

OOC Tidbits
Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church
December 12, 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.

Tucker Farewell Dinner Thank You!

Thanks to the Hospitality Ministry, especially Margaret Wilke, Kathy Jennings, Amy Grady, & Becca Skrainka, for organizing the dinner, as well as the Nelson Community Group, and all those who pitched in with food and/or other help! It was a lovely & special evening for all!!

Mark Tucker's Last Sunday at OOC is December 19 and last day in the office is Tuesday, December 21.

Christmas Party with Concert

Tonight!! Concert @ 5:00 p.m. Refreshments afterwards hosted by Michelle Kraft, Lois Easterling and Nancy Weir.

Bring friends!!

Join us for Caroling !!

Sunday, Dec. 19. @ 6 p.m. Meet at Milligan House. Refreshments afterwards at the home of Jerry & Sue Taussig, 669 North Forest Avenue, Webster Groves 63119.

Adopt a Family Gift Giving.

Thank you for all your donations of one kind or the other!! We can still take monetary contributions! If you forgot your gift, please let Durinda Hood know.

Kids' Christmas Craft Sale!

Next week after worship--kids 18 years and younger show and sell to others in the fellowship Christmas presents that they have made. If you have any questions, please let Mary Beth Glasgow.

Plan on buying a few last minute gifts! Bring cash! Also, see Sarah Lowe's posted offer of Toffee!

Sunday School News

No Sunday School on 12/26, January 2 & 9, 2011.

Adult Sunday School: "Dramas of Grace."

We're watching stories in film of God's intrusion into the lives of people like us. Today, December 12 & next week, December 19, a film will be shown with Professor Andrew Walls describing Christian growth in Africa. Nelson Jennings will lead the discussion afterwards.

Please join us @ 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. --Ron Lutjens & Larry Chambers

Men's Coats and Clothing wanted!

Mission Gate, an outreach to prisoners, and their families, is looking for men's coats and men's casual clothing in good condition. If you have donations, please let Durinda Hood know. (This is the ministry our 10 angel gifts are going to—for children of incarcerated parents.)

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 19, edited by Susan O'Neal. Deadline for articles is today, December 12.

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.

Worship on Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25: We will worship Jesus together on Thursday morning, at **11:00 am**—not 10:15, our normal Sunday worship time!

Mark Robertson wants to Meet with You!

I won't eat all your cookies, I promise. If you have a child of any age at Old Orchard, I would like to meet with you. I am setting up appointments in January and February. I will stop by your home (shouldn't be more than an hour) and chat with you, or if you like, you could always come by the office. Let me know what days and times work best for you! You can email me or call 314-707-6050.

—Mark Robertson

Youth Group December Calendar:

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.



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Adult Choir

Meets Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. Will not meet December 16. Please see Greg Roig, music director, for questions and schedule.

Men's Bible Study

Next study will be Saturday, December 18, 7:15-8:30 a.m. at Milligan House.

Newcomers welcome! We usually meet the first and third Saturdays of the month and 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, @ Milligan House (child care available.) and **will not meet again until January 7, 2011.**

Evening Study meets Thursday evenings also @ Milligan House, 7-8:30 pm. No childcare available. The evening study will meet this Thursday, December 16, **but will not meet again until January 13, 2011.**

For more info about either study, please contact Melissa Nelson.



Christmas Break

Durinda Hood will not be in the office from Thursday, December 23 through the morning of December 29.

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