

OOO Tidbits

Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church, ♦ September 26, 2010

Happy 29th Anniversary, Old Orchard Church!

On August 2, 1981, Old Orchard Church held its first worship service after Grace & Peace held a worship service on July 26, 1981 also at Old Orchard sending off the twenty people who left Grace & Peace to help start Old Orchard Church! We have traditionally held our anniversary worship and picnic in late September to get away from the very hot August! Guests, please join us for our picnic at Larson Park. Directions are on the back page of the bulletin.

Guests, we welcome you and thank you for coming!

- Child care services for infants through children in kindergarten are offered and located in the church building basement. Please see nursery details below.
- Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. and is offered for all ages.
- If you would like to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about, please fill out one of our visitor forms in the lavender or blue pads in the hymnal rack or on the chairs.

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** will not meet during the summer. For children in grades 1-5.

Adult Sunday School

"Dramas of Grace" we're watching stories in film of God's intrusion into the lives of people like us. Next week's film will be "Glory to God Alone: The Life of J.S. Bach."

Men's Bible Study

We are studying the book of Revelation. Next study will be Saturday, October 2, 7:15-8:30 a.m. at Milligan House. We meet the first and third Saturdays of the month. Men, please join us! -- Hal Pendergrass

Women's Bible Study News

Both of the women's Bible studies are studying the book of Genesis. The **Morning Study** meets Fridays, 9:15 am - 11:30 am, in the Milligan House living room. Child care available. For questions or still want to attend, please contact Melissa Nelson. **Evening Study** meets Thursday evenings @ Milligan House 7-8:30 pm, and is led by Jessie Swigart. No childcare available. If you still want to attend or have questions please contact Jessie Swigart. \$20 materials fee for either study (scholarships are available).

Youth Group Calendar

No Teen Fellowship tonight (September 26).

Francis Schaeffer Lectures

Free. October 1-2, 2010, (Fri., 7-9 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) Focus will be on "**The Historicity of Genesis.**" Speakers [Prof. Jerram Barrs](#), professor of Christian studies and contemporary culture, and [Dr. C. John "Jack" Collins](#), professor of Old Testament. At Rayburn Chapel at Covenant Seminary.

Art Show Opening

Friday, October 8 at Milligan House, 7 p.m. All invited.

OOO Work Day. Come Help!!

October 9, 9 to 5 p.m. Come help us maintain our grounds and properties. There will be a variety of jobs to do! **Lunch Host(s) wanted!** See Matt Philip or sign-up on sheet if you can help.

House Church

Wednesday, October 6: House Church. 6 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. meeting. If you need child care during the meeting, please let Hannah Nelson know.

Three Nights Together

God and the Funny: Christianity on Humor
Wednesdays, October 20, 27 and November 3
All invited. Invite your friends too! See separate handout.

Blood Drive Opportunity

Blood Drive: October 1, 2-7 p.m. in memory of Caleb, a friend of Sam's (Jennifer Foss's son). See flyer 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 signed articles in the *Overture* box (in the coat room), or email them to the church office. The next issue will be out Sunday, October 3, edited by Prisca and/or Tamara Rice. Deadline for articles is today, September 26!

Food & Diapers Collection

Sponsored by OOC Mercy Ministry Team

A glance at a few recently published articles or statistics below will give you a clue that many people are struggling, especially as the result of the recession with its loss of jobs. It's easy to dismiss a statistic, isn't it? Let's remember that these statistics represent *real people* behind them. Let's do a small part by helping a few ministries we support that work with people in need. **We invite you to donate non-perishable food, diapers or funds over through October 17.** We heard last week, for example, about the work Grace & Peace is doing in their neighborhood. Sunshine Ministries, in a different part of north City, ministers to families in need. Closer to us is Webster-Rock Hill Ministries. Bethany Christian Services help moms who decide to parent instead of adoption. See below for details. And let's do our part, though seemingly small compared to the needs out there!

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16, 2010. Census: 1 in 7 Americans Live in Poverty. 14.3% Poverty Rate Highest Since 1994; Ranks of Working Poor Reach Level Unseen Since 1960s. The ranks of the working-age poor climbed to the highest level since the 1960s as the recession threw millions of people out of work last year, leaving one in seven Americans in poverty.

Posted: Saturday, July 3, 2010. Georgina Gustin. Post-Dispatch. St. Louis. Nearly a quarter of Missouri's children are hungry or at risk of hunger, placing the state fifth in the country and among the states with the highest increase of hungry youth in recent years.

A report, issued this week by Feeding America, the country's largest food bank system, found that from 2006 to 2008, the number of hungry children in Missouri climbed more than 3 percent since the last report, which looked at 2005 to 2007. Food relief agencies say the figure has probably climbed even higher since the onset of the recession.

Greater St. Louis Missouri's Unemployment Rate: 9.3% for 2010 as published by the St. Louis Regional Chamber & Growth Association (RCGA).

When: September 26 – October 17, 2010

Food will be divided up and be given to the following ministries who will distribute them to the families & individuals they served. (checks may also be given in place of food; please make it payable to Old Orchard Church and mark it for "Food Drive.")

- ◆ Grace and Peace Food Pantry (St. Louis City). —food pantry operated by Grace & Peace Fellowship
- ◆ Sunshine Ministries (St. Louis City). —food pantry is part of their outreach program in North City
- ◆ Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (Webster & Rock Hill)—multi-church ministry of mercy in Webster & Rock Hill

What Food to Bring:

Bring nonperishable items. Individual or family sizes. No glass please (easier and safer to transport).

Suggested Food List:

Canned soup (large & small)	Macaroni and cheese	Rice
Canned vegetables	Ramen noodles	Vegetable Oil
Canned meats	Boxed Meals	Instant Potatoes
Tuna	Baked Beans	Peanut Butter
Pasta	Canned tomato sauce	Juices
Spaghetti sauce	Oatmeal	Jelly
Canned fruit	Cereal	Crackers
Canned tomato product	Cane Sugar	Gravy Mix



Bring Diapers & Baby Wipes

Bethany Christian Services: **newborn size only diapers**, and also **gentle newborn wipes**, for Bethany to disperse to their clients. Often birthmoms will decide to parent, with counseling and other help from Bethany, and it is a blessing to start them off with gift baskets of necessary supplies. Please look for the container in the foyer and bless these little ones with supplies! --Debbie Pendergrass, Representative to Bethany for Old Orchard Church

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