



OVERTURE

The (Almost) Fortnightly Newsletter
Of Old Orchard Church
January 20, 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 am (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 1st. Children who turn three from September-December are invited to attend preschool worship starting January 1st.
- **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 around 10:50 am.
- **Children's Worship** for children in grades 1-5; it meets at the Milligan House, across the street from the church. 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. –Mark Robertson

Sunday School News



Sunday School Meets at 9 am for both adults and children.

❖ **Adults**

On January 13th, we began the first week of a six-week study on the book of Jonah in the Old Testament and a 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 and our leader, Covenant Seminary Student Staci King, for this study and a lively discussion each Sunday morning. Childcare provided. Please contact Margaret Killeen with any questions.

❖ **New Members Class**

The New Members class began last Sunday, but you can still come! Anyone wanting to learn more about Old Orchard Church is invited. For those who want to become members, the class is required. Pastor Ron Lutjens is leading and you are welcome to approach him 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
- 3rd - 5th 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

Men's Ministries



Bible Study

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

Next meeting is January 21st. We are studying the book of James. Awesome refreshments will be served! For more information, contact Gary Glasgow, Greg Kern, or Greg Roig.

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

First and third Saturday mornings at 7:15 am, led by Hal Pendergrass. We are studying Colossians and the next meeting is February 2.



Men's Social

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

Women's Ministries



Women's Bible Study: Book of Hebrews

Our two studies of Hebrews have resumed Tuesday evenings, and Friday mornings.

When:

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

Tuesday Evening, 7pm-8:30pm.

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

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.)

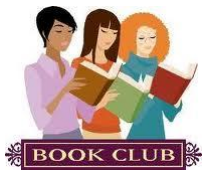
--Tuesday Evenings: No childcare available.

--Contact Melissa Nelson with any questions.



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. Arrival time for the retreat is between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm on Friday, February 15th (dinner is not provided) and you are welcome to stay until 5 pm on Saturday (breakfast and lunch are provided). **The registration deadline is Sunday, January 27th.** Brochures with details are available in the parlor. Please turn in completed forms and payments to Annie Kuhn or Heather Sparkman or the Women's Ministry mailbox in the coatroom.



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!



- ❖ **Choir:** Meets at 7:15 pm on Thursdays. See Greg Roig, Music Director, with questions.
- ❖ **Lunch @ Milligan House:** January 27th after worship in honor of **Currie and Abby Bishop** who has passed ordination exams and has accepted a call to pastor in Carbondale, Illinois so will be leaving Old Orchard. Betsy Tevebaugh will host, along with a co-host to be named later.
- ❖ **Stated Session Meeting:** January 22nd at 5:30 pm at the Milligan House.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 20, 2013

You invited to attend the **Gospel of Life Service** tonight, January 20th, at 6 pm at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church. Twin Oaks is located at 1230 Big Bend Rd., Ballwin, MO 63021. This is a PCA service of worship celebrating the Gospel that gives life (other churches are invited too). Free child care will be available for birth through age three.

Parents' Night Out to Support Ana Beatriz!

Ana Beatriz is a young girl who lives in northeast Brazil. The Sunday School classes have adopted her, through Compassion International, as their project of mercy, so please consider helping the cause by participating with this fund raiser. Our donations help provide food, clothing, and education to Ana Beatriz. The offerings of the children in Sunday School and this fundraiser will make it possible to continue to support Ana and to help our children understand the value of helping someone in need. And don't forget to pray for Ana Beatriz as a family!

The Sunday School teachers will be conducting a fundraiser for Ana Beatriz, who we support through Compassion International, on the evening of Saturday, January 26th. This fundraiser sends you out on a date, and we take care of the babysitting! Take that special person out for dinner, pay us to watch the little ones, and help support Ana Beatriz. We'll be open for business, at the church building, from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Sign up for a time by emailing Mark Robertson.

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**.



Post

Thank you from the Beverly Condray: Dear Old Orchard Church Family: I am deeply grateful to you for your overwhelming generosity to me with your staff gift at Christmas. What an amazing surprise! I am so very blessed to be your accompanist and a part of your church family. Thank you again for your wonderful gift! Blessings to all of you!

In His love, Beverly

From the Schaefers in Kenya: (From a Christmas card sent to the Foreign Missions Ministry. See the card and a photo on the FM Bulletin Board)

Greetings from Nairobi, Kenya in the name of our Lord Jesus! Thank you for all your encouragement and support to propel us toward serving the Lord in Kenya. God has provided for our every need up to this point and we rejoice over His kingdom advancing in Kenya (though the people have to work so hard just to live). This has humbled us greatly and taught us much. James is thriving – memorizing Bible stories and is on his third trip this week in rural Kenya, teaching the creation story, Jacob wrestling, sacrifice of Isaac, and Cain and Abel. (Others teach the rest).

Please pray for James' sleep – he hasn't been sleeping well. Also, we do not have transportation from January to March and are asking God to provide a car. Also please continue to pray for God to provide a clear calling for our next step.

We look forward to visiting with you upon our return. Please see more of our time at www.sharingourlives.wordpress.com

Sincerely in Christ, Jen, James, and Nathan

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.



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 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! **Please update us by Sunday, February 3rd.**



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. OOC Talk is a discussion group via e-mail for OOC attendees.

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, February 3rd. Deadline for submissions is Sunday, January 27th. Editor: Liz Romines.

New Editors needed! See Durinda Hood for the 411.



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