



Overture

The Almost Fortnightly
Newsletter of
Old Orchard Church
October 21, 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 during the summer and some holidays) Please see note in this *Overture* 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.** 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.

Make Use of the Children's Activity Bags in Worship:

Parents, each week there is a new activity sheet for children in the colored bags that you can find in a box alongside the windows in the hallway. These sheets are a way to help children engage in worship; if they are not yet reading, perhaps you can assist them after the service with some of the questions, though there are also graphics and games for all to enjoy according to that week's theme. Let me know if you have suggestions, as we seek to help the whole family worship well on Sunday morning! - Mark Robertson



Meets at **9:00 a.m.** for both adults and children. Remember, no classes on November 25, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

For Adults: Current series for adults meeting at 9 am in the Milligan House. Ed Killeen is leading us in teaching and conversation on the topic: **"Real Life Together: Anger and Forgiveness"**. This class will continue through October 28. There is childcare for nursery age children and a wonderful Sunday School program for children from elementary through high school. Please contact Margaret Killeen with any questions.

Join us starting November 4th for the beginning of a new adult Sunday School class taught by Will Barker. We will explore the Westminster Confession of Faith and ask ourselves what significance a 400 year old confession has in the life of a Christian today. We will talk about how it was formed in its historical context, why we view the Bible as a series of Covenants between God and people. We will explore the undergirding truths of Scripture that shape our understanding of life such as predestination, assurance of salvation, Christian freedom, freedom of conscience and the grace of the sacraments and prayer. This is a class for everyone as it will enrich and deepen your understanding of Scripture.

Great coffee and childcare provided. Sundays at 9. Come learn something! November 4 until Christmas.

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Mark Your

Calendar



Lunch@Milligan House on Sunday, October 28 after worship. Grady Community Group sets up/cleans up. Sign-up to attend! Guests just sign-up and don't bring anything. Other adults: each adult bring a food item or pays \$5. Menu: Curry Chicken with potatoes and carrots and rice; salad and dessert. Betsy Tevebaugh & Patricia Lee are hosting.

Congregational meeting –November 14, 2012 at 6:45 p.m.

OOO Work Day! Plan on coming! October 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Let us know you are coming—see sign-up sheets. As of this printing, we still needed a lunch coordinator/host. We have an assistant. Let Durinda Hood (if on Sunday, October 21) or Denny Reinheimer know (after Sunday, October 21) if you can help with the meal.

Weekly Choir Rehearsal: Meets at 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays. See Greg Roig, Music Director for questions.

Stated Session Meeting: Tuesday, October 23. 5:30 p.m.



Attention: Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday (early) morning at 2:00 a.m. on November 4. Set your clocks back Saturday night, November 3.

Men's Bible Studies & Social

◆ **Bible Studies:**

Monday Evening (bi-weekly). 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. (Milligan House) Our next meeting will be Monday, October 22. We will view and discuss Tim Keller's DVD series *The Prodigal God*. (There is no book to buy or pre-reading required from week to week.) We meet every other Monday at the Milligan House from 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. Awesome refreshments will be served! For further info contact Gary Glasgow, Currie Bishop, Greg Kern or Greg Roig.

Friday Mornings (weekly) 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. (Milligan House) The Friday Bible study is doing a study on the book of Proverbs.

Saturday morning (bi-weekly) 7:15 a.m. This Bible study on the book of Colossians is led by Hal Pendergrass. Meets the first and third Saturday mornings. Next one: Saturday, November 3.

◆ **Social Evening: 1st Friday of the month**, 5-6:15 pm at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, WG, 63119. Next one: Friday, November 2. For questions about the Men's Ministry, see Ed Killeen.

Westminster Christian Academy invites interested parents and students to attend an Open House on Thursday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet teachers, students, & current parents, tour the campus and see what Westminster has to offer. Located in Town and Country. Please call 314-997-2900 or visit us at www.wcastl.org for more information and to preregister.

