



# OVERTURE

The (Almost) Fortnightly Newsletter  
Of Old Orchard Church  
August 5, 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 usually meets at 9 a.m. (except this **SUMMER** and during some holidays). Please see note below for more.

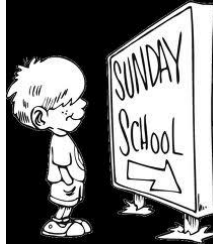
If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms in the lavender or blue pads on the chairs or in the hymnal rack.



## 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

- **Training:** Training for teachers will commence on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Sunday School:** Sunday school for children and adults will begin on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.



- ❖ Next Parlor Fellowship is Sunday, August 12, after worship. Amy Grady and Margaret Wilke are hosting. Please sign up today to bring food.
- ❖ Lunch at the Milligan House on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Hosts tbd.
- ❖ **OOO Anniversary Picnic:** Sunday, September 16 after worship. [We were unable to reserve Larson Park for later in September]
- ❖ **Old Orchard Church-Wide Retreat:** September 28-29: The Old Orchard Retreat is coming this fall; it's a great time to get away and fellowship with the whole church while enjoying God's good creation. The retreat location hasn't been finalized, but options include camping or cabin/hotel room accommodations. Our theme for the retreat is "Back to the Basics." Come and study God's Word, enjoy great meals, and explore the outdoors. Forms will be circulated soon with final location, rates and information. You can also see Mark Robertson with questions.
- ❖ Pastor Ron will be on vacation from August 11-14.

## Summer Youth Group Schedule

*Here's some of what the Youth Group is up to this summer. See Mark Robertson for more.*

- ❖ Sunday, August 5: We will be watching the film *Colorblind* at 6 pm
- ❖ Wednesday, August 8: Six Flags Day (\$30/person)
- ❖ Saturday, August 18: Float Trip Retreat (free!)

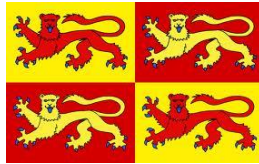


## Men's Bible Studies

- Friday mornings from 6:30-7:30 am: the Friday Bible study will start up on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Saturday mornings at 7:15 am: the Saturday Bible study, led by Hal Pendergrass, will start up on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Men's Monthly Social

**1st Fridays**, 5-6:15 pm at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, Webster Groves 63119. Our next social is scheduled for Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. *For questions about the Men's Ministry, see Ed Killeen.*



## Help to rebuild Joplin

Christ the King PCA in Joplin, Missouri is organizing rebuilding efforts in coordination with MNA throughout the summer and fall. More than 12,500 structures in Joplin were destroyed or damaged in mere minutes, but rebuilding will take months, if not years

I would like to organize a team to travel to Joplin in October to assist. We will most likely serve over a long weekend, Thursday to Sunday, based on the availability of those interested in serving. We are currently considering **October 18 – 21**. All ages may apply to come, but be advised that this project involves manual labor and will thus be best suited for those in good health. We will sleep at a local church; shower facilities and meals are available for as low as \$20/day.

We raised money to donate to MNA during VBS and we hope you will continue to assist our congregation in helping show God's love by helping rebuild a community. Please email Mark Robertson [see print copy for address] if you are interested or would like more information.



## Winter Shelter Rummage Sale

Grace & Peace's Winter Shelter for homeless women will hold its annual Rummage Sale on two weekends: **August 17 & 18** and **August 24 & 25** (Fridays, 5 to 8 pm; Saturdays, 8 am to 1 pm). You are welcomed to attend. You are invited to donate your used clothing, toys and household items in "excellent or new" condition.

Donation Hours: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., M,W,F & 10:00 a.m.-4:30 pm T-TH.

Drop off at 622 Clara Avenue, 63112, the side entrance to Grace & Peace Fellowship.  
Phone Number: 314.367.8959.

Also, Mark and Marci Robertson will be delivering a load of smaller type items on Monday, August 13 and would be happy to deliver your items as well, if you bring them to church on **Sunday, August 12**.

## Lawn Mowing



Thanks to all who have been signing up! Still looking for people to mow the lawns at the church building & Milligan House and at the home of Willie Lee, a disabled man we help out who lives in Rock Hill. We welcome people to help and take a turn. Sign up sheets are circulating today. Please contact **Bill Grady** for the Church's lawns and **Ben Dodd** for Mr. Lee's.



Thank you for your donations of supplies or funds! We gave away 9 bags of items to Webster Rock Hill Ministries. We contributed \$50 for school supplies.

*-The Mercy Ministry of Old Orchard Church*

The following two announcements are from the Shepherd's Center of Webster/Kirkwood, Inc., an interfaith volunteer organization that provides programs and services for older adults in Webster & Kirkwood.

