

OOC TIOBITS

Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church – November 29, 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.

House Church this Wednesday

House Church will meet this Wednesday, December 2, 6 p.m. potluck supper (bring a dish to share). 7 p.m. meeting. Greg Roig will show a short video from his trip to the Ukraine; Hans Bayer and Richard Winter will be talking about their trips to Europe.

Parlor Fellowship on December 6

Please sign-up for the next Parlor Fellowship to be next week (Dec. 6) after worship. Betsy Roig and Marci Robertson are hosting.

Sunday School News

The Adult class on the Book of Job will continue until Sunday, December 20.

Sunday School Break: No Sunday School December 27, January 3 & 10.

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. **And everyone else:** Bring cash on Sunday, December 13 to buy what the kids have made!



Lessons & Carols

We are hosting two Lessons & Carols this year: Sunday, December 13 (at the home of Richard & Jane Winter) & Saturday, December 19 (at the home of Greg & Cayce Zavaglia), each beginning at 6:30 p.m.! See the Advent 2009 handout for more. We also have invitations you can use.

Please sign-up to attend one!

Adopt a Family for Christmas & More

See last week's insert for more details about this opportunity to give!

Take an ornament (that represents a gift or gift card) and get that gift/card. Ornaments represent gifts for a member of one of the 2 families we adopted (green ones) or gifts to children prison ministry, Mission Gate, works with (angels) and we have added **purple ornaments** to the tree this week representing gifts to be given to the children/grandchildren of the women who are served by the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter. We encourage families with kids in the fellowship to take one of these. (others can take them too) We have 29 gift requests from the Winter Shelter! The purple ornament gifts are suggested to be in the \$10 range. Deadline for the return of food, gifts, gift cards, monetary gifts is Sunday, December 13.

--Sponsored by the OOC Mercy Ministry



Leaf Raking! This Week!!

Saturday morning (9 a.m. to noon) on **December 5**, we'll be raking leaves on our two properties! Please bring rakes (for those who have them) and gloves!

Also this Saturday!

You Are Invited to an OOC Baby Shower

Baby shower for Abby Bishop
Saturday, December 5, 2009, 1:30 pm
Milligan House

Hostesses: Amy Butz and Tamara Rice
All OOC women are invited to a baby shower for **Abby Bishop**, at 1:30 pm on Saturday, December 5, at the Milligan House. Currie and Abby are expecting their first child in late January.

The Bishops have registered at Target, BabiesRUs and Cotton Babies. You can shop online at Cottonbabies.com

at <http://www.cottonbabies.com/4072.php> or at their retail store at 9916 Kennerly Road, 63128. **Please note that all three stores stress that returns must be accompanied by a gift receipt.** (continued on back)



Is your budget tight this month? If you wish, you can contribute to a group gift. **Please give your contribution to Amy Butz or Tamara Rice by today, Sunday, November 29.**

If you are able to bring a plate of goodies for the refreshment table, it would be greatly appreciated. An OOC shower is a special way to fellowship and to encourage our new mothers as well as one another. Come and be a blessing.

Calendar Notes

- ❖ **Women's Bible Study** will meet this Friday, December 4, but will not meet the rest of December through January 8. Meets 9:15-11:30 a.m. on Fridays.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study.** Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. See Hal Pendergrass for more.
- ❖ **Choir.** Meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. See Greg Roig for more.

Women's Ministry Fellowship and Crafts

Saturday, December 19 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!

If you have any questions, call or email Amy Butz

P.S. Adopt a Family for Christmas

We as a church have adopted 2 families through Webster Rock Hill Ministries (WRHM) (see other blurb & green handout) and we want to encourage you to help us fulfill all the gift opportunities (including Mission Gate & children of the Winter Shelter ladies) we have presented.

WRHM has asked us to advertise the following opportunity. We were informed this week by WRHM that they have at least 38 more families still to be adopted. They have stopped accepting applications from client families. Please consider passing on this need to those who don't attend OOC. Requirements are: (1) Purchase and wrap a gift (\$25.00 max) for each child in your family. (2) Purchase nonperishable foods to provide a Christmas dinner for the entire family. (3) Provide a \$15.00 grocery certificate for meat, produce, etc. Deliver your goods to the St. Mary Magdalene School Gym (Brentwood & Manchester on December 19) or home deliver to the family.

3 ways to sign-up are:

Phone: 961-5082- Monday –Friday, from 9:00-12:00 Noon (the WRHM office) Or fax (314-961-1941); or Email: websterrockhillministries@charter.net.

We are posting a few forms on the Mercy Ministry bulletin board.

Volunteers Still Wanted!

Communion Clean-Up

We need more communion clean-up volunteers. One is retiring as a regular and becoming an occasional substitute instead, and we could use a couple more substitutes starting in January. 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)

Teen Calendar!

Sunday, November 29. No Sunday School and no youth group (Thanksgiving Weekend)
Sunday, December 6. 6-8 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party. \$10 gift exchange.
Sunday, December 13. Lunch & Movie after church (no teen fellowship that night)

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 signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). The next issue will be out Sunday, December 6 with Susan O'Neal editing. Deadline is next Sunday, November 29.

Our Narnia Curriculum Is PCA News

Mark Tucker wrote in an e-mail (11/25/09):

"We're famous! Go here:

www.byfaithonline.com/page/pca-news/narnia-curriculum-strikes-a-chord-with-unchurched-kids
(I'm [Mark] already getting swamped with requests from churches across the nation.)"

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**See today's Advent 2009 Handout
for more!!**