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Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church – October 25, 2009

Welcome

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. Our **Sunday School** is offered for all ages and meets 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. See announcement for next adult class. If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms.

Our Children's Ministry

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. Children in grades 1-5 dismissed around 10:50 a.m. for Children's Worship in Milligan House.

Lunch at Milligan House

All invited to lunch after worship today at Milligan House. Our hostesses are Patricia Lee and Linda Lemen.

Missouri Presbytery-wide Reformation Day Service

All invited to tonight's Service. 6:00 p.m.
at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church.

1230 Big Bend Road, Ballwin, MO 63021

Dr. Bryan Chapell, President of Covenant Theological Seminary will be preaching.

Three Nights Together is Here!

And the first one is this Wednesday night, October 28, at 7 pm in the parlor. We're going to think together for 3 weeks about beauty. This Wednesday I will be presenting and we'll be talking about **beauty as a window onto God and onto who we are** as human beings made in his image. We're not going to debate theories about what constitutes something "beautiful," but instead we'll reflect on the biblical testimony that beauty comes from God and is a crucial part of human life--our life, as believers, and the lives of those we are trying to reach with the gospel of Christ. **We'll be looking at some film clips together**, and posing a few practical questions: Am I enjoying the beauty of God? Am I enjoying the beauty of ordinary things? What effect do beautiful things have on me? Do I think enough about beauty in the way I arrange my home? Is beauty a luxury? How can we cultivate beauty so that it becomes a bridge toward Jesus Christ?

Come and join us Wednesday night. And next Wednesday, November 4, bring a friend and come hear Jane Winter's talk, "**Truth, Beauty and Flowers**" (see other article in this Tidbits). There's a reception at 6:30 pm and her talk is at 7.

The last night, November 11, we are asking community groups to talk and pray together around this theme in their normal home setting.

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Are you looking for a suggestion for something to read to get you thinking? Edith Schaeffer's, *Hidden Art*, would be a good book to dip into. Our library should have it. --Ron Lutjens

Please note:

Child Care for Three Nights Together

Childcare is provided for the first two nights for children up through 3rd grade. Contact Hannah Nelson to reserve a childcare spot. You can also sign up on the sheets circulating today.

Sunday School News

FULL TIME JOB: TEXT, IMAGE, MUSIC

Until Christmas, the adult Sunday School class will focus on that difficult book of the Old Testament, Job. Class begins very promptly at 9:00 a.m. so that I may excuse myself at 9:50 to rehearse with the choir; class members can plan on using the last few minutes of each class to close in prayer. We meet in the Milligan House, and I welcome all to join the class. --*Jim Lowe*

More Calendar Notes

Tuesday 10/27. Stated Session Meeting at Milligan House. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday 10/28. First of "**3 Nights Together**"

Thursday 10/29. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

Friday 10/30. (11/6, 13, 20) Women's Bible Study 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. at Milligan House. **English Conversations** 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Milligan House.

Wednesday 11/4. Second of "**3 Nights Together.**" Sanctuary. 6:30 Reception. 7:00 Talk.

Wednesday 11/11. Third of "**3 Nights Together.**" Meet in Community Groups in homes.

Saturday 11/14. Prayer Opportunity. 9 a.m. (see article)

Wednesday 11/18. Congregational Meeting. Election of Officers/Deaconesses.

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Saturday 11/21. Women's Ministry Fellowship and Crafts. 10 to 1 p.m.

Wednesday 11/25. Community Groups can meet if they wish.

Thursday 11/26. Thanksgiving Day Worship. 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 11/29. No Sunday School.

Also, **First Sunday in Advent.**

Women's Bible Study will meet November 6-20, but will *not* meet Friday, November 27. 9:15-11:30 a.m. Fridays.

iTeen Calendar!

Tonight: 6:8 p.m. **Hot Topix.** Guest Speaker.

November 6-8. OOC Fall Teen Retreat

Teen Fall Retreat, Where: Camp Trinity

(www.camptrinity.org) (heated rooms!) Matt Morginsky is still scheduled to speak. Deadline to sign-up is November 1. See Mark for details.

OOO Directory Update

Yes, it is time to update the Directory! If you have changes please e-mail them to the church office (office@oldorchardchurch.org) or write them down and put them in Durinda Hood's mailbox in the coat room. New to OOC & want to be included? Please fill out form (copies in the parlor) and leave in Durinda Hood's mailbox. Thanks very much!

"Truth, Beauty, and Flowers"

We are encouraging the fellowship to come, and especially to bring a guest to, Jane Winter's talk on Wednesday, November 4, titled, "Truth, Beauty, and Flowers." Jane is the owner of Wildflowers LLC and a floral designer of some reputation here in St. Louis. This is an illustrated talk Jane gave at the L'Abri Conference in Rochester, Minnesota a couple of years ago, and it focuses on how she uses flowers, in their remarkable beauty, to reflect what is true and good and beautiful in human life and relationships. The Bible teaches us to value and cultivate those things as good gifts from God.

Hopefully, you have been thinking about someone to invite. Remember our commitment to "step out of the boat" and take some risks in reaching out to those around us who need the Lord. More invitations are available for you to give out, so please take a couple home with you. There will be a reception at 6:30 that night, and then Jane will speak at 7. Hope you can come!

--Ron Lutjens

Grace & Peace Winter Shelter

Dear Friends,

As you know, the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter welcomes in homeless women every winter starting in November and continuing through March. This is largely a volunteer ministry and we are in need of some new folks to join the volunteer team, specifically evening and overnight volunteers. Evening volunteers work from 6-10

on a given night and overnight volunteers from 6-6 most nights. Overnight volunteers are adult Christians and evening workers should also be adults but may be non-Christians with compassionate hearts. We know that it is sometimes hard to step out to work in a shelter solo, so we are suggesting and asking from several churches that you advertise to see if you could send us a few volunteers "Two By Two." It could be an evening and overnight person on the same night to work together, or two overnight volunteers who worked separately on separate nights, but had each other to compare experience and pray and with whom each could debrief. Training is 9 am-3 pm on November 7 and the shelter opens on November 10 at 6:30 p.m. if we get all the workers lined up. Men or women are welcome! Please contact Sarah Taylor at wintershelter1@gmail.com to sign up. For questions, anyone is welcome to contact me, Melody (Burke) Perkins at graceandpeace1@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks and Many Blessings to You,
Melody (Burke) Perkins, Team Leader, Grace & Peace Winter Shelter

Prayer Opportunity

An opportunity to pray for our adult covenant children who are not following the Lord will meet again on Saturday, November 14 (9 a.m.). Many of these young adults were baptized at OOC and we promised to pray for them. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Milligan House for a time of sharing and prayer. Our plan is to meet every other month for now. If you are interested, please join us. If you are interested and not able to make that date, contact Betsy Roig.

Articles for the Overture

You are invited to write for any issue of our newsletter, the *Overture!* We welcome submissions of articles, short essays, poetry, etc. All submissions should be signed by the person submitting them. You can place your signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). The editor for the next issue is Alyssa Santoyo and will be out next Sunday, November 1. Deadline is today.

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