

OOC Tidbits
Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church
November 28, 2010

Welcome!

Guests, we welcome you and thank you for coming! 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 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 on the chairs or in the hymnal rack.

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. Listen for dismissal time during worship, usually around 10:50 a.m.

Mini Work Morning at OOC!

Saturday, December 4, 9-noon.

We are hosting a mini-work-morning to rake leaves, and tackle a few other tasks at our 2 buildings. Thanks to all who have signed up thus far! Here's another your opportunity to let us know you are coming! See sign-up sheets. Questions? See Matt Philip.

Mark Tucker Farewell Dinner

Next **Sunday, December 5**, 5 p.m. we are having a farewell dinner with the Tucker family. **All are invited.** The sign-up sheets are in the parlor for you to check for your sign-up or to sign up for the first time! Questions? See hostesses: Margaret Wilke, Kathy Jennings, Amy Grady, & Becca Skrainka from the Hospitality Ministry. The Nelson Community group will be helping.



Sunday School News

★ **No Sunday School** today, but we will resume next Sunday, December 5. No Sunday School on 12/26.

★ **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, December 5, we will view a documentary *Through Gates of Splendor* (based on the book of the same name by Elisabeth Elliot) about five missionaries who traveled to the remote jungles of Ecuador to bring the Gospel to the Auca Indians in 1956. The Aucas did not accept the missionaries or their teachings and ended up killing them. Elisabeth Elliot, the wife of one of the slain men, goes to Ecuador with her daughter and Rachel Saint to live among the Aucas and continue the missionary work her husband started. Please join us @ 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

--Ron Lutjens & Larry Chambers

Christmas Party with Concert

Sunday, December 12, Concert @ 5:00 p.m.

Refreshments afterwards hosted by Michelle Kraft, Lois Easterling and Nancy Weir. Sign-up sheets circulating to bring treats, cheese & crackers, fruit or veggie tray.



Kids' Christmas Craft Sale!

Kids 18 years and younger are invited to make Christmas presents that they can show and sell to others in the fellowship. Date of the sale: after worship **Sunday, December 19.**

For those of you new to the church, our kids have displayed some wonderful talents and hard work in the past. Some have made candlesticks, wax candles, cookies, breads, note holders, marbled note paper, fire starters, wrapping paper, ornaments. Plan on buying a few last minute gifts! Bring cash! Also, see Sarah Lowe's offer on the back page.

If you plan to make things this year, please let Mary Beth Glasgow know.

House Church

Wednesday, December 1—Bayer Report!

Potluck Supper @ 6 p.m. (bring a dish to share)
Meeting @ 7 p.m. All at Milligan House to hear about Hans and Susan's time in Europe this summer.

Staff Christmas Gift

As is our custom, we will be taking up a collection for all our paid staff (part-time and full-time). Checks can be written to "Old Orchard Church" and designated "Staff Gift." (If you wish to designate a specific staff person you may do so. The rest of the money collected will be divided among the staff.) Our paid staff includes *Greg Roig*, music director; *Susan O'Neal*, custodian; *Lina Gentry*, accompanist; *Durinda Hood*, administrative assistant; and *Mark Tucker*, and *Ron Lutjens*, pastors.

Men's Bible Study

Next study will be Saturday, December 4, 7:15-8:30 a.m. at the home of Hal & Deb Pendergrass and will include breakfast! Newcomers welcome! We usually meet the first and third Saturdays of the month and are studying the book of Revelation. -- Hal Pendergrass

Adopt a Family Christmas Gift Giving Tree!

We invite you to participate in any of the following ways:

—**Purchase a gift or gift card for a child or adult.**

Thanks to all who have already taken a gift ornament.

Snowflake Ornaments represent gifts for the 2 families.

We are adopting 2 families: a single mom receiving SSI/disability with 5 children and grandchildren: 6, 18 & 19 year old girls, 4 & 15 year old boys; the other family is an unemployed single mom with two children, ages 10 (boy) and 12 (girl). Angels represent those gifts to children whose parents are in prison and served by Mission Gate, a prison ministry.

Gold-glittered ornaments represent gifts to children of homeless women served at the Grace & Peace Fellowship's Winter Shelter. We now have those up! We particularly invite **children in the congregation** to take one and get a gift for that child. These gifts are suggested to be in the \$5 to 10 range.

Instructions for gifts: Take an ornament or angel from our tree. (Put your name on the second half of the ornament or the gold tag of the angel & put it in the designated basket.) Purchase the gift or gift card. If it is a gift, please return it wrapped, and put the ornament or angel identifying the gift on the top of the present.

Please bring back the gift card in an envelope, with the ornament on top of the envelope identifying the gift. (Gift cards are to be given to Durinda Hood.)

You are invited to write a Christmas greeting to the child or parent. We'll add the real names of the families before we give the gifts away.

—**Bring food.** Bring food for a Christmas dinner and/or food to help stock the families' pantries. Please do **not** bring items in glass containers. (Safer to transport!)

—**Contribute money** that the Mercy Ministry will use toward meeting the families' needs (gift card for fresh food or meat, utility assistance, to supplement donated items, etc.) or gifts. You can make your check out to Old Orchard Church and designate it "Adopt a Family." We will need everything turned in by **Sunday, December 12**. Thanks.

Questions? See Debbie Pendergrass, Phil Patterson, Linda Lemen, or Durinda Hood.

Youth Group Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 28. **No Youth Group.**

Thanksgiving Weekend.

Sunday, Dec. 5. **Tucker Farewell Dinner.** 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 12. Church-wide **Christmas Party** at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 19. **Caroling** @ 6 p.m. Meet at Milligan House. Refreshments afterwards at the Taussigs.

Sunday, December 26. **Christmas Break.** No Teen Fellowship.

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, @ Milligan House. Child care available. **Evening Study** meets Thursday evenings also @ Milligan House, 7-8:30 pm. No childcare available. \$20 materials fee for either study (scholarships are available). Evening study women: please check your e-mail due to Jessie Swigart's situation. For more info, please contact Melissa Nelson:

Toffee For Sale

Sarah Lowe will be out of town for the Kids' Christmas Craft Sale, but she is happy to fill special orders of her famous toffee for delivery at a mutually agreeable time. \$5.00 for an eight-ounce bag. Email her at (see print copy for address).

Adult Choir

Meets Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.

Please see Greg Roig, music director, for questions.

"Islam...A Christian's Response" Seminar

Two Islamic experts and former Muslims coming to Central Presbyterian Church on **Sat. Dec. 11th** for a day long seminar on **"Islam...A Christian's Response."** It will be in the Fellowship Hall at Central from 9 am to 3 pm and lunch will be included. **Rev. Steve Kelley** - An Egyptian Arab who came to Christ in his 20's and **Jamal Ladwali**, a Lebanese Muslim Background Believer [MBB], will be our guest speakers. Both with United Family International, a group of MBB's who minister in the Arab world to Muslims. They know their stuff and it should be a great day and very informative. The cost will be \$10 per person to cover some of the expenses and lunch. We are limited to 200 persons. --Randy Mayfield, Central Missions & Outreach, Central Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO; Excerpts from 11/1/10 e-mail.

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, December 5, edited by Prisca/Tamara Rice. Deadline for articles is today Sunday, November 28!

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