



# OVERTURE

The (Almost) Fortnightly Newsletter  
Of Old Orchard Church  
January 6, 2013

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 the 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.
- **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!

- **A Devotional Book for Families** Pastor Mark has created a book, entitled *The Handbook*, to help families teach their children about Christ. There are copies of this booklet at the back of the church, one for each family. Pastor Mark has describe the rationale behind the book as such: While we take the teaching of your children in the church very seriously, it is in the home where their character is primarily shaped. Families come in all different shapes and sizes, and no two families will look just alike, but the common theme I hope we all share is the instruction in the Lord, and the modeling of a Spirit-filled life. While we can push books in front of them, or spell out theological truths in detail, it is the **example** in homes where Christ is at the center that will be the most influential force in their lives. This little booklet is an idea-starter and a reminder of God's command to pass on the knowledge of God's redemption to our children.

*We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,  
his power, and the wonders he has done.  
He decreed statutes for Jacob  
and established the law in Israel,  
which he commanded our forefathers  
to teach their children,  
so the next generation would know them,  
even the children yet to be born,  
and they in turn would tell their children.*

Psalm 78: 4-6

## Sunday School News



**Sunday School Meets at 9 a.m. for both adults and children. Classes resume on January 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## ❖ Adults

Beginning January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m., Covenant Seminary student Staci King will lead us in a six-week study of the book of Jonah in the Old Testament and a short section of the Book of Acts in the New Testament (Acts 10:1-11:18). Together we will look at God's faithfulness, what it means to apply the gospel to our own lives and to the lives of others, the issue of calling, and what it looks like for us to walk against the grain of culture. Join us for this study and lively discussion each Sunday morning. Childcare provided. Please contact Margaret Killeen with any questions.

## ❖ Children

Our classroom locations for children's Sunday School are listed below.

- Ages 3-5 - preschool nursery room in the church basement
- K-2nd grade - basement of the church, in the common area
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade - upstairs in the Milligan House, in the children's worship area
- Middle School – downstairs Milligan House
- High School - downstairs Milligan House in high school area

*--Mark Robertson*

## Men's Ministries



### Bible Study

Bi-weekly Monday evenings from 8:30 – 10 pm (Milligan House)

Next meeting is January 7<sup>th</sup>. We are studying the book of James. Awesome refreshments will be served! For more information, contact Gary Glasgow, Currie Bishop, Greg Kern, or Greg Roig.

Weekly on Friday mornings from 6:30-7:30 am, at the Milligan house. Currently studying the book of Proverbs.

First and third Saturday mornings at 7:15 am, led by Hal Pendergrass. We are studying Colossians and the next meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup>.



### Men's Social

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, 5-6:15 pm at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, WG, 63119. Next social: Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. *For questions about the men's ministries, please see Ed Killeen.*

## Women's Ministries



### Women's Bible Study: Book of Hebrews

I hope you can join us as we study Hebrews! My prayer is that through studying the Word, together would learn more deeply how to "...approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

**When:** We have two studies. Choose the one at the time that works best for your schedule!

Friday mornings, 9:15 am-11:30 am. Resumes 1/11.

Tuesday Evening, 7pm-8:30pm. Resumes 1/8.

**Cost:** one-time fee of \$30 to cover the cost of materials & supplies. Scholarships may be available if needed. May pay in two installments of \$15 each time.

**Where:** Both will be at Milligan House (just across street from church)

**Leaders:** Betty McCracken on Friday mornings and Melissa Nelson on Tuesday evenings

### Childcare

--Friday Mornings. We have 3 wonderful ladies hired to lovingly care for the children in the nursery. (Nursing moms welcome to have babies in class.)

--Tuesday Evenings: No childcare available.

--Contact Melissa Nelson with any questions: [see print copy for contact info]

### Women's Retreat

The Women of Old Orchard Church are invited to the 2013 Women's Retreat to be held **February 15-16** at Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center in Columbia, Illinois. The theme is "Back to the Basics: Recovering Joy in Hospitality." We are very excited to have this time to join together for fellowship, rest, and worship. You can spend the night or commute. Brochures with details are available in the parlor.

## Women's OOC Book Club

Our next book club meeting will be on Friday, January 25th at the home of Katherine Lutjens. We will meet at 6:45 for some time of fellowship and will begin our book discussion around 7:15. Feel free to come even if you don't get the book finished (or read!) and please invite friends who might enjoy this event. If you are able to bring a treat, thank you in advance! The book we are discussing is "Raney" by Clyde Edgerton. Please contact Kelli McKie or Katie Mohler (if you want to be on the OOC book club email list or if you have any questions. See you there!

