**; **Will & Cheryl King**; **Kelly & Lori & Emma Hendrick**; **Staci King**; **Dennis & Suzanna McKeon** and children; and **Hong Liu**, over at Eden Seminary. **Mark & Marci Robertson** were already here as members, but on January 1, Mark began his tenure as Director of Ministry to Youth & Families.

### **New Arrivals**



This past year the Lord brought into our fellowship the following babies:

**Fletcher Woodard**, son of Nate & Gina Woodard

**Nathan Schaefer**, son of James & Jen Schaefer

**Athos Marques**, son of Andre & Thais Marques

**Adam Longbrake**, son of Mark & Erin Longbrake

**Harriette Brown**, daughter of David & Jennifer Brown

**Jonah Smith**, son of Dan & Brittany Smith

**Edwin Gentry**, son of Owen & Lina Gentry)

**Andrew Smull**, son of Brad & Tami Smull

### **New Elder**

**Currie Bishop** was elected, ordained and installed as an elder this year, bring the total of ruling elders to an all-time high (tying the total in earlier years) of four!

### **Joined in Marriage**

2011 was a great year for several couples who gave themselves to each other in marriage:

**Sandra Ribeiro & Chuck Schulte** were married in June

**Anna Cushman & Kirk Norris** were married in August.

### **Other Miscellaneous Blessings of Note**

We re-elected **Greg Roig** and **Nate McKie** both for new 3-year terms as elders. And **Durinda Hood** was elected to a 3-year term as deaconess.

AmyRuth Bartlett put on a **concert** to raise money for earthquake survivors in northern Japan and raised over \$1,000.

We began a new round of **community groups** with a new emphasis on drawing in non-Christians, and got a new elder overseer, Currie Bishop.

**Ron Nelson** (finally) got a job!

With the beginning of Midtown Church's launch service in view on January 15, 2012, this past year was **Lina Gentry's** last full year as accompanist.

**Surgeries:** In 2011 Jan Rau had successful shoulder replacement surgery. Also, a benign mass was successfully removed from one of Brinson Hood's kidneys.

### **Mission Trips/Student or Teacher Trips**

Valerie Powers (**Tatarstan**)

Richard Winter (**Slovenia & Romania**)

Greg Roig (**Ukraine**)

Hans Bayer (**Eastern Europe**)

Wendy Jennings (**Israel**)

Jim Lowe (**Italy**)

Jonathan Powers (**England**)

Emily Roig (**Costa Rica**)

David Roig (**Egypt and Israel**)

Jacob Mohler (**Korea**)

## Home-Going

At 80 years old, longtime and almost-founding member (along with his wife, Elaine), **Cliff Ivery** went to be with the Lord on August 19. Cliff longed to be with the Lord face to face, and finally got his wish.

Then suddenly the Lord took **Anne Woodson** home to himself on December 10, just two weeks before Christmas. This was, indeed, a “severe mercy” for Dorothy and Hurvey, as they are relieved that Anne is past all her suffering, and yet pain too, as they deeply miss their daughter.

The last to be taken in death was the little **baby of Marci and Mark Robertson**, during the week after Christmas, while still *in utero*. Though this child was taken at a very early stage of development, there is still deep grief for Marci and Mark who were so looking forward to having a second child after Zoe.

**Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”**

(Lamentations 3: 22-24)

### Old Orchard Church

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*Director of Ministry to Youth and Family*

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