Women's Ministry News

OOO Women's Book Group: to meet Sat. Nov. 10, 9-11 am at Kelli McKie's. The book is *Les Miserables* [abridged] by Victor Hugo. See Kelli McKie and Katie Mohler for more.

Bible Study:

We continue our two group studies: I hope you can join us as we study Hebrews!

When: We have two studies.

Friday mornings, 9:15 am-11:30 am

Tuesday Evening, 7 pm-8:30 pm

Cost: one-time fee of \$30 to cover the cost of materials & supplies. Scholarships may be available if needed.

Where: Both are at Milligan House

Leaders: *Betty McCracken* on Friday mornings

Melissa Nelson on Tuesday evenings

Childcare for Women's Bible Study

--*Friday Mornings*. Child care offered.

(Nursing moms welcome to have babies in class.)

--*Tuesday Evenings*: No childcare available.

Contact: Melissa Nelson with any questions!

Save the Date! OOO Women's 2013 Retreat

The **retreat** will be at Toddhall **Retreat** Center near Columbia, Illinois. Friday evening 6pm February 15th to Saturday, February 16th at 5pm. The theme for this year is "Back to the Basics: Recovering the Joy in Hospitality." Stay tuned for more details!

--Marci Robertson for the Women's Retreat Committee

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. Please 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, November 4. Deadline is next Sunday, October 28. Editor: Jim Lowe.



for Shelly Schmalhofer, Hannah Gear and Lily Ji

Where: Milligan House

When: Saturday, November 3 at 10 a.m.

Hostesses: Michelle Kraft and Valerie Powers

All OOC women are invited to a baby shower for Shelly Schmalhofer, Hannah Gear and Lily Ji. Shelly and Travis Schmalhofer's two daughters will be welcoming their new sibling around Dec. 22, Hannah and Andy Gear are expecting their little girl Dec. 3, and Lily and Bruce Ji are ready to greet a new little girl around Nov. 27.

All three couples are registered at Babies R Us. In addition, the Schmalhofers have registered at Target.

If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift for each mother. Please give your contribution to Michelle Kraft or Valerie Powers by Sunday, Oct. 28.

If you are able to bring a plate of refreshments to the shower it would be greatly appreciated. An OOC shower is a special way to fellowship with one another and to encourage our new mothers. Come and be a blessing.

Reformation Day 2012- Missouri Presbytery Joint Worship Service

Sunday, October 28, 6:00 p.m.

Memorial Presbyterian Church, 201 S. Skinker Blvd.

Communion will be served. Childcare provided.

Combined choirs from churches.

Dr. Dan Doriani preaching, "Christ Alone-Prophet, Priest and King"

Church Staff to be away (yes, again!).

Durinda Hood will be away beginning Monday, Oct. 22 to help her parents as her mother has pacemaker surgery on the 24th. Hope to be gone only a week. Please pray for the surgery.



Meet the Reed Family- Chip, Kelsey, McKenna (7) and Murrin (5)

Chip and I met in Castle Rock, CO, in 2000. I had recently graduated from Colorado State University - planning, then, to rejoin World Harvest Mission in Dublin, Ireland (my family had served with WHM in Dublin when I was a teen). Chip was working under my dad as a youth a family ministries director. We began getting to know one another while serving in worship leadership together. I admired his clear, strong voice, and his wisdom and heart for the gospel...he seemed to think I was pretty okay, too...We were married in June, 2001.

I had obviously come from a ministry background, but Chip grew up in very different surroundings. The culture that surrounded him in youth had high esteem for sports - and Chip had the athletic gift. He was accomplished in every sport he turned his hand to, concentrating on football and golf. But the Lord made it obvious for him, in college, that "successful athlete" was not the picture He had in mind for Chip. He became passionate about the gospel - evangelizing out of the joy within - particularly concerned about young people and their knowledge of God's saving work for them. Eventually, Chip attended Covenant College, working several jobs to allow him to work in part-time youth ministry, ultimately pursuing the youth position under my dad.