## Youth Calendar

All events on Sunday nights @ 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- ❖ January 6: Youth Group @ OOC
- ❖ January 13: Serving @ Creve Coeur Manor
- ❖ January 20: Youth Group @ OOC
- ❖ January 27: Demolition Ball!! (\$15 per person)



- ❖ **Choir:** Meets at 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays. See Greg Roig, Music Director, with questions.
- ❖ **House Church:** will meet on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Milligan House
- ❖ **Lunch @ Milligan House:** January 27<sup>th</sup> after worship. Betsy Tevebaugh will host, along with a co-host to be named later.
- ❖ **Leaders Meeting:** Ministry coordinators, elders, deacons, deaconess' will meet on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Milligan House

## Praying for our children

Pastor Mark would like to make himself available for a time of prayer for parents of children of any age. This will be a time of sharing, encouragement and prayer, from 9:30 am - 11 am on January 12, 2013 in the Milligan House. We will have special prayer meetings like this once a quarter, to share prayer requests for your own families but also to pray for others.

## **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 20, 2013**

Celebrating the Gospel of Life Service: Please mark your calendars for Sunday night, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church (1230 Big Bend Rd., Ballwin, MO 63021) as there will be gathering for a service of worship celebrating the Gospel that gives life for PCA local churches (other churches are invited too). Free child care will be available for birth through age three.

### **Hospitality Ministry Meets**

To all OOC women interested in participating in the Hospitality Ministry at OOC, please mark your calendars! We are having our BIG annual meeting on Saturday, **January 19<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30-11:30a.m. at the Milligan House. We will be discussing the various Hospitality events for 2013, so please come if you interested in finding out more about all the hospitality goings-on at OOC. The Hospitality Ministry covers many different areas, including Parlor Fellowships, Milligan House lunches, our Easter breakfast buffet, Christmas party, Presbytery meetings, special events at the Milligan House, and baby and wedding showers. We heartily welcome OOC "old-timers" and new members! Your presence and help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Mohler).

### **Snow-Removal Sign Up!!**

Over the winter months, we need help shoveling snow off the sidewalks around the Milligan House and the church. It would be ideal for two people to sign up to work together on the sidewalks on both properties to lighten the load and also if one person cannot make it for some reason. Sign up for a week or multiple weeks. If it doesn't snow that week, then there is no work to do. Please include your phone number or email, whichever is the easiest to reach you. If you have any questions, please contact **Bill Grady** or **Ben Dodd**.



## Foreign Missions Prayer Requests for January 2013

- 1. Jon and Tanya Coody – St. Petersburg, Russia.** Pray for Jon as he teaches in the St. Petersburg Christian University, preparing men to serve in the churches there. Pray especially as he ministers to a separate group of men, many of whom are from difficult backgrounds, who are already pastors. Pray for Tanya and the children as they endure the cold and lack of sunshine.
- 2. Wilma Cross – Santiago, Chile.** Praise for the changed lives that result from Wilma's ministry. [See FM Bulletin Board] Pray for spiritual and physical strength as she leads seminars and ministers to individuals. Pray for the Lord to touch hearts to support her financially. As of November, she had received just over half of what was needed in 2012 for her personal support as well as the cost of the ministry.
- 3. Rob and Tünde Futo – Budapest, Hungary.** Praise for successful Christmas concerts. Pray for difficult situations in their local church, that Rob would have patience and wisdom. Pray for Rob in his busy schedule teaching, preaching and leading of various outreach activities in Budapest.
- 4. Gerry Gutierrez – Huanta, Peru.** Pray for Gerry as he serves the Lord in whatever capacity the Lord directs him and the mission board. Pray that the specific ministry that the Lord has for him will clarify as time goes on. Pray for comfort as he continues to grieve and adjust to the loss of Ruthie.
- 5. L'Abri Fellowship – England and Switzerland.** In Switzerland, the new term began January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pray for a good mix of students and wisdom and energy for the staff. Pray for needed funds. Pray for those who care for Mrs. Schaeffer (age 98!) on a daily basis. In England, the new term begins January 28<sup>th</sup>. Pray for good rest for the staff and that the Lord will bring the students of His choice. In both branches, pray for sufficient staff.
- 6. Dawn Miller – Madrid, Spain.** As Dawn is making plans to return to Spain (after she finishes at Covenant), pray for a team of five to go with her. Pray for her witness to her family while she is here. Pray for the women (and their husbands) in the Hispanic Bible study she is teaching here. From Spain, pray for Fran and Pepe as they are looking for work while studying in Paris...that they will see their need for the Gospel.

