



# Overture

The Pretty Much  
Fortnightly Newsletter of

## Old Orchard Church

November 4, 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., summer and holidays excepted.

#### *Sundays @ a glance*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
(will not meet Sunday, November 25)  
10:15 a.m. Worship



#### Old Orchard Church

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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 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 around 10:50 a.m.

**Children's Worship.** Children in grades 1-5 will be dismissed to the Milligan House, usually around 10:50 a.m. See Mark Robertson or Jessie Swigart with questions.

#### 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

# Sunday School News

Meets at 9:00 for both adults and children. *No class, Sunday, November 25.*

## New class for adults--begins November 4

From November 4 until Christmas, Will Barker will lead the adult Sunday School. 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, and 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. Come learn something! Please contact Margaret Killeen with any questions.



## News You Can Use



### New Faces: The Gerlach Family

In 10 & 1/2 years of marriage we both pursued our careers; began graduate school at Covenant Seminary; completed an MDiv in 2010 (Kenny); delivered our 3 beautiful babies into the world; bought two houses; went on a wild western adventure living in Bozeman, Montana, for awhile; and last November, on Thanksgiving evening, we arrived back in St. Louis, calling it home once again.

Kenny, a graduate of the University of Illinois, works in trading services at Wells Fargo. Amy, a graduate of the University of Missouri, is a stay-at-home mom, and before kids worked as a caseworker at BJC Behavioral Health. Together we have three beautiful children, Benjamin, 6-years old; Jenna, 3-years old; and Grant, 8-months.

When we moved back to St. Louis a year ago, we bought a house in Webster Groves. After falling in love with Webster, we both agreed that we wanted to put roots down in this community, and to us one of the things that meant was finding a church in the town we live in. We visited Old Orchard this past summer and immediately felt a connection with this fellowship (my brother, Michael Subracko, helps John Haralson, a former seminary intern at Old Orchard, pastor God's people at Grace Seattle, a PCA church in Seattle, Washington!). We have been drawn in by the authenticity of the leadership and the people at Old Orchard Church. We have sensed God's grace not only throughout the worship service but also in the many aspects of this church as we have continued to attend and become more involved. We have felt from the very beginning that this is to be our church home and are excited to be a part of what God is doing at and through Old Orchard.

—Amy Gerlach

**Editor's Note:** In case you missed this from our September 16, 2012 issue, here's where you can find the Gerlach family. Please add them to your directories.

Please see print copy for the Gerlach info.

### Calendar Notes



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

**No House Church** on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Next House church will be Wednesday, December 5.

**English Conversations** meets Fridays, 4:30 p.m. at Milligan House. See Hurvey & Dorothy Woodson or Valerie Powers for more.

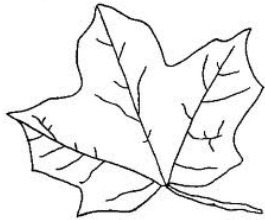
# Ministries to the Men and Women of Old Orchard Church

## Bible Studies for Men

**Monday Evenings:** bi-weekly, 8:30 – 10:00 p.m., Milligan House. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 5. 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.) Awesome refreshments are 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 devoted currently to the book of Proverbs.

**Saturday mornings:** bi-weekly (1st & 3rd Saturdays), 7:15 a.m., Milligan House. Hal Pendergrass leads this Bible study on the book of Colossians. Next meeting: Saturday, November 17.



## Bible Studies for Women

### *The Book of Hebrews*

**Tuesday Evenings:** weekly, 7-8:30 p.m., Milligan House, led by Melissa Nelson. Cost: one-time fee of \$30 to cover the cost of materials & supplies. Scholarships may be available if needed. No child-care available.

**Friday Mornings:** weekly, 9:15-11:30 a.m., Milligan House, led by Betty McCracken. Cost: one-time fee of \$30 to cover the cost of materials & supplies. Scholarships may be available if needed. Child-care available; nursing mothers are welcome to have their babies with them in class.

For information, contact Melissa Nelson (314-458-6229; somenelsons@gmail.com)



## Men's Social Gathering

**1st Friday of the month:** 5-6:15 p.m., Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, Webster Groves, 63119. Next meeting: Friday, December 7. For information about this or men's ministries in general, contact Ed Killeen.



## Women's Book Group

The Old Orchard Women's Book Group will meet on Saturday, November 10, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at Kelli McKie's home. The book is Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables* (abridged). For information, contact Kelli McKie or Katie Mohler.



