OOC Tidbits

Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church - February 14, 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. 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.** For children in grades 1-5 and meets in the Milligan House during worship, dismissed at 10:50. Does not meet on the fifth Sunday of the month.

◆Memorial Fellowship for Vera Patrocinio

Tonight at 6 p.m. everyone is invited to come together in memory of Vera Patrocinio. Vera went to be with the Lord on December 27, 2009. Her oldest son, Jorge is here now at Webster University, away from his father and brother who are still in Brazil. We will gather together with Jorge and share a meal, mourning her death and celebrating her life. Please bring food for the potluck in Milligan House. See Dot Branson or Linda Lemen for details. Sign-up for child care circulating today.

◆Parlor Fellowship

Please join us today Parlor Fellowship after worship today. Thanks to Annie Kuhn & Nancy Weir for hosting.

*Adult Sunday School Class

"A Few Good Men and Women" Come watch and discuss good films featuring Christian men and women who helped shape history. Next Sunday we will continue watching "Amazing Grace" the full length movie on the life & work of William Wilberforce, who fought the slave trade for over 20 years as a member of the British Parliament. Please join us!

Old Orchard Idol 2010

On **March 7, 6 p.m.** we will be searching the community for the next media star. Who will be able to top the Nelson Boys and their rendition of "The Three Bears?" Maybe YOU!! Returning judges from last year will once again bring their critical eyes to this huge event. The <u>deadline to sign up your act is March 3</u> (limited spots). Contact Hannah Nelson (see print copy for contact info) if you want to signup.

◆Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for an important **Congregational Meeting** for Wednesday, February 24 at 6:45 p.m. See today's handout for more. Sign-up for child care.

◆Mission Trip to Chippewa Nation (July 24-30)

<u>Short Informational Meeting</u>: Sunday, February 21 after worship. Deadline to sign-up for trip is March 7.

◆Haiti Earthquake Relief

The OOC Session has announced a special collection for earthquake relief in Haiti. We'd like to give \$1000. Whatever is collected will be divided between Mission to the World's efforts in Haiti and Bethany Christian Services work through two partnering orphanages. Your checks can be payable to Old Orchard Church and designated for "Haiti."

◆Love Gift for Patrocinio Family

We are collecting a love gift for the Patricinio family in memory of Vera Patrocinio who died in December after battling with cancer for six years. The Patrocinios were part of OOC for a number of years while Jorge, Sr. pursued studies here. Their sons Andre and Jorge, Jr. are just 15 and almost 20. Please write your check to Old Orchard Church and designate it "Vera P." --The Session

◆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. 20. 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.

◆Sunshine Sacks Collection

Take a Sunshine Sack today and bring it back by February 28 filled with canned goods--fruit, veggies, canned meals, etc.--for Sunshine Ministries, a Christian social service ministry in St. Louis City. (Or you can bring canned goods without a sack too!)

◆Teen Calendar

- --Sunday, February 14. 6 p.m. Church-wide **Memorial Fellowship** and Pot-Luck with Jorge Patrocinio.
- --Friday, February 19, 7-10 p.m. 4th Annual **Burnathon** at Milligan House.
- --Sunday, February 21, **Loving People** night at Creve Coeur Manor. See Mark Tucker for questions.

◆Missouri Presbytery Mission Trip to Haiti

A mission trip to Haiti is being planned through our Presbytery. No date has been set (and costs not known) until MNA has a site from which teams will work. Presbytery hopes to send a large team. For more information or if interested in going, contact the church office. (office@oldorchardchurch.org) and we will get info to you about preparations for the trip you can begin to do now.

A Gentle Reminder For Parents

Parlor Fellowships and Sunday meals in Milligan House are a special time in the life of our church when we can fellowship together over food. The Hospitality Ministry is glad to facilitate these times and we understand that parents are anxious for "adult conversation" with others. However, we would like to ask that you supervise your children, especially at the beginning when preparations are still being made and then when the food line is just opened. Please have a conversation with your children about the art of taking small amounts of several foods, especially the first time around. And please help them to wait patiently while we finish setting up the tables. We do set up a children's table at the back of the parlor especially for our younger ones. Parents are welcome to sit with their children or stand in that area to visit. Your cooperation is appreciated. -- Kathy Jennings for the Hospitality Ministry

◆Host Homes for Good Friday Meals

We will again have meals in homes on **Good Friday, April 2**. The menu is simple: Hearty Soup and Bread. We are looking for homes that are relatively near Webster Groves, so people can get to the Good Friday Service at Cornerstone Evangelical Free, taking around 15 minutes or so to get there. If at all interested in hosting, or you want to explore this opportunity, please put your name on the list posted, e-mail the church office or call Durinda Hood. A brief description of the meals is posted. Thanks, --Durinda Hood

Shower Coordinator Wanted

The perfect ministry opportunity for someone who prefers to work behind the scenes, using e-mail and the telephone to coordinate baby and bridal showers. This does NOT mean you would host any showers!

This person serves as the liaison between the church office, the new mom or bride, and the hosts by choosing a date, reserving the space, and putting an announcement in the *Overture*. Michelle Kraft has been doing this job for the Hospitality Ministry for many years and is ready to hand the responsibility over to someone else. She is willing to work alongside you for this busy year of weddings and babies. Please contact Michelle or Kathy Jennings (see print copy for #'s) with any questions or to express an interest in helping. –Kathy & Michelle

◆Women's Ministry Fellowship and Crafts

(This) Saturday, **February 20** 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 at (see print copy for contact info).

◆Something New at OOC: The Crossing

As an outreach event for this spring, we will be hosting a Celtic band from Chicago on Sunday, April 11. The Crossing is a talented and energetic Celtic band that has been playing for over 20 years and they are coming to play right here at OOC! Our hope and prayer is that this will be an opportunity to build bridges with people in our community who are not connected to a church. So please prayerfully consider who you could invite. ALSO, we will need to provide homes for the band members (all Christians) to stay one night. If any OOC folks would be willing to host at least one band member for the evening contact Mark Tucker for details.

◆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, February 21</u>. Editor will be Susan O'Neal. Deadline is today, February 14.

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