

OOC Tidbits

Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church—May 10, 2009



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 am. 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.

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 in the preschool room 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 (not including 5th Sundays of the month) and dismissed at 10:50 am.

Parlor Fellowship

Join us today after worship for food and fellowship. Our hosts are Niko & the Teenagers!

Congratulations!

Our Covenant Seminary graduates:

Jason Bartlett (12/08, M.Div.) **Ben Dodd**

(MA in Theological Studies); **Michael**

Fogas (M.Div.). **Peder Anderson**

graduated from St. Louis University Medical School and has begun a residency in Billings, Montana.



Leaders Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2009. 7:00 pm. at Milligan House. Let Mark Tucker know if you need child care!

Calendar Notes

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

English Conversations Class will not be meeting again until September 2009. See Hurvey or Dorothy Woodson for questions.

Men's Bible Study. Next one is this Saturday, May 16, 2009, 7:15 am. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass. (Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month)

No Sunday School on Sunday, May 24. **Office will be closed** Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day).

Lunch at Milligan House. Sunday, May 31 after worship. Chris Carter and Marie Chambers are hosting. Sign up to come!

Congregational Budget Meeting. Wednesday, June 10 6:45 pm. Mark your calendar!

Reminders for Leaders & Ministry Coordinators:

- Our vision sharing meeting is this Tuesday, May 12, 7 pm. at Milligan House
- Reports and proposals for the next budget due next Sunday, May 17.
- Budget Construction Meeting will be May 26, 7 pm (elders, deacons, treasurers)

Teen Calendar

Sunday, May 10. Mother's Day. No Teen Fellowship.

Sunday, May 17. Teen Fellowship. 5:30 pm to 8 pm.

"Loving People." Serving a meal at Sunshine Ministries Homeless Shelter.

Sunday, May 24. Teen Fellowship. 6 to 8 pm. Hot Topix: "Our Weird World" (guest speaker on current events.)

Sunday, May 31. Teen Fellowship. 6 to 8 pm. Parent/Teen Night (cookout).

Sunday School News

9:00 am. Sunday Mornings (for both children & adults)

Adults: Seminary intern, Jon Coody and Mark Powers, are teaching a class on the parables through the month of May and part-way into June (as part of the intergenerational SS class). The bulk of the class will be watching 6 films that are 15-20 minutes each. Each film is a modern re-make of one of Jesus's parables. Meets in Milligan House living room. Please join us!

We'll have Church wide Sunday School in June for all ages—on Modern Day Parables.

No Sunday School on Sunday, May 24. (Memorial Day weekend)

Women's Ministry Crafty Saturday

Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Milligan House – 10 am to 1 pm. Ladies, come join us for a time of crafting and fellowship! Bring your knitting, crocheting, sewing, scrapbooking, origami or other projects! 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, 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! Questions, call or email Amy Butz.

People to Mow Lawns

We're at that season again—looking for people to mow the lawns at the church building/Milligan House and at the home of Willie Lee, disabled and lives in Rock Hill. **Bill Grady** coordinates lawn mowing at the church/Milligan House, and **Brian Curry** coordinates lawn mowing at Willie Lee's. Sign up sheets are circulating today!



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 teams. So far we've had no one interested in being added to the other workers in this important task. Talk to Durinda Hood or e-mail the church office with questions or if you want to volunteer!

Invitation to Cancer Support Ministry Dinner

The Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church invites you to attend a Cancer Support Ministry dinner on Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kirk's Fellowship Hall. Dr. Greg Jewell, an OB/GYN physician who practices locally, will speak about a variety of cancers. The cost for dinner is \$7 and reservations can be made by contacting Jack or Sara Sanders (see print copy for contact info or call the Kirk of the Hills' church office). Please respond by Tuesday, May 26, 2009. The Kirk is located at 12928 Ladue Road, St. Louis, 63141.

Overture Submissions

You are invited to write for any issue of our newsletter, the *Overture*! 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 (out on May 17) is Jim Lowe.

Narnia in the D.R. CARWASH FUNDRAISER



Want to get your car washed? Want to help support our church trip the orphanage in the Dominican Republic where we will be doing our Narnia Summer Children's Program? Well, you can do BOTH simultaneously on Saturday, May 23, 9 am - noon. Cost is any donation you wish to make. Location to be determined. See Mark Tucker for details.

Churchwide Retreat

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I know many of you have been waiting to find out about a churchwide retreat for this year. Thank you for your patience. After our retreat last year (Spring 2008) we decided to push the 2009 retreat to the fall, thinking that this would be the best time to draw in more folks, avoiding conflicts with high school, seminary and college graduations, and Mothers' Day. But after investigating numerous locations which were booked up or a bit pricey, it seemed that we might should postpone it until next year (fall 2010). Given the fact that we are in a recession and just had two retreats (men's in the fall of 2008 and women's in February 2009), and our yearly teen retreat, it seemed best to the Session to skip the churchwide retreat this year so we can get in sync and do more specialized retreats in the year between our churchwide retreats which we want to schedule every other year from this point on. I know that this will be disappointing to many of you, but we do think this is a good way to go over the long haul—churchwide retreats every other year and specialized retreats in the year between (father-son, mother-daughter, mens,' womens' retreats, etc). However, we do encourage you all to go on "grassroots" informal retreats with each other this year. And we will help you do it! I (Pastor Mark) have spent oogles of time researching retreat and camping areas and I'm willing to help folks organize a trip. So, go retreat...please! And contact me if you need help.

--Pastor Mark, for the Session

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