OOC TIDBITS

Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church - November 8, 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. 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.

Parlor Fellowship Today

All invited to the parlor after worship for food and fellowship. Our hostesses are Kelli McKie and Valerie Powers.

Sunday School News

FULL TIME JOB: TEXT, IMAGE, MUSIC Until Christmas, the adult Sunday School class continues to focus on that difficult book of the Old Testament, Job. Class begins very promptly at 9:00 a.m. We meet in the Milligan House, and I welcome all to join the class. *–Jim Lowe*

Final "3 Nights Together"—In homes

This Wednesday, Nov. 11, we will have the last of our "Three Nights Together" in community groups in their normal home settings. The purpose is to "unpack" some of the reflections on beauty that were shared in the two talks on the two previous Wednesdays. Some questions for reflection and practical application are being given to community group leaders. After some good, healthy conversation, the groups are being asked to focus their praying in this area of beauty--and of course, there al sorts of wonderful directions such prayers might go in.

If at all possible, the community groups are being asked to eat together this Wednesday to highlight the importance of beauty in he small and ordinary things of daily living!

Hope you can join your group for this! --Ron Lutjens

<u>Arts Ministry</u>

Meets Thursday, November 12 at 7 p.m.

Congregational Meeting

The Session is calling for a Congregational Meeting for an officer election.

Wednesday, November 18, 6:45 p.m. Members are required to attend. <u>Please let an elder</u> <u>know if you want to be excused</u>. **Denny Reinheimer** is standing for the office of deacon. Please see his testimony which has been distributed.

<u>Childcare provided</u>. Please sign up for child care or let Hannah Nelson know you will need child care to attend.

OOC Directory Update

Yes, it is time to update the Directory! We've been sending out e-mails to confirm your listing—and if you do not have e-mail, let me (or a member of the Directory Team—Jan Rau, Katie Mohler or Marny Bielefeldt) know if you have changes. You can put them in Durinda Hood's mailbox in the coat room.

<u>New to OOC & want to be included?</u> Please fill out form (copies in the parlor) and leave in Durinda Hood's mailbox. Thanks very much!

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.

Kids' Christmas Craft Sale!

Kids! Christmas Craft Sale again! Kids 18 years and younger are invited to make Christmas presents that they can show and sell to others in the fellowship. Date of the sale: after worship **Sunday**,



December 13. If you plan to make things this year, please let Kelli McKie know (see print copy).

For those of you new to the church, our kids have displayed some wonderful talents and hard work in the past. Some have made candlesticks from things in the woods, wax candles, cookies, breads, note holders, marbled note paper, fire starters, wrapping paper, ornaments—lots of great gift ideas. Plan on buying a few last minute gifts!

OOC Online Photo Directory!!

We have put together an online photo directory that we will make available to the congregation very soon. It will only contain names and faces and will be password protected but if you wish <u>not</u> to be included in the directory for any reason please let us know ASAP.

Ben & Sara Dodd, Welcoming Ministry Coordinators

Women's Ministry Fellowship and Crafts

Saturday, November 21 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!

Amy Butz will be doing a "Make & Take" demonstrating a couple of ideas for homemade Christmas cards. Amy will provide the supplies. If you would like to make a card, a \$2.00 donation for the supplies would help!

If you have any questions, call or email Amy Butz.

Calendar Notes

Thursday, Nov. 12. Arts Ministry meets. 7 p.m. Thursdays: Adult Choir meets at 7:15 p.m. English Conversations will not meet this Friday, Nov. 13 at Milligan House. Saturday 11/14. Prayer Opportunity. 9 a.m. (see article)

Wednesday 11/18. Congregational Meeting. See article. Saturday 11/21. Women's Ministry Fellowship and Crafts. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (see article)

Wednesday 11/25. Optional for Community Groups to meet.

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 13-20, but will *not* meet Friday, November 27. Meets 9:15-11:30 a.m. on Fridays.

iTeen Calendar!

November 6-8. *OOC Fall Teen Retreat.* No Sunday School and no Teen Fellowship tonight.

Sunday, November 15. 6-8 p.m. "Loving People" Creve Coeur Manor.

November 20. Friday. Guy's Night/Girl's Night. 6 p.m. at Milligan House

Sunday, November 22. 6-8 p.m. Hot Topic: Life of ???? (6th grade invited). TLT meets at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 30. No Sunday School and no youth group (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Ladies, Save the date: Baby Shower!

Baby Shower For **Abby Bishop** on Dec. 5, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at Milligan House. Registered at BabiesRUs and Cottonbabies.com. More details forthcoming.

Leaf Raking at OOC:

Saturday, Dec 5. 9-noon. Save the Date!

Volunteers Wanted! Communion Clean-Up

We need more communion clean-up volunteers. One is having to retire as a regular and become an occasional substitute instead, and we could use a couple more substitutes. If you'd like to participate in this hidden, behind the scenes, but **essential task** on a monthly or occasional basis, please see or e-mail me. --Durinda Hood (office@oldorchardchurch.org)

Ushers Also Needed

We heard from Ben Kraft last week that a new team of ushers are needed. See Ben Kraft if you're not sure what's involved, but have an interest, or if already know you want to wear an ushers badge and serve our congregation as an usher, see Ben Kraft who coordinates the Usher Ministry.

Articles for the Overture

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 place your <u>signed</u> articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). The next issue will be out Sunday, November 15 with Jim Lowe editing. Deadline is today.

-From The Fellowship-

Need Any Odd Jobs Done?



Having a hard time getting stuff done around your house? Ron Nelson (currently unemployed) is available to hammer, paint.

measure, cut wood, do yardwork, lift, climb and clean (windows especially), etc. Interested?

Give him a call or e-mail him. (see print copy for info)

<u>Looking for cabin</u> to rent for Thanksgiving—give ideas to Paula Rice.

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