

# OOO Tidbits...November 25, 2007

A publication of Old Orchard Church

## Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

We welcome you to our worship. If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard & what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms. Also, we invite you to use our **child care services** for infants through children in kindergarten (see below).

## Children's Ministries During Worship

**Nursery** is offered for infants & children through kindergarten age. Our nurseries are in the church building's 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 grades 1-5. Dismissed at 10:50 a.m.



## Next Parlor Fellowship

Our next parlor fellowship is in two weeks, Sunday, December 9, the second Sunday in Advent. **Menu:** Holiday Sweetbread or Muffins (cranberry, pumpkin, etc.), Vegetables and Dip, 1 pound Cheese (cubed or sliced), Egg Nog or Boiled Custard (2 quarts or 1/2 gallon). Our **hostess** is Kathy Jennings; please contact her if you have questions.

Help us provide gifts and food to families  
and children in need!

Opportunities for children to give to other children!  
See the tree in the parlor or the back of this page!

## Day of Prayer and Fasting

The Session has called for a day of prayer and fasting for this Wednesday, November 28, in connection with our pastoral evaluations and the evaluation of our church's life and ministry. This is required by our church Constitution, but it's

a very good discipline: to seek the Lord's face in a special way as we reflect on our strengths and weaknesses as a church family, and on the strengths and weaknesses of our pastors.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> we will meet in the Milligan House at 6:45 a.m. for a half-hour of worship together, then go our separate ways into our work. All community groups are being asked to focus their prayers that night on the needs of the congregation and especially on our future as Old Orchard Church. We hope you will join us!

—The Session

### **Sunday School News**

No adult and children's classes today, but to resume next Sunday, December 2. Sunday School is offered to children age three years through high school.

### **Teen Fellowship Schedule**

**No Teen Fellowship** today, Sunday, November 25.

**Teen Fellowship:** Sunday, December 2nd HARVEST NIGHT!!! Which means bring a friend. Bowling! \$6. 6-8 pm.

**Schedule CHANGE:** Our Christmas Party will be on Sunday December 9th (not the 16th). 6th graders are welcome to come to this also. December 16th is the churchwide Lessons and Carols. December 23rd is the churchwide Neighborhood Christmas Caroling.

See Mark Tucker if you have any questions.

### **OOO Leaf Raking/Bush Planting/ Window Washing Day**

This Saturday, December 1 starting at 9 a.m.

We need a leaf-raking crew and help with other tasks!! The next day (December 2) is the **Webster Holiday House Tour** that Old Orchard is on so we want the grounds and building to be ready for our guests! Someone outside the fellowship just gave us a generous gift of \$1,000 for landscaping, so we bought some bushes and want to get them planted as well. See info below about the House Tour below if you were wondering about it!

### **Webster Holiday House Tour**

*For those who are wondering....*

Each year the Hixson Middle School Parent Teacher Organization sponsors a **Webster Holiday House Tour**. This year it will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 2. Usually they choose only residences in the area, but for the first time they decided to put a church on the tour—and the opportunity was given to us! The tour will feature six homes along with Old Orchard and all will be decorated for the holidays. Tickets to attend the tour are \$15. The tour offers complimentary refreshments, a gift boutique and raffles in the PV Commons at the High School. For more information about all the featured homes & OOC on the tour, with pictures of each and how to get tickets, go to the website for Webster Groves School District at:

<http://www.webster.k12.mo.us/education/district/district.php?sectionid=1> and choose "Hixson PTO Holiday House Tour Details".

We will be offering light refreshments and extending an invitation to our Lessons and Carols as people leave our building. A few folks from our Arts Ministry will be decorating our building for the Tour. It is expected that as many as 500 people may come through our building.

### **English Conversations Class**

Fridays: 4:30 p.m. Milligan House.

### **Men's Bible Study**

Sat., December 1 at Milligan House, 7:15 a.m.  
See Hal Pendergrass or Ben Kraft for questions.

### **Congregational Meeting**

*Please remember: we need you at the congregational meeting on **Wednesday, December 5** at 6:45 p.m..* We will be voting that night on a few Constitutional amendments; listening to the ruling elders' summary of the pastoral evaluations and as well as to statements by our pastors, Mark and Ron; and finally, voting on whether to retain them as pastors.