After a couple of years in his first vocational ministry position in Colorado, he began to feel the Lord moving us on to further ministry preparation, including a pastoral internship in Western North Carolina. While preparing for seminary in 2004, we found ourselves expecting our first child, McKenna, and put our move on hold. Two years and two girls later (Murrin was born in 2006), we finally moved to St. Louis.

Our family landed at Covenant Theological Seminary with thoughts that Chip might switch from the MDiv program (into which he'd been accepted) to the MAC. Instead of making the switch, however, we began planning on a double degree for Chip. So, about halfway through Chip's MDiv, I began studies as well, falling in love with the Educational Ministries program. Unfortunately, we were unable to follow through for Chip and me to complete the extra degrees-- though we thoroughly benefited from the taste of each of these programs. Instead, Chip graduated in 2011 with his MDiv.

We are in a season of transition. After graduation, we moved into a friend's home for a few months and into Maplewood, last November. With setbacks in our original plans, our ministry goals and dreams are reforming by the Spirit's guidance. In the meantime, Chip continues work in residential maintenance at CTS, as well as engaging in some renovation work in the house we rent. He and I also serve part-time as a writing team for Docent Research Group, supplying small-group curriculum, sermon research & illustrations to pastors with whom we are matched. Our girls are in Maplewood-Richmond Heights schools, Kindergarten & 2nd grade, possibly for a full two-year loop while we think and pray over next steps.

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We are so thankful to have the opportunity to worship locally in such a lovely place while the Lord continues to refine us and move on our hearts, revealing that for which He has shaped us. Thank you for your welcoming spirit--we truly feel embraced by the godly family of Old Orchard.

The Session is calling for a congregational meeting **November 14, 2012, 6:45pm**. Ben Dodd has finished his apprenticeship and will stand for the office of deacon at this congregational meeting. In preparation, please read his spiritual autobiography in the separate handout available today.

As a reminder, all members are asked to attend as we must meet our quorum in order to vote. Also, no absentee voting or voting by proxy is allowed in voting for church office, according to the PCA's church government. Child care provided; please sign-up (or let Mark Robertson know).

--The Session

Winter Shelter to Open in November and about the new volunteer coordinator.

Thank you for those of you who volunteered with the Winter Shelter! If you didn't initially indicate an interest, but now want to volunteer, you can also contact Grace & Peace Fellowship (314.367.8959). Melody Perkins is the Shelter's Team Leader. Rachel Jacobs-Soos coordinates the meals. Below is an introduction to Kaitlin Martin who coordinates volunteers.

We have posted a copy of the Shelter's Vision Statement on the Mercy Ministry bulletin board.

Pray for the opening of the Shelter and that all the volunteers and staff that are needed be provided by November 7 so that the Shelter can open on time.

-Submitted by Durinda Hood for the Mercy Ministry

My name is Kaitlin Martin, and I am the volunteer coordinator this year for the Grace & Peace Fellowship Winter Shelter [for women]. I am humbled to hear how the Lord has provided and used so many of you throughout the years to fulfill such a wonderful commitment to the hurting and needy around us in the city of Saint Louis.

I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself: My husband and I moved to Saint Louis from the Oklahoma City area in January. My husband is a full-time student at Covenant Seminary pursuing his Masters in Divinity. I've worked some since we've been here, but my primary place this past year or so has been staying home with our 14 month old daughter. We've been attending Grace & Peace Fellowship since June/July. We feel very blessed to have found such a church to call home as long as we're in Saint Louis.

The Shelter opens on November 7th....and closes on March 12th....One more thing to mention is that Shelter Training is November 3rd from 9am-3:30pm. For those of you who are thinking of participating, please mark this day on your calendar. If you have experience in prior years, we ask that you set aside the afternoon of the 3rd to come and be up to date on anything that might have changed. For those of you who may have helped in other ways but plan to volunteer for the first time (and this includes me),

please set aside the entire time to come and learn about this wonderful chance to be hospitable to those in need around us this winter season.I look forward to speaking and working with all of you!

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Martin

Volunteer Coordinator

The Grace & Peace Winter Shelter

(Excerpted from Kaitlin's e-mail on October 10, 2012.)

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