OOC Tidbits

Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church – January 17, 2010

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. Sunday School resumes today, January 17, 2010. 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 and meets in the Milligan House. Resumes today.

Sunday School Break Ends!

Classes for all ages resume today!

New Members' Class: Pastor Ron begins this class during the Sunday School hour today.

Adult Class: "A Few Good Men and Women" Come watch good films featuring Christian men and women who helped shape history. Discussion after viewing each film. Come join us!

Calendar Notes

Recurring Meetings:

- Women's Bible Study. Meets 9:15-11:30 a.m. on Fridays at Milligan House.
- Men's Bible Study. Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. Meets Feb. 6. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.
- Choir. Meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. See Greg Roig for more.
- English Conversations. Meets Fridays 4:30 to 6 p.m. See Hurvey & Dorothy Woodson.

Please also note:

♦Tuesday, January 19: Missouri Presbytery meets at Crossroads Presbyterian.

♦ Thursday, January 21: Children's Ministry Coordinators' Meeting, 6 p.m. at Milligan House.

Lunch at Milligan House

Next Sunday, January 24, after worship. Sign up to attend. Betsy Tevebaugh and Ann Stuber are hosting with the Roig Community Group assisting.

Teen Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 17: "Loving People." Sunshine Ministries. TLT at 4 p.m.

Friday, January 22: Winter Jam Concert. 4:30 p.m. meet at church. Over 6 bands -- \$10. Mark needs to know if you are "in."

Sunday, January 24. 6-8 p.m. Hot Topix: Life! Sunday, January 31. 6-8 pm. Growth Group.

See Mark Tucker for questions.

"Our Children and Sexuality"

Parent/Teacher Forum Saturday, January 23rd, 8:30–11:30 am at the Milligan House

FREE

A forum and discussion about understanding and protecting our children led by experienced therapist Petra Blum, MA, LPC.

- How can I protect my child from what is out there?
- Sometimes my child does *weird* things. Is this normal?
- What is a proper view of sexuality for young children?
- Is our current culture a safe place for our children?

This is for all Parents, Teachers, Volunteers and anyone interested, both in our church, but also as an outreach to folks you know from your workplace, neighborhood, friends, and family. <u>Please prayerfully</u> consider inviting someone to this forum.

(Hot breakfast and childcare provided with RSVP to www.oldorchardchurch.org by Sunday, January 17th.)

Presbytery-Wide Sanctity of Human Life Worship Service

Sunday, January 24, 2010
6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church
1230 Big Bend Road, 63021
Dr. Cortez Cooper, former interim pastor
at the Kirk of the Hills, will be preaching.
Child Care provided.
Refreshments & reception after worship.
All invited!

Tender Mercies Prayer Group to Meet

Saturday, January 30, 9 to 11 a.m. at Milligan House This is an opportunity to pray for our adult covenant children who are not walking with the Lord. 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 at 314.963.1135 or at broig56@yahoo.com

Next 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 <u>Sunday</u>, <u>January 24</u> with Alyssa Santoyo editing. Deadline is today.

Bethany Christian Services in Haiti

Bethany Christian Services has been partnering in Haiti with 2 orphanages, both to unite children with their families and to promote adoption through churches. Both orphanages were blessed with being basically untouched through the devastating earthquake. Bethany is working to help through trips and sending money and supplies through these still functioning homes. Please visit the Mercy Ministry bulletin board for more information and to see the pictures and story of 2 sisters who need an adoptive home. We are all called to minister to orphans, and there many ways to help. Please also visit Bethany.org for more information. Thanks. —Deb Pendergrass

Bring Food Any Sunday

We will receive any Sunday non-perishable food donations and will be given to a food pantry, usually Grace and Peace Food Pantry. Please refrain from glass containers. Just leave it in the box and the tall wicker basket in the parlor. When we have food accumulated we will donate it.

Winter Shelter Looks for Additional Food

The Grace & Peace Winter Shelter is looking for a main dish (or maybe a vegetable) for 20 prepared for the freezer to use when they have a scheduled "leftover" evening or a meal doesn't show up. Suggestion: a couple people could make a dish each to serve 10. If interested, let Durinda Hood know or email the church office.

