



Overture

**The (almost) Fortnightly Newsletter of Old Orchard Church ~
April 15th, 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 dismissed at 10:50.

❖ **Children's Worship:** Children in grades 1-5 will be dismissed to the Milligan House. Listen for dismissal announcement, usually around 10:50 am. See Jessie Swigart or Mark Robertson for questions.

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!

OOC Directory Update!

If you are new and want to be added to the Old Orchard Church Directory, please fill out a form at the church's website www.oldorchardchurch.org (it comes to the office) **or** fill out a form posted on the bulletin board and return it to the office. Questions? See Durinda Hood or e-mail ooctrirectory@oldorchardchurch.org.

An Invitation to the Men of OOC

Men's meeting at 6 p.m. today, Sunday, April 15, at Milligan House
Please come!

Men's Monthly Social

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

Meets next on Friday, May 4th

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.

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. Meets March 2.
- Weekly, Fridays from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m., a study on Joshua.

Adult Sunday School

The three-week study in I Thessalonians led by one of our seminary interns, James Schaefer, will continue on Sundays, April 15 and 22. Sunday School for adults begins at 9 a.m. in the Milligan House living room. The topic will concern the issue of living together NOW in light of the last day. Childcare is available.

– Margaret Killeen

Leaders' Vision Sharing Meeting

Ministry leaders get together to begin the planning process for next year's budget.
7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Milligan House.

House Church

Please join us on Wednesday, May 2, for our next gathering.
We will meet at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments and begin our meeting time at 7 p.m.
See you there!

Congregational Meeting Report

At our congregational meeting held on Wednesday, April 11, we had a great attendance. We voted unanimously to change our constitution to our pastoral and church evaluations to be every 5 years from this point forward and to retain Pastor Ron Lutjens as pastor. We also heard a report of the results of the surveys we completed, as well as an update on our finances, both presented by Nate McKie.

Talent Show!

Mark Your Calendar! Sunday, April 29, 5:00 p.m. See Mark Robertson if you want to share an act.

Got Room?

We are in the process of planning to move my parents (ages 87 & 90) to St. Louis. When we have housing for them to look at, we will have them come for a visit. Would there be anyone in the fellowship with a guest room and if possible bathroom on the first floor that my parents could use for a few days? If so, please let me know. Thanks. --Durinda Hood

Calling All Designers, Young and Old!

Haven House St. Louis is a place where those who must travel to St. Louis for medical care, and their families, can stay free of charge. Medical costs can be extremely expensive, and often these families will have traveled hundreds of miles, sometimes from around the world, to get her for the care they need. Haven House has rooms for these families, and invites groups to "adopt" a room, turning the austere, white rooms into a personalized, bright space that feels more comfortable. We have been invited to adopt one of these rooms, and already some of our teens are excited to get started. We are free to do what we want with the space, we just

need to look at the room, and spend a day decorating, accumulating, and painting. Please contact Mark Robertson if you would like to be involved; this is open to anyone, but great also for a mother/daughter, father/son project. -- Mark Robertson

Baby Shower!

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

Eagle Scout Ceremony

Noah earned the rank of Eagle Scout in September 2011, but we are just now getting around to the Court of Honor ceremony. It will be held on Friday, April 20th at Southgate Church (formerly Victory Fellowship) at 7 P.M. in Crestwood. All are welcome to join us. If you are an Eagle Scout, please wear your uniform so we can honor you also! Please let me know if you will be coming so that I can plan for refreshments--thanks!
– Debbie Pendergrass, 962-8393

Choir Concerts Next Week!

Next week we will have three opportunities to hear Tunde Funtó’s choir from Budapest, Hungary. They have made CD’s and their concerts in Hungary are sold out. It should be a wonderful experience.

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church (following a dinner at 5:15 p.m.)
- 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Central Presbyterian Church
- 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church

Be sure to attend one of them! -- Dorothy Woodson

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.

We are still looking for **another editor** for the *Overture* to take a turn once every two months. Contact Durinda Hood if you want to give it a try! (or serve occasionally....) **We will especially need another person to help beginning in June when Alyssa is expecting their first child!**

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