

OOC Tidbits

March 22, 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 below. 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)

Book of James—Manuscript study for adults led by Mark Tucker.

Lunch at Milligan House Today!

All invited to a meal today after worship at Milligan House. Thanks to Marie Chambers and Ann Stuber for hosting.

“Worship and the Casual” Discussion This Week

If you didn't get last week's handout, there are still some available. This message from the Session will be the primary topic of discussion at community groups meeting on Sunday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 25. See the handout for details and explanation.

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. **We are looking for a team** to lead Children's Worship on the first or fourth Sunday of the month. See Mark Tucker.

OOC Work Day—Sign-up to help!

Saturday, April 4. 9 to 5 p.m. come morning or afternoon or both. Lunch provided. About 30 people have signed up to help—including our lunch host who will be **Lois Easterling**. Thanks!! More are welcome! Let's get the church and grounds ready for Easter Sunday (April 12 this year!) Sign up sheets are on clipboards and on the tables in the parlor.

Easter Morning - April 12, 2009

Please plan on joining us for our festivities on Easter Sunday morning, beginning with a **Sunrise Service** at 7:15 a.m. led by our teenagers. We will have a **Hallelujah Buffet** at Milligan House starting at 8 a.m. Today there is a pink **insert in the bulletin** for you to let us know you are coming to the buffet and what you can contribute. Please fill it out and put it in the Easter Basket that you will find in the parlor. Thanks to our Hospitality Ministry (Lois Easterling, Laurie Lowe, and Michelle Kraft) for organizing this for us.

Nursery Volunteers Wanted during Easter Sunday

We suspend our usual nursery schedule on Easter morning (April 12) and ask for people to volunteer to help instead of assigning people. We divide the service into two shifts so that no one will have to miss the entire Easter worship. We are looking for **18 nursery volunteers** to serve during one of the shifts (10:00 – 10:50 or 10:50 – end of service). Please see the sign up sheet circulating or call Alice Tucker to volunteer or if you have questions.

Eggs Wanted!

We'll also need people to each bring a dozen **decorated hard boiled eggs** on Easter morning for the children to enjoy an Easter Egg hunt during the hour before our worship.

Flowers Wanted for Easter Morning (April 12)

Part of our tradition is to decorate the sanctuary and parlor with **spring flowers**. We are looking for people to bring flowers Easter morning, Sunday, April 12. If you can help, please let Barbara Winters know.

Easter Baskets for Kids!

THANKS to all of you who took 38 baskets last week!! (a record!) We only have 2 of the 40 left and one extra one available (you choose whether it's for a boy or girl). Reminder: please return your filled basket by Palm Sunday, April 5. If you have any questions, please see Phil Patterson or Durinda Hood.

Photographs Wanted

The Website Committee is seeking digital photos of people at Old Orchard Church events. Please send them to Amy Butz.

Friday Meals

You are invited to participate in our meals in homes on Good Friday, April 10 at 5:45 p.m. The meal is simple with bread and soup as the menu.

There are two types of meals, sharing meals and reciting meals. In a sharing meal there is open sharing with each other how Christ's finished work on the cross is having its effect on us, right where we live. In a reciting meal we read to each other the dramatic story (highlighted from Genesis to Revelation) of our rebellion and God's redemption. We encourage you to bring non-Christian friends to these meals. Sign up sheets are posted in the parlor.

Children's Meal: Please sign up for the Good Friday program and special meal for children (divided ages: 1-4; 5-11 years) at the Milligan House during the adult meals (arrival time at 5:30 p.m.). We also are looking for volunteers to help with this meal. See Mark Tucker.

Alyssa's Senior Recital

All invited! Come out for an enjoyable evening of classical guitar music and support our own, Alyssa Santoyo, as she gives her senior recital on Friday evening, April 3, at the Music Department hall of Webster University at 7pm. Alyssa is a fine musician; it should be a delightful evening! --Ron Lutjens

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, April 4, 2009, 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass. (Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month)

Women's Bible Study. Thursdays, 6:45-8:45 pm. Jerram Barrs teaching. See Melissa Nelson or Megan Philip for more. We will not meet Thursday, April 9.

Teen Calendar Notes

Tonight, 6-8 pm. Hot Topix (Part 2 Sex and Dating) Sun., March 29, Hot Topix (Part 3 Sex and Dating) Parents, talk to Mark Tucker if you have concerns.

Free house sitting

My nephew and family need a place to stay the night of June 23 through the morning of June 28. If that fits with your vacation dates, please contact Marie Chambers. (See bulletin board for more.)

Overture Deadline Next Week

Deadline next Sunday for the next *Overture* which will be out Sunday, April 5. You are invited to write for any of our issues! 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 office@oldorchardchurch.org or you can place your signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). We have a rotating crew of *Overture* editors; the editor for the next issue is Susan O'Neal.

WRHM Summer Camp Program Opportunities

See bulletin board for opportunities (paid and volunteer) to work in a summer camp program offered through Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Deadline: May 17, 2009

Women's Crafty Saturday!

Women's Ministry Crafty Time

** Saturday, March 28, 2009 ** 9 am to 1 pm
** Milligan House **

Come join us for a time of crafting and fellowship! Bring your knitting, crocheting, sewing, scrapbooking, origami—whatever! Or, if crafting is not your thing but you still want to visit with friends, you can bring any other work you need to catch up on, or just bring yourself. Tables and chairs will be provided. Bring snacks for yourself or to share if you want to nibble on something while you craft. And feel free to invite friends from outside Old Orchard; this can be a great opportunity for outreach! Questions, call or email Amy Butz.

OOO Prayer Requests

Pray for **Nelson Jennings** who will be having back surgery on Monday, March 23 at Barnes West (no visitors until Wednesday; home Thursday/Friday). *Nelson writes:* "I have cleared my schedule for three weeks, basically through Easter Break. After that I plan on teaching some of my classes at the seminary. I'll have to see about other obligations. I'm told that the standard recovery time for this surgery is two months off work and six months until full recovery. There is the dual need of the actual fusion surgery/incision to take hold/heal and of the body to have time to focus energy there. Please pray that I choose wisely regarding coming back for things after Easter Break. I'm sure I'll be pretty ginger, as well as sapped, for a good while."

Pray for **Abby Bishop** for surgery she is having on March 26

Pray for **Linda and Leandro Lemen** on a mission trip in Haiti. They return on Wednesday, March 25.

Pray for **Bruce, Jesse & Justin Cook** this week as the anniversary of Cheryl's home-going is Thurs., March 26. (See Bruce's letter in last week's *Overture*.)

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