You are Invited to WRHM's Trivia Night

Webster Rock Hill Ministries is having its annual **Trivia Night** fundraiser on Friday February 5 at 6:30pm. It will be held at the Richmond Heights Community Center (The Heights), which is at 8001 Dale Ave, Richmond Heights, MO 63117. Tables of 8 or single seats can be reserved by calling WRHM at 314-961-5082. Or you can reserve a seat for \$25. Also, you can also get a seat for \$25 at the door on the night of the event as there are usually seats available without a reservation. Please see Phil Patterson, OOC member, if you have questions (or call the WRHM office).

Hearty Souper Bowl Collection: Feb. 7

All ages are invited to bring one can (or more) of hearty soup on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 7</u>, Super Bowl Sunday! Just leave the canned soup in the foyer or if you're attending the Super Bowl Party, bring it then. Help stock Grace & Peace's food pantry! Thanks! --The Mercy Ministry of OOC

South City Community School Open House

Anyone who is interesting in exploring an exciting and engaging new approach to educating their children (PreK - 2nd grade) come join South City Community School for an open house on Tuesday, January 26th. Drop in anytime between 5:30pm and 8:30pm. If you would like to find out more about the school, receive an enrollment packet for the school OR the homeschool co-op option please join us on the third floor of The Journey Kids Building behind The Journey Church at 2833 S Kingshighway Blvd. –*Mark Tucker*



Talent Show Coordinator Wanted!

Looking for someone to help pull together an OOC Talent Show.

Date Proposed: evening of March 14.

If interested, please see Mark Tucker.

L'Abri Weekend Conference

February 12 & 13, 2010 at Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, MN. Brochures are in the parlor. More info is also at www.labri.org. Contact Larry Snyder at 507.536.0108.

Old Orchard Church

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640 Amelia/Church Building: 314.961.6932 (no answering device at this number)

Ron Lutjens' (home) Study: 314.962.6196

Ron's E-mail: see print copy

Mark Tucker's Office: 314.680.3670

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Know Someone You Might Nominate to Be a Deaconess, Deacon or Elder?

When we nominate: During the months of January and February. (It's that time of year again!)

<u>Who nominates</u>: Any adult **member** of Old Orchard Church can nominate candidates. But four other members must also join in nominating someone.

Who gets nominated: Any man who is a member of Old Orchard Church who is thought to be qualified for either the office of elder or deacon, and any woman who is a member and thought to be qualified to be a deaconess—all according to the criteria set out in the Word of God (deacon: Acts 6:1-6; I Timothy 3:8-10, 12-13; deaconess: I Timothy 3:11; Romans 16:1-2; elder: 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4.) TO NOMINATE SOMEONE MEANS YOU BELIEVE HE OR SHE MAY WELL HAVE THE GIFTS AND CALLING TO BE A DEACON, ELDER, OR DEACONESS, AND SHOULD EXPLORE THIS WITH THE SESSION BY ENTERING THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

<u>The nomination itself</u>: The nomination **must be in writing**, must include a statement as to why the nominator believes the person should be considered, **must be signed by the nominator and four other members** of Old Orchard Church, and must be turned in directly to an elder.

Whom to approach in a nomination: The member nominating should first approach the Session with a written nomination, *not the person being nominated*. The Session will then take the nomination and approach the individual with it. This is not "going behind the person's back;" but rather, by allowing the elders to approach people with the fact that at least five members of the fellowship believe they may have the gifts and calling for this work, we heighten the need for them to seriously consider it before the Lord. If, after careful prayer and discussion with the elders and others, the nominated person concludes God is not calling him or her at least to go through the apprenticeship program, the nomination can be declined, or postponed, and that is the end of the matter.

Either the Session or the person nominated will inform all signatories to the nomination as to whether or not the nomination is being accepted and the apprenticeship entered.

Apprenticeship period: Those people nominated have through March to think, pray, meet with other officers and with the Session as they try to discern God's leading as to whether to go into the apprenticeship program. The apprenticeship may begin as soon as all those considering it have made up their minds. But it shall be under way **no later than April 1,** and goes through October.

Time of elections: Elections shall normally be held in mid-November.