



# Overture

The Pretty Much  
Fortnightly Newsletter of

Old Orchard Church

**April 20, 2014**

## Easter

by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Break the box and shed the nard;  
Stop not now to count the cost;  
Hither bring pearl, opal, sard;  
Reck not what the poor have lost;  
Upon Christ throw all away:  
Know ye, this is Easter Day.

Build His church and deck His shrine,  
Empty though it be on earth;  
Ye have kept your choicest wine--  
Let it flow for heavenly mirth;  
Pluck the harp and breathe the horn:  
Know ye not 'tis Easter morn?

Gather gladness from the skies;  
Take a lesson from the ground;  
Flowers do ope their heavenward eyes  
And a Spring-time joy have found;  
Earth throws Winter's robes away,  
Decks herself for Easter Day.

Beauty now for ashes wear,  
Perfumes for the garb of woe.  
Chaplets for dishevelled hair,  
Dances for sad footsteps slow;  
Open wide your hearts that they  
Let in joy this Easter Day.

Seek God's house in happy throng;  
Crowded let His table be;  
Mingle praises, prayer and song,  
Singing to the Trinity.  
Henceforth let your souls always  
Make each morn an Easter Day.

*The Poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins*, ed. W. H. Gardner and N. H. MacKenzie, on pages 34-35.  
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--submitted by Will Barker

## Easter

by George Herbert

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him mayst rise:  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part  
With all thy art.  
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,  
Who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song  
Pleasant and long:  
Or, since all music is but three parts vied  
And multiplied,  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

From *The Temple* (1633).

--submitted by Jim Lowe

The Lord is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

# Alleluia!!!

# 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.

## *Sundays @ a glance*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

### **IT'S IN THE BAG!**

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! **Please remember to return the bags to the bins in the hallway at the end of the service.**

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Arbeit macht die Kirche süß

#### **SEMI-ANNUAL OOC WORK DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

Please plan to help maintain our buildings and grounds by coming from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for our spring Work Day! Come morning or afternoon. Sign-up on the sheets circulating today. Lunch is provided.

## *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** for children in grades 1-5 is held in the Milligan House; listen for dismissal time to be announced. See Alyssa Catlin if you have questions.

Mark  
your  
calendars!



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Classes for all ages begin at 9:00 a.m.

## Adult Classes

*Echoes of Eden in Poetry*, led by Jill Donovan, will end after Sunday, April 27.

**Next class:** *Life Lessons from Apologists I Admire*, led by Mark Ryan, will meet May 4, 11, & 18. This 3 week class will serve as an accessible introduction to three well-known Reformed apologists. Our mornings together will commence with some word of biography, move into outlining the apologetic method adopted, and conclude with some broad points of application or 'life lessons'. As some in our midst will have met these men and others will have read their works, discussion will also be encouraged. The three apologists we will focus on are: Cornelius Van Til (May 4), Francis A Schaeffer (May 11), and Richard B. Keyes (May 18). (Please note: The nature of this short class is practical, rather than philosophical; it is more geared toward re-introducing these men than it is to engaging in a deep study of apologetic theory).

**New Members Class** continues; see Ron Lutjens for questions. This class meets in the Milligan House dining room.



## News You Can Use



## Men's Ministries

### Bible Studies:

◆Bi-weekly **Monday evenings** from 8:30 – 10 p.m. (Milligan House); awesome refreshments will be served! For more information, contact Gary Glasgow or Greg Roig. **Next study is Monday, April 21**.

◆Weekly on **Friday mornings** from 6:30-7:30 a.m., Milligan House. For more information, contact Brad Smull or Ed Killeen.

### Men's Social

◆First Friday of the month, 5-6:15 p.m., at Llewelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, WG, 63119. Next meeting: **Friday, May 2**.

*For questions about the Men's Ministries, please see Ed Killeen.*

## Women's Ministries

### Morning & Evening Bible Studies

Ladies, we welcome you to attend either study.

**Times:** Tuesday mornings -- 9:15-11:30 am  
Thursday evenings -- 7:00-8:30 pm

**Location:** Both are at Milligan House (639 Amelia)

**What we're studying:** The Book of Romans.

**Leaders:** **Betty McCracken** (morning) & **Dawn Miller** (evening).

**Format:** Discussion format ending with prayer time. Fellowship time, too.

**Childcare:** Available for morning study for \$3/family. (Confidential financial help is available; see Melissa Nelson.)

*Please note: no childcare offered for the evening study.*

**Questions?** Dawn Miller or Betty McCracken.

## 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*). Next issue is out on Sunday, May 4 with articles due next Sunday, April 27. Editor to be announced.