**7. Joseph and Elfi Muutuki – Nairobi, Kenya.** Praise that after several years of hard work, Joseph has completed his dissertation! Pray for his teaching at Daystar University and that the church will be a means of reconciliation among different communities (such as Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims) many of them from India. Pray for Elfi as she works with the women's fellowship groups.

**8. Luciano and Luciene Pires – Goiania, Brazil.** Praise that several churches have committed to or shown interest in giving ongoing financial support. Pray that these churches and individuals will follow through and gifts will arrive. Pray for their final days in the US (they leave Jan 21) including a visit to OOC on Jan 20. Pray for funds for their immediate needs and their readjustment to life in Brazil.

**9. Rene and Lani Quimbo – Mindanao, Philippines.** Praise for \$1,938 that was given by individuals at OOC that has been sent for the typhoon relief! They will use these funds to replace crops in their "work for food" program. Pray that many of the trees and other crops can be saved. Pray that the Lord will use this tragedy to bring people to depend on Him. [See FM Bulletin Board for pictures.]

**10. Joel and Jessica Rinn – Verona, Italy.** Pray for further contact with a German man (Adrian) who Joel shared the Gospel with on an airplane trip. Pray that in the church plant in Vicenza a Bible Study will develop. Pray for contacts Joel and Jessica have had with Italian unbelievers in their home town: Emanuela and Pilar (mothers at the children's schools) and Mario and Renza. Pray for the Lord to work in their hearts.



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### **Great News From Cornerstone! And Many Thanks!**

As many of you know Cornerstone Corporation has been working hard to finish our Stone of Hope property by mid March. Besides the upstairs that is already rented to a family, the downstairs will provide two efficiency apartments for women transitioning from the Grace and Peace homeless women's winter shelter. The amount of funds needed and the amount of work to restore the dilapidated building were great. Despite these challenges the Lord has answered all of our prayers in a powerful way. We sent



out a newsletter in the last two weeks of December stating that we still needed around \$12,000 to finish the building. In those two weeks we received numerous donations and as of December 31, 2012 by 3:00 pm we had received just over the \$12,000! Praise the Lord! Through the countless hours of volunteer sweat equity, a committed group of prayer warriors, and the overwhelming generosity of individuals/churches/foundations we have raised enough funds to complete this building on schedule, Lord willing. Through this effort of so many Cornerstone is able to continue extending hope through the love of Christ and the provision of safe and affordable housing. Thank you thank you thank for your recent support. May we all remember that the Lord is the who one sustains all of his creation and who has reconciled us to himself. (Ps 103-104)

Psalm 103:1-6 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed."

*—Phyllis Wheeler, board member of Cornerstone Corporation  
Jim Lowe also serves on the board of Cornerstone*

Thank You from the Robertson's: We thank you, Old Orchard, for your great generosity to us this Christmas with your staff gift; you continue to bring joy to our hearts and it is truly a blessing to be here in this church family. I hope you all had a tremendous Christmas and a happy, happy New Year!

*Mark & Marci Robertson*

Thank you from the Hood's: Brothers & Sisters at OOC, At Christmas time the congregation was asked again to give the staff a Christmas gift, and I am amazed once more at your generosity, for I never assume anything, especially the amount. Thank you again for sharing with us this gift. It is practical, and a great encouragement!

*Durinda Hood for the Hoods*

## Nominations for Deaconess, Deacon or Elder

**When we nominate:** During the months of January and February. (It's that time of year again!)

**Who nominates:** Any adult **member** of Old Orchard Church can nominate candidates. But four other members must also join in the nomination.

