

OOC Tidbits

Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church – April 25, 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. Sunday School resumes today after a break for Easter.

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.

Adult Sunday School Class

9 a.m. Sunday mornings at Milligan House. "A Few Good Men and Women" Come watch and discuss good films featuring Christian men and women who helped shape history. Today and next Sunday *Briars in the Cotton Patch* will be shown in 2 parts. This film is about Koinonia Farm from its humble beginnings in 1942 through the challenges of the 21st century.

Lawn Mowing— Please sign-up!

We're at that season again—looking for people to mow the lawns at the church building/Milligan House and at the home of Willie Lee, disabled who lives in Rock Hill. **Bill Grady** coordinates lawn mowing at the church/Milligan House, and **Mark Robertson** coordinates lawn mowing at Willie Lee's. Sign up sheets are circulating today!

For questions, please contact Bill Grady or Mark Robertson.

Missouri Presbytery Mission Trip to Haiti

Dates: May 14 - May 22 and August 14 - 22. If you are interested in going on the trip in May, please contact Bil Vincent, (contact church office for #) right away, as you'll need to start immediately on preparations (passport, immunizations, etc.).

Lunch at Milligan House

Today after worship. All invited. Our Hostesses: Betsy Tevebaugh and Ann Stuber with the assistance of the Butz Community Group.

Parlor Fellowship

In two weeks, May 9, we will have a parlor fellowship. Our teens, along with Marci Robertson, will host. Look for sign-up sheets! We want to honor our seminary and graduate school graduates.

OOC Work Day!!

Thanks to all our workers for getting a lot done and to Nancy Weir and Lois Easterling for hosting lunch!!

Calendar Notes/Recurring Meetings

- ❖ **Men's Bible Study.** Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 7:15 a.m. at Milligan House. Will meet Saturday, May 1. See Hal Pendergrass for questions.
- ❖ **Choir.** Meets Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. **No choir** starting Thursday, May 6. See Greg Roig for more.
- ❖ **English Conversations.** Meets Fridays 4:30 to 6 p.m. See Hurvey & Dorothy Woodson.

Next Leaders Meeting

Reminder! **Tuesday, May 11, 7 pm.** at Milligan House. Ministry coordinators, elders, deacons, community group leaders: mark your calendar! This is our vision sharing meeting as we prepare for next year's budget.

Youth Group Calendar

Teen Fellowship: 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Wedding Reception for Bruce and Lily Ji

Please come and celebrate the marriage of **Bruce and Lily Ji** who were married in March in China.

Friday, May 14, from 7 until 9 p.m.
at the Milligan House

Wedding video will be shown at 7:15 p.m.
Refreshments at 8 p.m.

Cards and your best wishes only—no gifts, please.

If you would like to bring a small fruit plate for the refreshment table, that will be appreciated.

Next House Church

House Church meets Wednesday, May 5, 6 p.m. pot-luck supper (bring a dish to share). 7 p.m. meeting. Child care offered at 7 p.m. Let Hannah Nelson know if you need child care.

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 signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room). The next issue will be out Sunday, May 2. Editor will be Jim Lowe. Deadline is today, April 25.

Graduates—Who Are You?

During the next two parlor fellowships we will be honoring our graduates. On May 9, we will honor seminary and graduate school graduates, and on June 13 we'll honor high school and college graduates. If you are graduating, we'd love to hear from you so we can include you so please send to the church office an e-mail and let us know! Write office@oldorchardchurch.org. Thank you!

PRAYER! FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Thursday, May 6, 2010

As part of the National Day of Prayer on May 6, the Gateway NDP team invites you to an **Evening Concert of Prayer** at Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Cornerstone is located at 921 Edgar Road in Webster Groves. If you have any questions, please contact me at 314-965-0648. Thank you very much,
--John Ritland, Cornerstone Elder & member, Gateway National Day of Prayer team

Safe Families for Children

Bethany Christian Services is looking for 10 families to be available for a new program called "Safe Families for Children." It is to help parents experiencing a temporary crisis arrange for their children to stay with a Christian family until the crisis has passed. A crisis may be financial, sudden illness, postpartum depression, loss of housing etc, and parents do not wish to have the state intervene and put them in foster care. The time of care may be 1 night, or it may go as long as 45 days, but no longer than that. Unlike the interim care I give, both parents may work, as children may go to daycare, or, may already be in school. It is strictly a volunteer situation, and a wonderful way to meet the growing demands of family disruption with the help of a Christian family to care and pray for them. Children may be from birth to 18, but most of the needs are for children under 5. There is a screening and training process for volunteers, but it is not nearly as extensive as for foster care. The need is great, and if you think you may be called to do this, please see the bulletin board for more details, the website at bethany.org, or give me a call.

--Thanks, Debbie Pendergrass



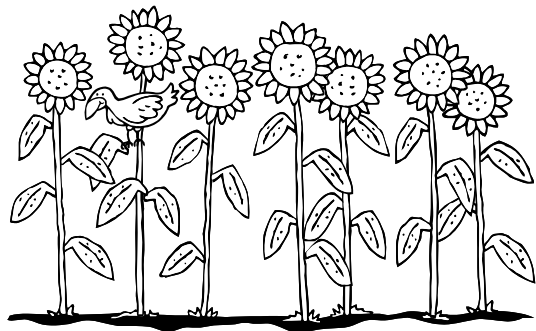
Bring Food Any Sunday

Non-perishable food donations will be collected on any Sunday 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

Tell Us About It in The Overture!

Most of you know that our church's current theme is (Let Us) Press On To Know the Lord. (Hosea 6:3) We want to create a space here in the Overture for people to be able to share ideas of what is helping them to press on to know the Lord. Hearing from others practical ways of doing this is helpful and encouraging. So please submit your book titles, experiences, & routines...anything that is edifying. Share what you are learning about Him, not in order to boast, obviously, but in order to give glory to God and to encourage the rest of us as we all Press On to Know the Lord. Overture submissions can be made electronically by emailing the church office (office@oldorchardchurch.org) or by placing a SIGNED article in the Overture mailbox in the coatroom.

-- submitted by Melissa Nelson



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