

OOC Tidbits

March 29, 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 of this sheet. 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.

Arts Ministry Meeting

All artists in the congregation are invited to an Arts Ministry meeting on this Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at Milligan House.

OOC Work Day—Sign-up to help! It's Saturday!

This Saturday, April 4. 9 to 5 p.m. come morning or afternoon or both. Lunch provided. About 30 or so people have signed up to help—including our lunch hostesses who will be **Lois Easterling** and **Gretta Kraft** (salad maker!). 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.

House Church: An International Perspective

Wednesday, April 1

Pot-luck Supper at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. Child Care will be provided during the meeting (Let Hannah Nelson know today if you plan to bring your child.)

Our guest at house church this month will be Old Orchard Church member, **Jessica Patterson** (she chose to keep her connection to our fellowship, since she knew she would be moving every couple of years).

After graduating from Covenant Seminary in 2002, Jessica worked in the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons until September of 2003 when she joined the U.S. Foreign Service. She served at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv from 2004-2006 as a Consular Officer in the first year, and as Staff Aide to the United States Ambassador to Israel during the year of the Israeli disengagement from Gaza. In 2006 she moved to Chile where she was a Political/Economic Officer working on transnational crime issues, and telecommunications and civil aviation issues. She returned to Washington D.C. in 2008, and is currently serving as the State Department's Algeria and Tunisia Desk Officer.

We've asked Jessica to talk a little about what it's been like to represent our civil government in different parts of the world as a believer in Jesus Christ, and also to share her insights on current issues in the Middle East, particularly on the recent fighting between Palestinians and Israelis in Gaza.

Come out & listen to Jessica as a small step in learning more about the wide world in which God is working so that we can pray with greater understanding.

--Ron Lutjens

Easter Baskets for Kids! Bring back next week!

THANKS to all of you who took 41 baskets over the past two weeks!! Reminder: please return your filled basket by next Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 5. If you have any questions, please see Phil Patterson or Durinda Hood.

Good 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.

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 **10 more 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 (see print copy for phone #) 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.

Photographs Wanted

The Website Committee is seeking digital photos of people at Old Orchard Church events. Please send them to Amy Butz at her e-mail address (see directory).

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

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.

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. (Won't meet Friday, April 10.)

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. Planning the Easter Sunrise Service and Hot Topix (Part 3 Sex and Dating)

Parents, talk to Mark Tucker if you have concerns.

Free house sitting available!

My nephew, Aaron Hofius, a graduate of Covenant Seminary, and present Assistant Pastor at Christ the King PCA Church in Roanoke, Virginia is looking for a home to stay from the night of June 23 until the morning of June 28. He will be on vacation with his wife and three girls ages 2-6 years. His wife is known for her tidiness and his children are all very well behaved so you can be at peace that your home would be in good hands during your absence. Please contact Marie Chambers if you or someone you know would be interested. Thanks so much.

Overture Deadline Today

Deadline today 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

Additional Communion Cleaning Help Sought!

We are looking for a couple more people to be on the monthly rotation regularly to clean communion ware, and also substitutes. We work in pairs. See Durinda Hood.

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