–Submitted by Durinda Hood

### **AARP Safe Driving Class**

On Monday, August 27, from 9 am – 1 pm, Shepherd's Center will offer an annual AARP Safe Driving Class. Cost is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members. Registration by August 22 is required, call 314-395-0988. Check with your insurance company to see if you will receive a cost reduction for attending.

### **August Transitions: Shepherding Concerns and Conversations**

Join us on Thursday evenings at the Shepherd's Center from 6:00 – 7:15 pm and learn information which could prove helpful to you, your friends, and members of your family as you consider transitions in later years. Cost is \$5.00 a session or \$15.00 for all 4 weeks. Bring a family member/ friend, you pay \$5.00 and your guest is free!

- ❖ **August 9 – “Piles of Paper on Every Surface?”** Get organized with Lila Shepley of Home Sweet Home.
- ❖ **August 16 – “Watch Your Step”** Learn some good insights to fall prevention with Kevin Murphy and Cathy Barton of Lutheran Senior Services.
- ❖ **August 23 – “Take a Dose of Laughter... It's the Best Medicine”** with Bonnie Solomon.

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Need a good book to read this summer? Check out our library! Please browse our selection of books in the hallway 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!!

### **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 (put in subject line: *Overture*). The next issue will be out Sunday, August 19. Deadline is Sunday, August 12. Jim Lowe will be editing the next issue.



## August Birthdays

8/1.....	Rob Futo**
8/1.....	Hannah Nelson
8/1.....	Alyssa Catlin
8/2.....	Jake McKie
8/3.....	Janice Beekman
8/3.....	Erin Longbrake
8/3.....	Dennis McKeon
8/4.....	Jesse Cook
8/5.....	Will King
8/6.....	Kelly Hendrick
8/7.....	Mary Beth Glasgow
8/9.....	Cherie LeFort
8/9.....	Owen Stuber
8/9.....	Jessie Swigart
8/13.....	Sarah Maney
8/14.....	Lilly Maney
8/15.....	Maxwell Nelson
8/16.....	Ross Dixon**
8/16.....	Adam Longbrake
8/16.....	Timothy Wilke
8/17.....	Stephen Helton
8/19.....	Jeff Outlaw
8/19.....	Brad Smull
8/20.....	Tami Smull
8/20.....	Tanya Whitt
8/21.....	Sean Maney
8/23.....	Caleb Gutierrez**
8/27.....	Travis Schmalhofer
8/27.....	Jill Storm
8/29.....	Harriette Brown
8/29.....	Ben Dodd
8/29.....	Gary Mitchell
8/30/09.....	Sophia Tamm
8/31.....	Melissa Nelson

\*\*members of missionary or ministry family that Old Orchard Church supports



## Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for August 2012

- 1. Jon and Tanya Coody – St. Petersburg, Russia.** Jon has been encouraged by his reception by the team and the introduction to his role and responsibilities at the university. The family had been staying in a dorm but just moved into an apartment, a great improvement. They are all badly sleep deprived due to almost 24 hour sunshine! Pray for Tanya's health and that a visit to her parents in the fall will work out.
- 2. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Pray for Wilma's health during the winter as she often has to speak in unheated, damp environments. Pray for travel mercies and that the Lord will speak through her in all her speaking engagements. Pray for the Lord's provision for financial needs.
- 3. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Pray for a restful vacation for the family Aug 1-21. At the end of the month, Rob will be teaching Sonship materials at a Family Conference followed by an Intervarsity conference for university students where he will be teaching/training them in evangelism and apologetics. Pray for Tünde and the girls as he will be away during that time.
- 4. Gerry Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** Pray for Gerry as he continues to grieve and adjust to life without Ruthie. Pray for him and MTW and they decide and implement what Gerry will be doing in the future. MTW has advised that he take time to heal and not return to Peru long term for 1-2 years. He will do varied mission work, speaking and traveling from the U.S.
- 5. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** Pray for refreshment for the staff as both branches will have a break during part of this month. Pray for the students at English L'Abri who are leaving at end of term on Aug 9, as they move on to the next step in their lives. In Switzerland, new term begins Aug 21. Pray as students arrive and settle in. Continue to pray for financial needs, especially in Switzerland. Pray for a qualified person to give long term care to Mrs. Schaeffer, which is made difficult due to Swiss resident permit laws.
- 6. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** Pray for Dawn to be given opportunities to talk about Christ with her family. Pray for her witness to students at Saint Louis University and in Wildwood: that they will be captivated by the Gospel. Pray that Dawn's studies

at Covenant Seminary will continue to go well. 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.

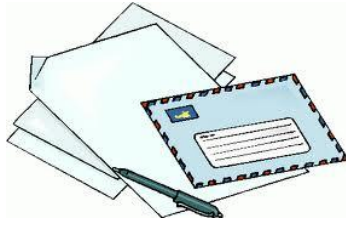
**7. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** The Muutuki's are returning from Germany this month. Pray that Joseph will be able to finish his dissertation in Nairobi. He begins teaching at Daystar Aug 7. Pray for two men, Gary and Robin, from New City Fellowship in St. Louis who will be helping, for two years, in Nairobi for two years. Pray for Pastor Manoj from India who will be studying in the seminary and interning with the Muutuki's. Pastor Manoj plans to join the ministry in three years when he is done with the training.