**New occasional editors are welcome to serve. See Durinda Hood.**

Mail

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Hal and I can hardly find the words to express our gratitude for everyone's many, many expressions of love: cards, words of encouragement and hope, books, flowers, food, gift cards, patience with my lack of communication the first 2 months, prayer visits, helps of every sort, and most precious--your prayers. I really leaned on that knowledge that you were praying. You have truly been His love fleshed out to us through the church, and feeling His love happened to be exactly what I think He allowed me to be flattened for. It is rare for me to be thankful for hardship...it's not my style... but I can truly say that I am glad this infection caused, and is still causing, such havoc, as He has hounded and pursued me with His love, bringing me to a place that I needed to be. I have learned so much as I have been unable to do a thing but lay and listen and learn to be more intimate with Him, to *listen* rather than hurling my requests at Him and "submitting with boundaries." I still am learning, and old habits are hard to break, but as He slowly heals my ability to digest food, He is also slowly healing my heart to be more able to grasp just how much He loves me, and to listen more to Him and His word. It's amazing how the simple first-learned concepts of the gospel need to be re-learned and remembered over and over...40 and more years after one first understands and accepts the Gospel as true. Truly we are like sheep....

C.S. Lewis says, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains." So true. Christ's victory on the cross this season is especially sweet to Hal and me this year, and you have all have been powerful tools in His hands to make it sweeter. Many, many thanks.

--Deb Pendergrass

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*This letter was sent to us with this note: Dear Ron and Durinda, Chuck asked that I forward this email to you and OOC. It's a thrilling testament to God. He would like it published in the Overture...*

Warmly, Dot Branson

Apr 12, 2014 1:19 AM

Hey Dot,

Chuck here. We are so blessed to have so many good Christian friends. Thank you so much for praying for Sandra. In prayer, I hope for the best outcome but remain confident in God's plan. That being said, I am very pleased and my faith has been strengthened that God's plan worked out to be so good here. If I may tell a short story about this whole ordeal: All of Sandra's friends have been questioning her about faith and why Sandra was relaxed going into the operation period. She told them repeatedly that Jesus loves her and that the God (don't know exactly what she told them) of the Bible was in charge and would take care of her. My family, especially my brother & his wife and my Buddhist sister, all admitted to the strangeness of this whole time of praying for Sandra. My brother and his wife, who don't pray often (so I get the feeling, maybe I'm completely wrong) said that whenever they and their kids thought about Sandra they immediately felt led to pray and did so. They said it was the most strange feeling they've had with prayer. My sister, in her own way, said she prayed too, but without focusing on anything Biblical.

When after the surgery I heard that everything went perfectly, I emailed my family "total success" and my brother's response was amazing. He just wrote one word: Unreal. My beautiful wife is healed from this tumor and the people around us have a fairly high belief that prayer worked and that the God of the Bible and Jesus were involved. What a great testimony to God's faithfulness to us His beloved children.

Please pass my incredible thanks to everyone at OOC who prayed for us.

**Lawn Mowing Season Begins**

In addition to our own lawn-mowing needs, Old Orchard is working in partnership with Webster-Rock Hill Ministries to care for the lawn of a disabled man who lives in Rock Hill named Willie Lee. Willie has cerebral palsy and is a client of WRHM.

If you're interested in mowing for either the church's property or Willie's property (200 Lithia Avenue 63119), please sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Grady (OOC/Milligan House lawn) or Kelly Hendrick (Willie's lawn).

## **Basket Cases?**

*Forty* Easter Baskets for kids were delivered to Webster Rock Hill Ministries on Monday, April 14. Thank you for filling those baskets! Thanks to Debbie Pendergrass for the ribbon (whose supply seems to be endless). And thanks to our preparation crew: Janice Beekman (who prepared 40 sets of ribbons!), Maggie Gao, Valerie Powers, Linda Lemen, Karen Reinheimer. Hand knitted dolls made by Teddy McCaughey were added to 26 of the baskets.

Here's our delivery crew (Valerie Powers and Maggie Gao) getting ready to get more baskets to their cars and take them to WRHM's office. See photos on the Mercy Ministry bulletin board.



## **“Law, Sin, Grace, and Love”--An Invitation**

Some of you were at the Old Orchard Talent Show on March 30th and saw a preview of the one-man dramatic performance I've been working on. I wanted to send a message out to everyone about the full performance coming up and encourage you to come and see it so I can get feedback.

What I'm presenting is a dramatic version of Paul's letter to the Romans, word-for-word from the NIV, in almost its entirety (I abridge the last couple of chapters). While presenting it, I am using visuals to emphasize Paul's message and keep the audience engaged and hopefully following the flow. I call the show “Law, Sin, Grace, and Love” as the book covers so many aspects of each of those truths of our world and the plan of salvation.

After the show, I am holding a Q&A and hope people will stay and ask questions and provide feedback on what works and doesn't work about the show. My goal is to have something I can present to various audiences in Saint Louis and beyond, and I'm relying on my friends at Old Orchard to help me refine it. I hope you all can come.

Here are the details:

**Law, Sin, Grace, and Love**  
**Sunday, May 4, starting at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Old Orchard Church Sanctuary**

You are welcome to invite guests, but I'm mainly hoping for friends at this performance as it will be the first time to show it to an audience. My plan is to have another performance in a couple of months where people can bring their friends and invite others, and have some of the rough spots ironed out.

If you would plan to come only if there is childcare, let me know and I'll work with Mark Robertson to see what we can do.

Thanks!  
Nate McKie