

OOC Tidbits

December 30, 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. Doesn't meet the fifth Sunday of the month (today). For children grades 1-5.

Teen Fellowship Schedule

- Teens are encouraged to help Jason Bartlett and his wife, Amy-Ruth, move in on Saturday, January 5 at 2 p.m. Details to come. Jason will be meeting soon with the Session, looking to be confirmed as our new Youth and Family Intern.
- No Teen Fellowship or Sunday School until Jan. 6, 2008.

Pastor Mark Away

Mark and Alice Tucker are away: December 22-31.

Church Office Closed

New Year's Eve, December 31, 2007
& New Year's Day, January 1, 2008

Community Group Leaders to Meet

Community Group Leaders will meet after the parlor fellowship on January 6 in Milligan House on the second floor. Bring a bag lunch if you wish.

Ladies: Mark your Calendar

The ladies in the church are invited to meet with representatives of the Session on Sunday evening, **February 3**, 6:30 p.m. to discuss the needs of the women in the church and how they might be met. More to follow. Meanwhile, correct your calendar from last week's announcement (it was changed), or put this date for the first time on your calendar!

Sunday School News

No Sunday School today. Classes will resume next Sunday, January 6. Sunday School is offered to children age three years through high school. Adults: "Used By God" (Part 2) Adult Sunday School continues at Milligan House. The New Members Class will begin to meet with Ron Lutjens also January 6.

Overture & Tidbits Notes

The next *Overture* will be out next Sunday, January 6. You are invited to write for it! We welcome submissions of articles, art, short essays, poetry, etc. You can send your submissions for our newsletter via e-mail to the church office or you can place your signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). Church office e-mail: office@oldorchardchurch.org. We have a rotating crew of *Overture* editors; Jim Lowe is editor for next week. The *Tidbits* comes out again on the 13th. Brief announcements may be submitted for it to the church office.

Millsaps Chamber Choir Singers

The Millsaps Chamber Singers, an excellent chamber choir from Millsaps College in Jackson, MS will be performing at Old Orchard Church on Monday evening, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. Millsaps is Kelli and Nate McKie's alma mater, and since the group still has the same director as when they attended the school, they can personally attest to the amazing quality of the group. All invited!

Hosts for Singers Still Needed!

We also still need six families willing to host two or more of the 28 students and chaperones in their home for Monday night. All this means is that the students you are hosting would ride home with you after the concert, sleep at your house that evening, and be returned to OOC on Tuesday morning so that they can begin the next leg of their trip. This is always a very positive experience for the students and the host families, and an opportunity for our church to demonstrate hospitality. We have committed to the group that we will find enough places for them, so we need people to volunteer. If you know that you would be interested in hosting, please contact Nate or Kelli McKie (636-230-5754/nate@bajink.com) or sign up on the sign up sheet.

Annual Hospitality Ministry Meeting.

Save the date for Saturday January 12th. We will gather in Milligan House for a look back on 2007, brainstorm about ways to improve this ministry, and look

ahead for events in 2008. The Hospitality Ministry includes monthly parlor fellowships and fellowship meals, meals for families of newborns and refreshments for congregational meetings. In addition, this year we will be hosting the spring Presbytery meeting. We have a group of folks who have served in the past, but we are always looking for new faces. Please talk to Kathy Jennings about becoming involved.

Cathajane (Gamble) Rieger Shower

A baby shower will be held Sunday, January 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Milligan House. Catha and John, previously members of Old Orchard and now at South City Church, are expecting their baby girl in February. Registered at Target. Please come and share their joy if you can. RSVP Jane Hutchinson.

House Church Schedule

No House Church this week.

January House Church. Wednesday, January 9, 6 p.m. pot-luck supper (bring a dish to share) and 7 p.m. meeting. Sign up on January 7 for child care.

February House Church with Jerram Barrs on Wednesday, January 30. Details to follow.

Stepping Out of the Boat for Our Children

Our Parent/Teacher Training for this year will focus on the churchwide theme of "Stepping Out of the Boat." All Children's Ministry volunteers, parents, teachers or anyone else are encouraged to come to our annual training time on Saturday, January 19, 9 a.m. to noon. Hot breakfast will be served. See Mark Tucker for details.

English Conversations Class

No class until January 18, 2008.

Men's Bible Study

Sat., January 5 at Milligan House, 7:15 a.m.
See Hal Pendergrass or Ben Kraft for questions.

Adult Choir

Meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m.
See Greg Roig for schedule this week.

Bring Food Any Sunday

Non-perishable food donations welcomed and will be given to a food pantry, usually Grace and Peace Food Pantry. Just leave it in the container in the parlor.

Churchwide Retreat To Be in May

Set aside the dates of **Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4** for our annual churchwide retreat. See Mark Tucker for details.

OOC Prayer Requests

- Pray for Nelson Jennings as his father is dying (as of this writing).
- Pray for Ken and Abby Peck; Po Sun Lee; and Curtis Peck as they all retire beginning in January.
- Pray for peace and order for Pakistan after the assassination of Benazir Bhutto. Pray for restraint of violence and protection of Christians there.

More Concerts in January

“Stylistically rich, harmonically sophisticated, and breathtakingly beautiful...” is guitarist & singer-songwriter **Brooks Williams** performing in the intimacy of a living room on Saturday, January 5, 8 p.m. at the home of Steve & Sue Givens, 51 High Valley Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63017. Advanced Tickets Required. Tickets \$15 payable to Susan M. Givens. Seating is limited. Call or e-mail Steve & Sue Givens if you want to attend. 314.576.5106. Attendees are asked to bring food to share. Coffee & soft drinks provided. For more on Brooks and his music, go to: www.brookswilliams.com.

Information submitted by Richard Winter.

Randy Stonehill Concert Coffee Shop!

With Jon Hardy (Pastor Ron's Son)

Old Orchard Church is hosting a concert featuring 30 year music veteran, Randy Stonehill on Friday, **January 25**. We are encouraging members to use this as an opportunity to invite friends. The cost is \$10 per person which covers coffee and dessert. See Mark Tucker for details (when he returns from vacation).

Communion Set-Up and Clean-Up Crews Wanted!!

We have a fine, faithful crew of people who set-up and clean up our communion for us every week. Beginning February 2008 we need **new set-up and clean-up people to be part of** a monthly rotation. See Durinda Hood for more about what's involved.

Congratulations!

Phil Patterson's daughter, Heather, gave birth to Carl James, 6 lbs. 6 oz. Last news was that Heather and baby are doing fine. We also heard that Phil is a very proud grandfather.

Cornerstone Housing Corporation Requests Help

An apartment is in need of a lot of cleaning up after a recent eviction. We have been asked to provide two or three workers for January 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with pizza provided. (Meet at office at 6030 Etzel.) If you can help, call the church

office or sign-up on the sheet posted in the vestibule. For more information, see Margaret Wilke who serves on the Cornerstone board.

Directory Corrections & Additions

I'd like to publish a corrections/additions sheet in January. Please give or send me corrections and additions. If you are new, not in the current directory, and want to be listed, please e-mail me your information or see me for a directory form to complete. If you need a copy, please let me know as well. Thanks,
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