**8. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** The Pires's arrived in St Louis last week. They will be staying at a mission house at Central Presbyterian Church. They will be traveling from July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>, visiting Luciene's sisters, and hoping to meet with a potential new supporting church in Austin, Texas. Pray for a lovely family visit and that the church in Austin will pledge support.

**9. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines.** Please pray for the Work for Food program which is currently helping 14 families. Please also pray for the feeding program both at Hillside Learning Center and the House of Hope Ministry Center (daily hot lunch and Bible study for school children). Please also pray for the following ministries: short seminars; prayer walks; home Bible studies; cell group meetings; leadership classes; the men's, women's, and youth fellowship programs; worship services; counseling ministries; educational program; livelihood projects; and outreach ministries to youth and children...etc!

**10. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Praise for the installation of two elders in the new Trinity Church at the military base in Vicenza. Pray for a worship location to rent (a hotel room) to hold services. Pray for chances to share the Gospel with Joel's brother and uncle when they visit this month.





## Rochester L'Abri – Update/Prayer Letter

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I share with you the news that Jessica and I have decided to move on from L'Abri. Our decision has come as we have reflected on the reality of the needs of our rapidly growing family and the limited space available for us at Rochester L'Abri. Jock and Alison have been very gracious about our decision and we are discussing the details of our departure, but I want to assure you that L'Abri will always be a part of our hearts. We have felt insufficient in many ways, but we take comfort that his "power is made perfect in our weakness." God's grace has been evident in every step of our journey, and this last year has been an indispensable time of training and growth for us. We do ask for your prayers in this challenging time of transition.

We also ask you to share in prayer and praise for this branch. Jock announced at our last worker meeting that we were in better shape financially this month. Things are still tight here, but this is an encouragement. We deeply appreciate the sacrificial support by you all which has helped us through this time. We are grateful to God that he has continued to provide for this ministry through difficult economic times.

We are also grateful for a growing group of students here this term. We have had students from Iowa, Nebraska, California, England, as well as a local boy from Rochester who just finished a week here. This term we have had some students dealing with particularly critical decisions of faith, and we are poignantly aware of the need for God's spirit to open eyes and ears to His gospel. That being said, we are deeply encouraged by their positive response to discussions, lectures, tutorials, and community life here at L'Abri.

Other areas for prayer and praise: Jock is beginning plans for next year's conference, and has just lined up all the main speakers. We are excited about the theme which will be disclosed shortly. Also, things are coming along with construction at the Ebenezer Retreat building in Steelville, MO. We have made a number of work trips already this year and plans are in process for the next L'Abri Retreat in October. Also, a note about Alison's health. She has gone in for annual testing for her MS this past week, and we desire prayer concerning the forthcoming results and peace for the McGregors in these things.

Finally, please do pray for all of us over this coming period of transition – for the Rolands as we seek God's leading for our future – and for the Rochester branch as they seek God's provision for this busy ministry.

It means a lot of to have enjoyed your love and support through the years in so many ways. We love the fact that Larry and Nancy are part of your community!

Much love, B.J., Jessica, Matthew, Henry and Hero Roland

# FirstLight

Dear Old Orchard Church,

**Thank you for your 2012 second quarter tax-deductible contribution of \$612.00 to the work of FirstLight Ministries.** Paul tells us that "we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:18). Every week I get the privilege of seeing how the Spirit is transforming men and women who have been affected by sexual sin into being a bit more like Jesus. In these past few months our ministry to men dealing with homosexuality or compulsive sexual behaviors has grown to eight groups - with other men still on the waiting list. Four nights a week, I hear how the Holy Spirit is transforming these men by leading them to end sinful sexual relationships, trash their pornography, sacrificially love their wives, and find their true identity in Christ. It humbles me that God allows me to be a part of the work He is doing in the lives of these men.

Our spouse ministry has also grown to the largest it has ever been, now with four groups. These wives are also being transformed though the Spirit as God brings healing to their hearts. However, we are saddened that we are not able to reach women who are struggling with their own sexual sins. Unfortunately, FirstLight recently had to close our ministry to women who struggle with sexual sins because after many years of using volunteers, we feel convinced that the ministry cannot reach the women we want to serve without someone who can devote at least twenty hours to this ministry. We believe the Lord wants us to hire a woman to help us in this work. Right now, our giving will sustain the work we are doing-**but it is not enough to free us up to do the work we want to be doing!** We hope that more people like you will joyfully support us so we can expand this ministry to women as well as meet the need of the growing number of men and spouses coming to us for help....

**Grace and peace to you,**

Sean Maney, FirstLight Director



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