Next  
Parlor Fellowship



Sunday,  
November 11

Hosted by Katie Mohler and Gayle Larson. Please sign up to bring food.

## OOO Directory & OOC Talk

If you are **new** and not in the OOC Directory, please fill out a form. You can either fill out a form at the church's website ([www.oldorchardchurch.org](http://www.oldorchardchurch.org)) at the bottom of the "About Us" page, or get one from Durinda Hood. Please turn in physical forms to Durinda Hood's mailbox.

**If you are not receiving OOC Talk on your e-mail and want to join**, please e-mail the church office and we will an invitation to OOC Talk sent to you.

--Durinda Hood

## 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, edited by Liz Romines, will be out Sunday, November 18. Deadline next Sunday, November 11.

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Time to Get Together Again!



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Wednesday night, November 14, 2012 At 6:45 pm

We will be voting on the following motions:

- to elect **Ben Dodd** to the office of deacon
- to elect **Mark Robertson** to the office of associate pastor
- to amend the Old Orchard Constitution as follows: changing the present quorum for congregational meetings **FROM THREE-FIFTHS**, as it currently stands, **TO ONE-HALF** (of members eligible to vote) at meetings where church officers are being elected (see OOC Constitution Article VI.E.a-c. [p.12])

If you're a member of Old Orchard Church, we need you there—your voice, your insight and your judgment, registered in your vote, on the issues before the body. And we must meet our quorum in order to vote.

***Remember that we cannot vote by proxy or absentee ballot in a church officer vote!!***

If you're not a member, and would like to come and observe the congregation's work, we'd very much like to have you! *Childcare provided for parents who sign up for it (see Mark Robertson or sign-up on sheets circulating).*

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## Save the Dates! OOO Women's 2013 Retreat

The retreat will be at Toddhall Retreat Center near Columbia, Illinois. Friday evening 6 pm February 15th to Saturday, February 16th at 5 pm. 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



11/1 .....Larry Snyder  
 11/7 ..... Jill Donovan  
 11/10 ..... Thaddaeus Woodard  
 11/12 ..... Osman Gutierrez\*\*  
 11/14 ..... Greg Roig  
 11/15 ..... Gerry Gutierrez\*\*  
 11/16 ..... Andrew Smull  
 11/17 ..... Riley Mullgardt  
 11/19 ..... Larry Chambers  
 11/22 ..... Ian McKie  
 11/23 ..... Mike Kuhn  
 11/23 ..... Luciano Pires\*\*  
 11/24 ..... Abigail Peck  
 11/28 ..... Harry Barrs  
 11/29 ..... Noah Pendergrass



**Rake-a-Thon @ Willie Lee's**

Saturday, November 10, 9 am until it is all finished.  
 A great event for the family! Bring your own rake;  
 bags will be provided.

Let Mark Robertson know that you are coming.



**OOC-supported Ministry Update**

Dear Cornerstone Supporters,

I just wanted to take a second to share a brief story and an opportunity with you in the hope that it would encourage you to see how faithful our Father is to using our efforts to bring restoration in the lives and communities that we are blessed to serve. One night this week, I received a phone call from a new tenant, R, who had walked in on the attempted burglary of her new apartment. Understandably, she was very shaken up and fearful. As I sat in her apartment with her while the police were there, I was able to learn a little more about her story.

While the police were attempting to console her, they repeatedly said to her, "You just need to get a gun," to which she replied, "I had a gun, and that was the gun that my boyfriend nearly used to kill me."

As I listened a little more, I was overwhelmed at how incredibly filled with violence, oppression, and humbling circumstances this young, single mother's life has been. In fact, as I sat there I was tempted to despair as many of the stories took place in my own community. This is not just the community that "Cornerstone serves", but our community, *my* neighbors, and there are too many stories like it: single mothers abandoned, young men growing up without fathers, anger and violence that make a people who have been oppressed and forgotten feel powerful for a moment instead of powerless under the weight of the oppression of the society in which they have always lived, and the false but temporary escape that drugs provide in that place of pain that ultimately rob dignity and life from beautiful people whom our Lord delights in and over. These things are heavy.

As I was thinking about these things, I decided to walk around and make sure that her windows were locked and her doors secure. As I walked and prayed, I found myself also overwhelmed by how loving and faithful our Father is to have placed her in community now. This time, when violence and oppression nearly came through her living room window she was able to run to a neighbor, call a landlord who cared, and quickly find herself and her son surrounded by a community of Christ's followers whose own lives can say, "We know that He sees you and He cares, we know that He is a refuge for you right now as you are afraid and the reason that we know that is because we have seen it in our own lives."

