



Overture

The Pretty Much
Fortnightly Newsletter of

Old Orchard Church

May 20, 2012

Welcome!

Guests, we welcome you and thank you for coming! 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.

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.

Sundays @ a glance

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (see page 2)

10:15 a.m. Worship

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Children's Ministries

Nursery is offered for infants & children through kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building's basement.

Infant nursery for babies, crawlers, and 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 during 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 seated in the worship service and dismissed at 10:30 a.m.

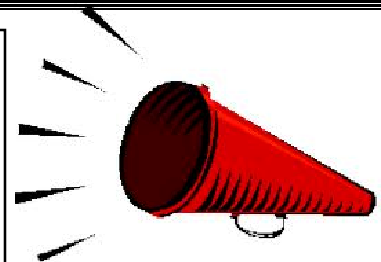
Children's Worship. Children in grades 1-5 will be dismissed to the Milligan House. Buses for dismissal usually around 11:50 a.m. See Mark Robertson or Jeanne Seaport with questions.

Calling All Artists!

Arts & Crafts Show

Friday, June 22, 6-8 p.m.

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News You Can Use



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!!

Adult Sunday School News

“Lessons from L’Abri,” a four-week class, concluded today. Classes will resume in the fall.

Children’s Sunday School News

In observance of Memorial Day, children’s Sunday School classes will *not* meet.

Lunch at Milligan House *TODAY*

Lunch at Milligan House today after worship. All invited. Our hostesses are Linda Lemen and Margaret Killeen with the Killeen community group assisting.

Men’s Bible Studies: Fridays & Saturdays

Both meet at the Milligan House (639 Amelia 63119)

- The Saturday morning study, led by Hal Pendergrass, will not meet during the summer.
- Weekly, Fridays from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m., a study on Joshua. A study on Ephesians will begin on June 1 and continue throughout the summer.

Nancy Weir's new granddaughter!

Fiona Jamieson Stites, 8 lbs., 9 oz., born May 15 at 10:10 a.m., to Rob and Lauren (Nancy’s daughter).

Men's Monthly Social

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

OOO Directory

Many of you (about a 3rd) haven’t picked up the updated directory. Please pick yours up. Should there be (oh no!) *errors* or *changes* to your information since we last checked with you, please e-mail the church office and we’ll publish changes/corrections.

--Durinda Hood

On the Calendar

- **Budget Construction Meeting:** Tuesday, May 22 (6:30 p.m.) for elders, deacons, deaconess and treasurers, at Milligan House.
- **Session Meeting:** Thursday, May 24, 4:00 p.m.

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 (please put “for Overture” in the subject line). The next issue will be out Sunday, June 3. Deadline next Sunday, May 27. Marci Robertson, editor.

Nursery Schedules!

Summer nursery schedules are out. Please pick yours up! See Margaret Wilke if you have questions.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW – Call for entries!

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 6-8 P.M.

Submissions are needed for the upcoming Arts and Crafts Show: Quilts, Pottery, Sculpture, Stained Glass, Collage, Paintings, Jewelry, etc... will all be accepted. Please consider contributing something to the show! See Barb Winters or James Schaefer if you have additional questions.

Ukraine Short Term Mission Trip

Greg Roig leaves May 26 for his eighth trip for two weeks to go to Donetsk, Ukraine to teach on the theology of Paul. Please be praying for him as he prepares and while away.

Summer Narnia Needs: Assistant & Parade (4th of July) Coordinator

As you may know, our annual Narnia Program in the summer (this year: July 24-28) continues to be a successful way to communicate God's truth to our neighbors and friends. As registration continues to be full each year, and much to be done in making this year a hit, we are looking for **an assistant** to help Kelli McKie. You would meet with her regarding the process of producing Narnia, recruit some volunteers, and see how all the magic works! It's a joyful ministry, but one that needs your help!

Mark Robertson will be in Brazil this year for the 4th of July parade (we always put together a Narnia-themed team to be in the parade), so another Parade Coordinator is needed. Mark will be handling all the pre-parade requirements but we will need **someone on the ground that day (4th of July)** to make sure all goes smoothly and leads our team.

Please contact Mark Robertson about either of these opportunities.

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Lost:

Large, white milk glass vase. Pink and Yellow tulips were in it on Easter Sunday, and I haven't been able to track it down. Thanks so much!

--Margaret Wilke

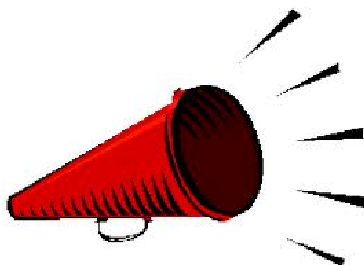
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A Note of Thanks

Dear Old Orchard,

You have once again blessed Chris and me so very much. Your generosity at our wedding shower almost exactly two years ago (wow, time flies!) was a great joy as we started off our married life together, and now your many gifts and words of kindness have set us well on our way to being prepared for the arrival of our baby! Chris and I are thankful not only for the baby shower gifts, but also for the love, support, advice, and care that you have individually given us. This church is truly our family in Christ. We are joyfully anticipating the adventure of raising our son/daughter up in your midst. Thank you again for your kindness and continued prayers!

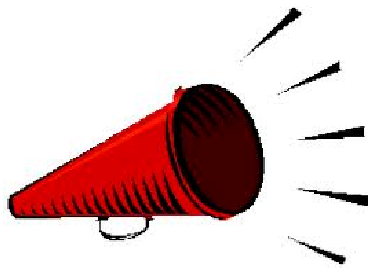
Love,
the Catlin Family



Mark your calendar!

Congregational Budget Meeting

Wednesday, June 13, 6:45 p.m.



