



# OVERTURE

The (Almost) Fortnightly Newsletter  
Of Old Orchard Church

April 1, 2012

We aren't foolin'.

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 Jessie Swigart or Mark Robertson for questions.

## Sunday School News

### Adults

Join us this Sunday for a three week study in I Thessalonians led by one of our seminary interns, James Schaefer. The topic will concern the issue of living together NOW in light of the last day. I think it will be a helpful time in the Word following James' sermon last week. We will break for our celebration of Easter. Childcare is available.

### On the Calendar

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

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

**Brazil Team Meeting:** April 15<sup>th</sup> following Church Service.

**OOO Congregational Meeting: Wednesday, April 11: at 6:45 p.m.** Members need to be there to vote on 1) the Session's recommendation to retain Ron Lutjens as pastor; and 2) the Session's proposal to amend our Old Orchard Church Constitution by changing the church/pastoral evaluation schedule from every 4 years to every 5 years. In addition, more results of the recent congregation-wide survey will be shared. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Child care provided, but you must contact Mark Robertson for it. Let's continue to praise the Lord for his goodness to us and do our part to build up the body of Christ here!



### CONCERTS FROM BUDAPEST!

We have a wonderful opportunity to hear the thirty-member choir that Tunde Futo directs, here in St. Louis this month! This is a Hungarian church choir that Tunde began directing several years ago and has developed into a marvelous instrument that has made DCs and gives very well received concerts in Budapest. This is a heads up as to dates and locations. Exact times of the concerts will follow. Make sure you reserve one of these dates.

**April 18** Wednesday at Twin Oaks (following a supper)

**April 20** Friday at Central Pres at 7 PM

**April 22** Sunday at Kirk of the Hills (evening)

We are also hoping to have a time with Rob and Tunde at OOC after the choir leaves. Please be praying about all of this, particularly in view of Tunde's tinnitus. (See Foreign Missions Prayer Requests)

Submitted by the Foreign Missions Ministry

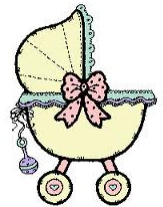


MMMMMmmmmmm! A Good Excuse to Indulge!

### **Brazil Team Fundraiser at Dairy Queen!**

On **April 14, from 11 am to 4 pm**, the Dairy Queen right near the church has agreed to give our Brazil team 10% of its total sales to help fund our trip! Please come by during these hours and enjoy some ice cream with your family.

Mark Robertson



**The Women of OOC are invited to  
a Baby Shower for  
Alyssa Catlin and Lori Hendrick**

**Milligan House – Saturday, April 21 at 1 p.m.**

Alyssa and her husband Chris will be welcoming their first “bundle of joy” around June 17. Lori and Kelly’s baby will be joining big sister Emma about May 12. Both Alyssa and Lori are registered at Target. If your budget is tight, you can contribute to a group gift. Please give your contributions to Tanya Whitt, Heather Sparkman or Hannah Gear by Sunday, April 15.

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 new mothers. Come and be a blessing!

-- Nancy Weir

**TALENT SHOW:** Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. See Mark Robertson if you want to share an act.



## **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 on Revelation. Hal Pendergrass leads.
- Weekly, Fridays from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m., a study on Joshua.

## **Men's Monthly Social**

**1st Fridays**, 5-6:15 pm at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, Webster Groves 63119; meets next on Friday, May 4. No get-together in April, as it falls on Good Friday. *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. The morning study meets 9:15 a.m. Fridays, & the evening study meets Tuesdays, 7 p.m. For questions, please contact Melissa Nelson or Jessie Swigart.

## **Maundy Thursday and Maundy Thursday Meals**

Maundy Thursday. The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word *mandare*, "I command." The connection seems to be John 13, where Jesus washes the disciples' feet, and eventually says, in v. 34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." Given that the foot-washing came on the Thursday before the crucifixion, "Maundy Thursday" apparently commemorates that first Thursday night when Jesus gave his disciples the new commandment to love each other.

### **Maundy Thursday Meals – Thursday, April 5, 2012**

As is our custom, we will gather in homes for a simple meal during Holy Week, but this year again, to enable us to focus more easily, we will not do our meals on Good Friday but on Maundy Thursday. Meals will begin at 6:15 p.m.

There are two types of meals, sharing meals and reciting meals. In a sharing meal there is open sharing with each other how Christ's finished work on the cross is having its effect on us, right where we live. In a reciting meal we read to each other the dramatic story (highlighted from Genesis to Revelation) of our rebellion and God's redemption. We encourage you to bring non-Christian friends to these meals. We have 10 hosts this year so there's room for 62 guests!

There will be a special meal for children starting at 6:00 p.m. (divided ages: 1-4; 5-11 years) at the Milligan House during these adult meals. Sign up sheets are in the parlor.