What a tremendous truth to think that He demonstrated His abiding love last night as He surrounded this woman and her son with "**his people who are helping to rebuild the places that have been ruined**", and helping her and all of us to "**build new things on our old foundations**" as He frees us from our strongholds in order that we could entrust ourselves completely to Him and to His love and purposes in our lives.

This is our very vision at Cornerstone from Isaiah 58: "Your people will rebuild the ruined things and build again on old foundations. You will be known as people who rebuild the walls, who restored the ruined places so that life and community could happen again."....

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**Editor's Note:** *I serve on the Cornerstone Board, and I can tell you that the Corporation is exceedingly thankful for Old Orchard Church, one of the very few that supports us yearly through a line-item in the Benevolences budget. We took a step of faith bringing Josh Dodson on as full-time Managing Director; this letter shows how much he is growing into the position, but our budget is now stretched to the breaking point. If anyone reading this feels moved to make a gift to Cornerstone, or would like to hear more about the Corporation, please contact me. -Jim Lowe*

## Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for November 2012

1. **Jon and Tanya Coody – St. Petersburg, Russia.** They are back in St. Pete after a time in Finland for visas. Pray for Jon as he began teaching Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, for skill in this new endeavor and that what he teaches will benefit the students. Pray for Tanya, Anna and Mark as they adjust to the Russian winter.
2. **Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Pray for physical strength and wisdom for Wilma as she teaches and mentors her many contacts in Chile. Pray for adequate help and support.
3. **Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Praise for the 90 students in the Budapest Bible school. Pray for Rob in his teaching. Also pray for Rob as he participates in a biweekly cable TV show where listeners call in, that the Gospel will be presented. Pray for an evangelism week in Romania, Nov.7-10. Pray for wisdom and patience in difficult situations in their local church.
4. **Gerry and Ruth Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** Gerry has recently been in Peru for a Prayer Breakfast and a preaching tour in the Andes. Pray for Gerry and MTW as they work together to plan his future activities. MTW has advised that he take time to heal and not return to Peru long term for 1-2 years.
5. **L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** In Switzerland give thanks for a “full house” with students from many countries. Pray for patience, strength and wisdom for the staff as well as adequate funds. In both branches, pray that they would have adequate staff and that prospective couples would overcome difficulties and be able to come to help. 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 that Dawn will have the energy to process what she is learning at Cov Sem and the opportunities to put it to use. Dawn is currently teaching a women’s Hispanic Bible Study with some non Christians. Pray that they will encounter God as they study His Word. Pray for Anna, in Spain who is not a believer yet, that she will turn to God as she is going through hard situations.
7. **Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Pray for the church outreach as they seek reconciliation among different communities such as Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims. Pray that Joseph will find time to finish his dissertation. Pray for Elfi as she works with the women’s fellowship groups.
8. **Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** Pray for protection as they will be driving to the Boston and New York area with the family Nov 1-20. Pray that the Lord will direct as they visit several churches and that He will touch hearts to support them financially. Later in the month and in November, they will be doing more traveling, by plane and car, in the west and southwest to visit family and churches. Pray for traveling mercies, that the children will do well and for good visits, in every sense.
9. **Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines.** Pray that the recent accords between the government and rebel Muslim groups will result in less danger and more opportunity to witness, especially in the southern city of Zamboanga. Pray for funds needed for repairs and projects in various ministry sites. Pray for spiritual and physical protection and strength for Rene and Lani as they continue in the many aspects of their fruitful work.
10. **Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Pray that newcomers to Trinity (the church connected to the American military base in Vicenza) will feel welcome and stick with them. Pray that the church will have a vision to reach out to the Italian community, now that they are meeting in a hotel conference room (instead of in people’s homes). Pray for Giulio, the young man in Verona with whom Joel has been meeting, that he will put his trust in Jesus. Pray for Italian Davide, that he will be able to move closer to the Rinnns.

*Thanksgiving Day  
Worship*

*Thursday,  
November 22, 2012  
10:00 a.m.*

*Please join us!*

11/4/2012



Help Decorate the Communion Table on  
Thanksgiving

You are invited to bring something Thanksgiving Day to decorate the communion table that will be brought up during the first hymn. What to bring? Fruit, vegetables, colorful leaves, berries, pumpkins, squash, flowers, pine cones, etc., or anything you think reflects the beauty of creation. Parents, this is a great opportunity to take a walk with your children and gather treasures to bring.