**Who gets nominated:** Any man who is a **member** of Old Orchard Church who is thought to be qualified for either the office of elder or deacon, and any woman who is a **member** and thought to be qualified for the ministry of deaconess—all according to the criteria set out in the Word of God (deacon: Acts 6:1-6; I Timothy 3:8-10, 12-13; deaconess: I Timothy 3:11; Romans 16:1-2; elder: 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4.) **TO NOMINATE SOMEONE MEANS YOU BELIEVE HE OR SHE MAY WELL HAVE THE GIFTS AND CALLING TO BE A DEACON, ELDER, OR DEACONESS, AND SHOULD EXPLORE THIS WITH THE SESSION BY ENTERING THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.**

**The nomination itself:** The nomination **must be in writing**, must include a statement as to why the nominator believes the person should be considered, **must be signed by the nominator and four other members** of Old Orchard Church, and must be turned in directly to an elder.

**Whom to approach in a nomination:** The member nominating should **first approach the Session** with a written nomination, *not the person being nominated*. The Session will then take the nomination and approach the individual with it. This is not “going behind the person’s back;” but rather, by allowing the elders to approach people with the fact that at least five members of the fellowship believe they may have the gifts and calling for this work, we heighten the need for them to seriously consider it before the Lord. If, after careful prayer and discussion with the elders and others, the nominated person concludes God is not calling him or her at least to go through the apprenticeship program, the nomination can be declined, or postponed, and that is the end of the matter.

Either the Session or the person nominated will inform all signatories to the nomination as to whether or not the nomination is being accepted and the apprenticeship entered.

**Apprenticeship period:** Those people nominated have through March to think, pray, meet with other officers and with the Session as they try to discern God’s leading as to whether to go into the apprenticeship program. The apprenticeship may begin as soon as all those considering it have made up their minds. But it shall be under way **no later than April 1**, and goes through October.

**Time of elections:** Elections shall normally be held in mid-November.

## Miscellaneous

Kelsey Reed (along with Greg Roig, Nate McKie, and Kelli McKie) shared this song with the congregation during worship on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The lyrics are reproduced below.

We cry "Peace, peace!", but we bring no peace;  
forsaking truth for our own ways;  
hands turn to fists, failing at mercy  
God, you have numbered all our days.

We look to men for our provision--  
to kings and princes for our feasts.  
But we still hunger for salvation,  
and, captive, cry for our release.

Now to us a child is born, to us a son is given  
and the government shall be upon His head.  
Yet His crown shall be of thorns, and His body shall be riven,  
that the peace of His reign should know no end.

Fools, we lean yet on earthly wisdom  
Worship the work of our own hands  
When shall we bow before your Kingship  
plead, "Jesus, come and heal our land!" ?

Now to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given  
and the government shall be upon His head.  
Yet His crown shall be of thorns, and His body shall be riven,  
that the peace of His reign should know no end.

Now to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given  
And the strength of His Kingdom shall increase.  
we shall call Him "Wonderful - the Everlasting Father  
Almighty God, Prince of Peace"

"Peace, Peace!" - from Jeremiah 6, Isaiah 9, and Luke 1  
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## OOO Directory: New Edition Imminent

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.olderchardchurch.org](http://www.olderchardchurch.org) at the bottom of the "About Us" page, or get one from Durinda Hood. Please turn in a physical form to Durinda Hood's mailbox.

If you are a regular attendee and are in the current directory, we want your update! If you have e-mail, you will be contacted via e-mail during the month of January. Please reply as soon as you can!



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

## 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, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for submissions is next Sunday, January 13. Editor: Liz Romines.

New Editors needed! See Durinda Hood for the 411.



## January Birthdays

8/1.....Rob Futo\*\*  
8/1..... Hannah Nelson  
1/1..... Kara Schmalhofer  
1/1..... Jane Winter  
1/2..... Deanna Ford  
1/4..... Kathie Poe  
1/7..... Jacob Mohler  
1/7..... Ann Stuber  
1/9..... Sarah Kern  
1/10 .....Betsy Tevebaugh  
1/10 .....Jon Woodard  
1/14 ..... Hudson Bishop  
1/15 ..... Mila Pires\*\*  
1/18 ..... Benjamin Gerlach  
1/22 ..... Sue Taussig  
1/22 ..... Aaron Wilke  
1/23 ..... Vicki Barrs  
1/23 ..... Eleanor Bishop  
1/24 ..... Keila Gutierrez\*\*  
1/27 ..... Elizabeth Grady  
1/28 ..... Mark Longbrake  
1/29 ..... Anne Muutuki\*\*  
1/29 ..... Karen Reinheimer  
1/30 ..... Beth Schelske  
1/30 ..... Russell Tamm  
1/31 ..... Annie Kuhn

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



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