

OOO Tidbits

Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church, ♦October 24, 2010

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. See note about Adult Sunday School class.
- 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.** For children in grades 1-5 at Milligan House. Meets during worship, usually at 10:50.

Adult Sunday School

"*Dramas of Grace.*" We're watching stories in film of God's intrusion into the lives of people like us. Today we'll see part 1 of a 2-part film on John Hus, who was, one of John Wycliffe's followers, actively promoted Wycliffe's ideas: that people should be permitted to read the Bible in their own language. Please join us @ 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

--Ron Lutjens & Larry Chambers

Lunch @ Milligan House Today!

Please join us today for **Lunch at Milligan House**. Thanks to Patricia Lee and Linda Lemen for hosting.

Three Nights Together

God and the Funny: Christianity on Humor

Wednesdays: October 20, 27 and November 3

All invited.

Ed Koehler, kicked off our 3 Nights Together with a talk on Christians and humor on Wednesday and now this Wednesday, October 27, **Dr. Dave Peters**, Wash U Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and author of a big fat book called, *The Many Faces of Biblical Humor*, will open the Bible and bring us to places there where the authors intended us to laugh at what they wrote! On the third night, Wednesday, November 3, we will not have House Church but will meet in community groups to unpack the two talks we heard and ask some very practical questions. A group discussion will also be offered on November 3 at Milligan House for guests outside our church who came to the talks.

Congregational Meeting

The Session is calling for a congregational meeting!

When: Wednesday, November 17. 6:45 p.m.

Where: OOC Sanctuary.

Topic: Discussion and vote on the next Pastor of Youth and Family Ministries.

Look for a letter this week *in the mail* that is forthcoming from the Pulpit Committee telling you who is being presented to the congregation. Mark your calendar for the meeting. **Members are required to attend and we need a quorum.** Child care will be offered, but you need to sign-up.

MORE OOC BABIES ON THE WAY!

Baby shower for Jackie Ahn and Ana Helton

Saturday, October 30, at 10 am

Milligan House

The women of OOC are invited to a baby shower for Jackie Ahn and Ana Helton. Jackie and Yohan will welcome their first-born on about December 5 and Ana and Brent expect a second child around December 29 (their first at OOC).

Jackie and Ana are both registered at Babies R Us. If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift for each mother. Please give your contribution to Marci Robertson or Ann Stuber by Sunday, October 24 [*Ladies, that's today.*]

If you are able to bring a plate of refreshments to the shower it would be appreciated. An OOC shower is a special way to fellowship with one another and encourage our new mothers. Come and be a blessing.

Ron's Sabbatical

Our senior pastor, Ron Lutjens, is taking the second half of his sabbatical. It started last Thursday, October 21 to go through Wednesday, November 3. Pray for a productive and refreshing time away. See Mark Tucker or one of the ruling elders if you have pastoral needs.

Men's Bible Study

Next study will be Saturday, November 6, 7:15-8:30 a.m. at Milligan House. Newcomers welcome! We usually meet the first and third Saturdays of the month and we are studying the book of Revelation. -- *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: somenelsons@gmail.com / 314-577-0156. **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: jessieswigart@gmail.com. \$20 materials fee for either study (scholarships are available).

Help Update the OOC Directory

We are looking for updated and new info for the directory. If you are new at OOC and want to be included, please fill out a form (they are on the literature table in the parlor) or e-mail the church office. A committee (mostly by e-mail) is contacting those in the present directory to get your updated information. Questions? See Durinda Hood.

Mark Tucker Farewell

On **Sunday, December 5**, 5 p.m. we are having a farewell time with the Tucker family. It will be a dinner and all are invited. The Hospitality Ministry and the Nelson Community group will be our hosts, but will be asking for food contributions. Please mark your calendar!

Youth Group Calendar

Activities for the youth group for the next couple weeks were yet to be determined when we went to print. See Pastor Mark.

Teen Retreat: November 5-7.

Adult Choir

Meets Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. Please see Greg Roig, music director, for questions.

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, November 7, edited by Jim Lowe. Deadline for articles is Sunday, October 31! We will have *Tidbits* on two Sundays in a row: today's, October 24 & next Sunday, Oct. 31 since it's a 5 Sunday month. If you have announcements for the *Tidbits*, please give them to Durinda Hood or e-mail it to office@oldorchardchurch.org. Personal items will be put into the *Tidbits* on a space available basis.

Bethany Christian Services: Volunteers Sought!

An article about this program was in the Post-Dispatch last week and posted on the Mercy Ministry bulletin board.

Dear Friends of Bethany:

We have launched a new initiative called Safe Families for Children. It is a movement to help families in temporary crisis. SFFC provides a safe host home for the children while the parents get this stabilized. This crisis may be the loss of job, hospitalization, homelessness, etc. We have seen such a need in the community and have had to turn down some recent referrals because we need more host homes. If you are someone you know may want to learn more about what's happening in the program, I encourage you to join our Facebook group: Safe Families for Children-Missouri.

There are 4 ways to become involved in the initiative: Host Home--providing a place for a child while the parents stabilize, Family Friend--be a mentor to a momma, Resource Family--provide needed items (may be a bike, a bed, a gas card, etc.), or a Case Coach--transport children to family visits, visit host families to provide encouragement. There are

so many ways to be the hands and feet of Christ with this movement. We have been inundated with referrals--the need is great and the ways are many that you can help.

If you would like more information about this Safe Families for Children, please email Kristina Duce at kduce@bethany.org.

Blessings, Donna Nicholson, Branch Director
Bethany Christian Services

Volunteer for the G & P Winter Shelter

We heard from Melody Perkins last Sunday as she highlighted the fact that the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter is entering its 25th season of serving homeless women in St. Louis City. Volunteers for breakfast teams, meal (evening) providers, and evening & overnight volunteers are sought as well as people to pray. Sign-up on sheet circulating again today if you are interested; someone from the Shelter will contact you. Brochures about the Winter Shelter are also in the parlor on one of the tables.

Mercy Ministry Team

If you are interested in joining the Mercy Ministry team at OOC, please contact Durinda Hood.

Fall Family Carnival Invitation

When: November 6, 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Where: Missouri Baptist University.

Includes a shoe drive for www.shoeman.org (bring new or used shoes to help send clean, fresh water to those who thirst).

More Info: See flyer in vestibule for more.

Julie Leslie at 314.392.2242 for questions.

Website: www.mobap.edu/fallfamilycarnival

Central Christian School Admissions Open House

You are invited to attend Central Christian School's Admissions Open House on Friday, Nov. 12, 9-11 a.m. Located in Clayton, CCS educates a diverse student body of 275 children ages 3-6 grades. Teachers encourage children to think critically and problem solve, challenging them to be active participants in their education. Call 314.727.4335 or visit www.ccsstl.com for more information.



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