## **Easter Morning Breakfast Buffet: April 8**

Info & sign up—see today's insert in the bulletin.



### **Easter Baskets!!!**

Did you forget to bring your Easter Basket for Rock Hill Ministries? If you did, please contact me right away and I will see if I can add it at the last minute. Thank you everyone for your participation!

Debbie Pendergrass



### **Women's Retreat Opportunity! Betty McCracken Teaching & Sandra McCracken Leading Worship!**

Riverside Church has graciously invited us to join them on their retreat April 13 & 14. If you want to attend, registration and fee must be given to Melissa Nelson TODAY (4/1). (See her if this poses a problem.) I so hope you can make it! It looks like a beautiful setting, nice facilities and I know it will be wonderful teaching, beautiful worship and a restful time. More details are listed below, but all pertinent details will arrive in your email box on Thurs. April 6th. Please let me know if you have any questions at all. - Blessings, Melissa Nelson

Some Particulars:

- there are approximately 25 spaces available to us, babies under 6 mos. welcome (and do not count for a space).

- Day rate: If you want to come for only Saturday the 14th, you should arrive at 9am, you can eat lunch with us, and the rate they will charge is \$45.
- make out checks to Riverside Church (\$90 / talk to me if you need a scholarship)
- Money must be turned into me on Sunday (talk to me if this is a problem.)
- if you want to request to share a room with someone, write it at the bottom of the registration form. I will have the signup brochures or a signup sheet on Sunday at church. by the way, it's 4-6 women per room
- website of retreat center: <http://www.sojournretreat.org/>
- website for Riverside Church <http://www.riversidestl.org/>
- Natalie Wilson from Riverside will email out the directions, itinerary and what to bring to all of the women who have signed up on Friday April 6th
- Dessert contest details - for the past 4 years Riverside has had a dessert contest on the Friday night of the retreat. Ladies bring their best dessert offering and they put a number by each one, women sample as many as they want/can fit in their tummies(!) and then vote by writing down the number of their favorite dessert. They tally the votes and declare a winner! Pretty sure we are welcome to participate in this!



## **Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for April 2012**

- 1. Jon and Tanya Coody – St. Petersburg, Russia.** Praise that they have reached nearly 80% of their monthly support! Pray that the rest will come in soon so that they can leave for Russia. Pray that the Lord will encourage them and help them all handle the changes and uncertainty of their lives right now.
- 2. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Pray for Wilma as she speaks at various retreats, seminars, etc. Pray for her ministering to individuals, that the Lord will work through her in people's lives. Pray that she will use her time effectively and efficiently.

**3. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Pray for Rob and Tunde as they are undergoing various trials in addition to Tunde's tinnitus. Praise that Rob continues to have fruitful ministries in spite of this. Pray for the trip to St Louis this month with 30 members of the choir, with all that involves. See the Overture for schedule. Pray that we will be able to work out at time for them to be at OOC.

**4. Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** On Sunday morning, February 26, Ruthie went to be with the Lord. Pray for comfort for Gerry. Gerry has asked prayer for their six grown children, that the Lord will help each to deal with this loss. Also pray for the effect on the many in Peru to whom they have ministered for so many years. Rejoice that Ruthie is with the Lord whom she loved and served so faithfully.

**5. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** The term ends on April 9 in both branches. Summer term begins in May. Pray that as the students leave the Lord will continue working in their lives. Pray for the L'Abri International Board meeting April 11-16, for wisdom and direction for the whole work and its future. Pray for refreshment for the workers during the break.

**6. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Pray for opportunities for Dawn to talk about Christ with her family. Pray for her witness to students at SLU and Wildwood: that they will be captivated by the Gospel. Pray for Dawn as she processes through this season of life in St. Louis. Pray for the ongoing spread of the Gospel in Madrid, for students she has had contact with over the years, both believers and those who are not yet.

**7. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Praise that an Indian pastor is working with them now. Also praise that Joseph has the opportunity to finish his dissertation in Germany in April through July. Pray for Joseph that his studies will be helpful and for the work in Nairobi in his absence.

**8. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** Pray that many non-Christians will attend their Colloquium's events this semester. Pray that they will be touched by the Gospel and have their lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that adequate funds will come in as they make plans to visit the US mid July 2012 to early January 2013. Pray for funding for the team from OOC.

**9. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines.** Pray for wisdom as they have to make difficult decisions about giving help to people who request it. Pray for the Lord to be working in the hearts of those they are ministering to. Pray for strength and protection as they continue to help the mountain people recover from the December storm. Pray for the other aspects of their ministry during this difficult time.

**10. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Praise that the church plant at the American military base in Vicenza is going forward. Pray for growth in the work in Verona. Pray for continued interest from a new contact in Verona (Giulio) who

eventually could be a contact for students there. Pray for encouragement for Nico (14), that the Lord would draw him close.

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