

OOC TIOBITS

Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church – December 13, 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

We will have **ornament making** downstairs for all children at 10:50 a.m.

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 immediately for children's Christmas skit practice in the Milligan House.

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 TODAY!!

Today! All invited to view kids' crafts and purchase them! Thanks to Kelli McKie for organizing.

LESSONS & CAROLS



We are hosting two Lessons & Carols this year: One is tonight, (at the home of Richard & Jane Winter) & Saturday, December 19 (at the home of Greg & Cayce Zavaglia), each beginning at 6:30 p.m.! Please sign-up to attend one. Most of the openings are at the Zavaglias on the 19th.

If your guests are not coming or you are not coming, please indicate that on the sign-up sheets.

And bring a platter of Christmas treats.

Directions to each home is on the back of this sheet.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS & MORE

Sponsored by the OOC Mercy Ministry
Gifts and food are due **today**. If you forgot your gift please see Durinda Hood to make arrangements to bring it!

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

As is our custom, we are taking up a collection for all our paid staff (part-time and full-time). Checks can be written to "Old Orchard Church" and designated "Staff Gift." (If you wish to designate a specific staff person you may do so. The rest of the money collected will be divided among the staff.). Our paid staff includes *Greg Roig*, music director; *Susan O'Neal*, custodian; *Lina Stanly*, accompanist; *Durinda Hood*, administrative assistant; and *Mark Tucker*, and *Ron Lutjens*, pastors.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

(next) Sunday, December 20, 6:00 p.m.

Meet at Milligan House. We'll carol in the neighborhood, and end up at Jerry & Sue Taussig's, for refreshments. Directions to the Taussigs on the back of this sheet. (see print copy)

Please bring a plate of Christmas eats, too!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

All invited to worship at Grace & Peace Fellowship (our mother church) on Christmas Eve at 10 p.m.
Location: 5574 Delmar, St. Louis 63112.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

At Old Orchard Church
Friday, December 25. 11:00 a.m.
All invited!

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.

END-OF-THE-YEAR-CONTRIBUTIONS

The last Sunday you can drop gifts in the collection plate and have them applied to the year 2008 for tax purposes is Sunday, December 27, 2009. Anything put in the collection plate after that will be counted as part of your giving in the year 2010, even if you back-date the check. IRS rules for tax deductions stipulate that

gifts must be given by December 31—in the hands of the church by midnight, December 31, or postmarked in 2009 (if they are being mailed) though not received by the church until 2010.

CALENDAR NOTES

- ❖ **Women's Bible Study** will not meet the rest of December through January 8. When it resumes, it 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.
- ❖ **English Conversations.** Will not meet again until January 15, 2010.

TEEN CALENDAR!

Sunday, December 13. Lessons and Carols (no teen fellowship tonight)

Sunday, December 20. Lunch after church. Church-wide caroling and party (6 p.m.; meet at Milligan House). No teen fellowship. TLT will meet at 4 p.m.

OOC ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

Dear OOC Friends,
Just wanted to let you know that the online photo directory is now posted on the church website-
<http://www.oldorchardchurch.org/>
Click on the "Publications" section on the left and you will see "Photo Directory". The password is "pressingon" (as in pressing on to know the Lord; I thought it would be easy to remember!).
I hope you all enjoy the directory. The next photo session will likely be during the January parlor fellowship. If you need to get your picture taken or if you need an update we can do it then. Also, please let me know if there are any corrections I should make.

In His service,
Sara Dodd for the Welcoming 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 signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). The next issue will be out Sunday, December 20 with Prisca Rice (& her able assistant Tamara Rice) editing. Deadline is today.

PRESBYTERY-WIDE

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 24, 2010

6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church

Dr. Cortez Cooper, former interim pastor at the Kirk of the Hills, will be preaching.

FINDING YOUR WAY TO LESSONS & CAROLS! AND TO THE CAROLING ON THE 20TH!

Directions to the Winters:

(see print copy)

Directions to the Zavaglias:

(see print copy)

Directions to the Taussigs for Caroling Refreshments on Dec. 20th:

(see print copy)

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