Summer Narnia

Tuesday, July 24 through Saturday, July 28

Mark your calendar and plan to volunteer!

(Very) Part-time Teaching Position

Westminster Christian Academy in Town & Country, Missouri, a Christian secondary school with 940 students in grades 7-12, is accepting applications for a part-time upper school video storytelling teacher (one period). Candidates should have a strong background in English and communications, along with expertise in non-linear video editing and the ability to teach scriptwriting, directing, and producing video for various video genres, including the news story, montage, promotional videos and short films. The ability to examine, discuss and evaluate the role of Christians in the digital world is also necessary. Visit our website at www.wcastl.org for application information and/or contact Becky VanValkenburg, Executive Assistant to the Head of School, at bvanvalkenburg@wcastl.org or [314-997-2900](tel:314-997-2900).

“...because of the tender mercy of our Lord...”

Tender Mercies Prayer Group

Join us as we ask our God to shine His light on our grown covenant children who are walking in darkness.

- When: June 2, 9:00 a.m.
- Where: Milligan House

--submitted by Nancy Weir

Right Behind You **Sunday, June 3**

As our teens graduate from high school and move on to college or a career, the words we offer them in praise and encouragement can make a deep and long-lasting impression on them. Their “graduation” from one stage of life to another should be a memorable one. Many cultures in the world mark important child-to-adulthood transitions with festivals and celebrations. My own sense is that our culture could do much more in this regard than we tend to do. We do mark birthdays and even high school and college graduations with parties, but beyond the merrymaking of such celebrations, are we really *speaking anything of significance* into our sons’ and daughters’ hearts and minds during these rites of passage?

As a church community we have started to address the need to do more than we’ve been doing to encourage and guide our youth at critical turning points in their lives. We’re starting with high school graduation. As we did last year, we are going to give our graduating seniors an opportunity to hear words – from adults who know them and love them – that reflect how we have seen them grow and mature, by the grace of God at work in them. We’re calling it, Right Behind You. We’re planning on doing this after church the first Sunday in June, the Sunday we usually dedicate to our high school graduates. The men of the church will sit with our graduating boys and the women with our graduating girls and speak words of encouragement into their lives that they will no doubt remember for a very, very long time. This year we will be celebrating the graduations of Bryn McKie, Adam Taussig and Noah Pendergrass on Sunday, June 3.

The women will go with Bryn to the Milligan House after the parlor fellowship and the men will stay in the church parlor with Adam and Noah. Snacks will be provided in each space. In preparation, focus your thoughts on these questions: (1) What do you see in this young woman/young man that is praiseworthy? (2) What would you do differently if you could live those few post-high school years over again yourself? (3) What practical things could you encourage them to do and think about so that they can grow spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally while in college? Please consider these questions ahead of time, and please be prepared to be brief when you share. If you have any questions about this event, please contact me in advance. Your presence and your words could impact these teens throughout their entire lives.

--Mark Robertson

Leadership Transition at Covenant Seminary

Dear Friends,

As our Board of Trustees announced a few days ago, I will be transitioning from my post as President of Covenant Seminary as of June 1, 2012, to the position of Chancellor. I will assume the Chancellor responsibilities following my current sabbatical. Though this move may come as a surprise to some, such a transition has been part of our discussions for several years as the Board, the President's Cabinet, and I sought to establish a strategic vision for the future of the Seminary's leadership. As the Board has worked to discern the next phase in the development of the Seminary's mission, this seemed an appropriate time for the transition to occur.

My wife, Kathy, and I have considered it a great privilege to serve the Covenant Seminary family, the PCA, and Christ's body by helping to prepare future church leaders to proclaim the gospel of grace. We now give special thanks to our God for a Board that has provided this opportunity to direct our energies to the areas of service we most treasure. I am excited by the opportunity to focus my time on serving as an ambassador for the mission and ministry of Covenant Seminary. As Chancellor, I will continue to be available as a consultant for future Seminary leaders, teach homiletics courses, travel and speak on behalf of the Seminary, and assist in building and nurturing relationships with our many alumni, donors, friends, and other faithful supporters.

As I look back on nearly three decades of service with Covenant Seminary, first as a faculty member, then in various administrative roles, and finally as President—not to mention my time as a student here before that—I am struck by how much of my life and ministry, and that of my family as well, has revolved around and been influenced by the godly people and values of this amazing institution. Kathy and I are profoundly grateful for the many friends in the Seminary community, past and present, who have made it such a joy to live and serve here. We are grateful to have been able to raise our children in a community so steeped in the gospel of grace and so rich with Christ-like love. We are grateful as well for the many ways in which the Lord has blessed the institution during our time here, and how he has grown it so beautifully—through the labors of many faithful and dedicated servants—into a place of increasingly expanding influence for the gospel.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, the wise Preacher reminds us: To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1 kjv). As one season in the life of Covenant Seminary draws to a close and a new one begins, please pray with me for the Lord's continued blessing on an institution that has been such a powerfully transforming part of my own life, and of the lives of so many others who have lived, studied, taught, worked, and gone forth from here to minister God's Word. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the Seminary's leaders during this time of transition, especially Dr. Mark Dalbey as he assumes the role of Interim President, and the search committee our Board has established to seek the institution's next President. May they—and we—keep our eyes and hearts fixed always on the One who leads and guides us, and may his boundless loving-kindness spur us on to run the race before us with perseverance and with hope.

In his service,
Bryan Chapell

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Lawn Mowing

Thanks to all who have signed up! We are still looking 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. **Mark Robertson** and **Bruce Cook** are currently mowing Willie Lee's and welcome people to help!!

Sign up sheets are circulating today! For questions, please contact Bill Grady for church's lawns or Mark Robertson or Bruce Cook for Willie Lee's.



