OOC Tidbits

February 8, 2009 - Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church

Welcome to Old Orchard Church!

Welcome to our worship. 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 on the back age. Also, visit our **Sunday School**, offered for all ages (9 a.m. on Sunday mornings).

If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms.

Sunday School News

9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings (for both children & adults) <u>Classes For Adults</u>:

"HELP! I'm a Parent" led by Pastor Mark. Last class is next week, February 15.

Book of James: study will begin on February 22, led by Hurvey Woodson and Jason Bartlett. No childcare for infants and toddlers unless someone would like to organize it. See Mark Tucker.

New Members led by Pastor Ron.

Childcare for the parenting class for children that are below Sunday School age is available in the Toddler nursery in the church basement.

Parlor Fellowship Today!

Please join us today for the Parlor Fellowship after worship. Thanks, Annie Kuhn and Linda Lemen, for hosting.

Nominations for Church Officers Wanted

The Session is seeking nominations for the offices of elder, deacon or deaconess. Members, please see *the posted sheet* on how to nominate someone. The Session is accepting nominations during through the end of February. See any elder for questions.

OOC Directory Update

We are updating the OOC Directory. Members of the Directory Team are contacting you to update your listing. For those who are new to the fellowship and want to be listed, please fill out a form and turn it in to Durinda Hood (or place it in her mailbox or mail it to the church office!) today or this week by next Sunday, February 15.

Sunshine Sacks for Sunshine Ministries

You are invited to contribute items needed by Sunshine Ministries, working in north City of St. Louis. You will hear more from them next Sunday. Gather any of the suggested items listed on the sacks (you don't have to collect them all!) and bring it back by **Sunday**, **February 22**. Questions? See Durinda Hood. (And you won't hear from us again for collecting items until time for the Easter Baskets!) *--The Mercy Ministry*

Leaders' Meeting--Reminder

Tuesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. at Milligan House If you are unable to attend, please let Durinda Hood or Ron Lutjens know.

Arts Ministry Meeting

When? Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.
Where? Milligan House
Who? Artists in the congregationGuest artist, Kenny Bini, friend of Bruce Cook's, will be
showing his work. Hope to see everyone in the Arts
Ministry there!--Ron Lutjens

"OOC Idol"



--Otherwise known as OOC's Talent Show— Sunday, February 22 @ 6 p.m. Audience, mark your calendar to attend! If you would like to be a "contestant," contact Durinda Hood (office@oldorchardchurch.org) by

Sunday, February 15. All acts (song, dance, drama, etc) are welcome but spots are limited. Refreshments! Please sign up to bring treats on sheets circulating.

Women's Retreat! Register!

WOMEN - Are you looking forward to our Women's Retreat on February 27 & 28 ?!

Keep in mind these things: no cooking, no dishes, no laundry, no interruptions, no one yelling, "MOM!", no bills, no TV, no email, AND no bed that has to be made. Instead you will have: time with friends, time with your Lord, meals prepared for you, fun & laughter, heart-tohearts, and encouraging teaching as we learn from others.

The theme for the 2009 Old Orchard Women's Retreat is **"Faith In Real Life".** It will be held at Todd Hall Retreat & Conference Center in Columbia, IL. The cost is \$60. (If you desire a private room, your cost will be \$83). Check-in begins on Friday at 6:30 p.m. & we can stay until 4 p.m. on Saturday. **The deadline for registration is Sunday, February 15th**. Registration forms are available. A toy mailbox labeled "Women's Retreat" is in the coatroom. Please place your forms and money in there. If you are interested in car-pooling, note that on your registration form.

Questions? Please see or call Dot Branson or Ann Stuber.

Associate Pastor To Be Away!

Please note that **Mark Tucker's** Vacation is this week, February 9 – 13.



Souper Bowl Sunday - Thanks!

Thanks for all of your contributions to Souper Bowl Sunday's collection for the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter! --The Mercy Ministry of OOC

Narnia in the Dominican Republic

Old Orchard Church is sending a team to the Dominican Republic June 20-27 to put on our Narnia Summer Children's Program with Orphanage Outreach. This is the ministry that Emily Roig is currently serving with. We are praying that the Lord would draw in the right folks for this team. Please consider joining the team for this week-long mission trip. <u>Deadline</u> for committing yourself to the team is <u>February 22</u>. Pick up a brochure in the parlor and contact Mark Tucker to sign up or if you have questions.

Children's Ministries During Worship

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 dismissed at 10:50.

Children's Worship. Offered for children grades 1-5 and are usually dismissed at 10:50 a.m.

Zumba Class Offered

Carine Barrs is offering a Zumba class in the parlor of Old Orchard Church on Saturday mornings 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The class is an aerobic Latin dance. Price: \$5/class or a punch card for 10 classes for \$50 per person. Anyone over the age of 6 years old can participate. Contact Carine Barrs if you have questions or want to attend.

OOC Work Day

Saturday, April 4. 9 to 5 p.m. Lunch provided. Let Matt Philip know if you can help with lunch. (Our chef, Jim Lowe, isn't available this time!) Mark your calendar!

Some Calendar Notes

Adult Choir. Rehearsals Mondays at 7:15 pm. See Greg Roig for questions.

English Conversations Class. Meets Fridays, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Milligan House. See Hurvey or Dorothy Woodson for questions.

Men's Bible Study. Next one is Saturday, February 21, 2009, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass. Women's Bible Study. Thursdays, 6:45-8:45 pm. See Melissa Nelson or Megan Philip if you have questions.

February Dates

Tues., February 10: Arts Ministry Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Tues., February 17: Stated Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Sun., February 22: Old Orchard Idol, 6:00 p.m. Tues., February 24: Leaders' Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Fri. & Sat., February 27 & 28: Women's Retreat.

Overture Deadline

The next *Overture* will be out next Sunday, February 15. You are invited to write for it! We welcome submissions of articles, art, short essays, poetry, etc. All submissions should be signed by the person submitting them. You can submit articles to <u>office@oldorchardchurch.org</u> or you can place your <u>signed</u> articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). We have a rotating crew of Overture editors; the editorial team for the next issue is Prisca & Tamara Rice.

Women Looking for a Daytime Bible Study?

It's a privilege to have Jerram Barrs teaching the Thursday night Women's Bible Study here. But some of our women would rather be involved in a daytime Bible study. There's one I can highly recommend. Here are the details.

It meets on Thursday mornings, and is led by Betty McCracken, a good friend of mine, a former FirstLight board member, and longtime Bible teacher to women in the St. Louis metro area. While Betty is a PCA person, women from different churches come to this Bible study. Here is what she sent me:

We would love to have any interested women join us at any time. We meet Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Geyer Rd. Baptist Church in Kirkwood on the corner of Geyer and Woodbine. It is from 9:30-11:30 and we are studying James. There is no child care at this time. For further information, call Betty McCracken at 314.842.7465.

--Ron Lutjens

OOC Prayer Request

Valerie Powers. Returning Monday evening from being a camp counselor for youth in Russia. Pray for safe travel back home for the students and camp counselors. That relationships built at this year's camp and previous camps would continue to develop. That seeds planted at this year's camp would find nourishment and grow.

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