**Child care** will be offered, but please sign-up for using it by December 2.

**New Life Presbyterian Church**, PCA has moved to a new location at 3625 Shackleford Road, Florissant, MO 63031. Tonight they are having a 'Prayer and Dedication Ceremony' at 7 pm. Ron Steel will preach and Dan Perrin will bring the charge. Do pray for them. Their website is [www.newlifepresbyterian.com](http://www.newlifepresbyterian.com).

### **Adopt a Family for Christmas & More**

**See the tree today in the parlor.**

We invite you to help provide for these families and children in Christ's name. We have adopted two families from Webster-Rock Hill Ministries program—providing **gifts** (represented by red or gold ornaments), **food**, and if possible **utility assistance**; providing 10 gifts to children of those who are presently incarcerated (these are paper **green and red angels**) through the ministry of Mission Gate; 5 cash/check gifts of \$25 each for families in need in Brazil (represented by a **paper flag of Brazil**); and small gifts \$5 to 10 range (some may be even cost less) for both the three year old we adopted through Webster Rock Hill Ministries, and the children of the ladies served by the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter (represented by the **lavender** smaller ornaments).

**Children in the congregation** Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to take the **lavender** ornaments. (If the smaller ornaments are not all taken by December 2, then anyone (teens or adults) can take a smaller gift ornament.) **Teens:** there are 8 teens signed up for a smaller gift—please consider taking one of those ornaments and getting the gift!

You can also **contribute funds** instead of purchasing a gift and we will use it toward the families' needs (certificate for fresh food or meat, utility assistance, to supplement food or gifts that have been donated, etc.). Please write checks to Old Orchard Church and designate it "Adopt a Family."

We're asking also for **non-perishable food** items for the families.

Mission Gate holds Christmas Parties for the children receiving gifts. Volunteers are recruited to help with these parties. One party is held at Westminster Christian Academy on Saturday, December 15 (1-3 p.m.) and the other one is in Steelville, Missouri on Sunday, December 16, (5-7 p.m.). If you want to volunteer, contact Reyna at Mission Gate, 636.391.8832.

See last week's bulletin insert for more details. Copies are posted and on the table in the parlor.

Thanks, Durinda Hood for the Mercy Ministry



### **BABIES, BABIES AND MORE BABIES**

Baby Shower for **Margaret Wilke and Andrea Curry**

Where: Milligan House

When: Saturday, December 8, at 10 a.m.

All OOC women are invited to a baby shower for Margaret Wilkie and Andrea Curry. The Wilke family will welcome their new baby in January as will the Curry family in February. Margaret is registered at Babies R Us and Andrea's wish list is on <http://www.listideas.com/curryba/profile>.

If your budget is tight this holiday season you can contribute to a group gift for each expectant mother. Please give your contribution to Michelle Kraft by Sunday, December 2.

If you are able to bring a plate of refreshments 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.

### **An Invitation**

Ben and Michelle Kraft are proud to invite you to our **Open House** at our new **SIGNKRAFT** showroom. Please drop in on Friday, December 7, from 4 until 8 p.m. as we celebrate with food, beverages, gifts and prizes.

**Our showroom is located at**  
**9051-A Watson Road, Crestwood, MO 63126**  
(Just east of Crestwood Mall behind Applebee's)

Come and see the many signs and graphics  
we have to offer!

### **Kids: Reminder!**

### **Christmas Craft Sale Opportunity!**

Christmas Craft Sale again! Kids 18 years and younger are invited to make Christmas presents that they can show and sell to others in the fellowship. Date of the sale: **Sunday, December 16** after worship. If you plan to make things this

year, please let Kelli McKie know at 636.230.5754 or e-mail Kelli at [kelli@bajink.com](mailto:kelli@bajink.com).

### **Overture Articles Due**

You can send your submissions for our newsletter via e-mail to the church office ([office@oldorchardchurch.org](mailto:office@oldorchardchurch.org)) **or** you can place your signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat closet). Electronic submissions welcomed, but not required. **Deadline today** for the next issue which will be out next week on December 2. We have a rotating crew of *Overture* editors; the next editor is Melissa Nelson.

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