

OOC Tidbits

Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church

February 13, 2011

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 notes about Adult Sunday School classes.

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 announcement.

Sunday School News

Adult Classes: New Members' class and class on finances are well on their way. See Jason Bartlett regarding the class on finances.

Parlor Fellowship Today!

Please join us today after worship. Marie Chambers and Nancy Weir are our hostesses.

Lunch at Milligan House

We'll have a lunch together on February 27 after worship at Milligan House. Sign-up today! Signup to bring a crock-pot full of your favorite chili, salad or dessert for 10 or contribute \$5 (each household choose one). Linda Lemen and Becca Skrainka are hosting.

Upcoming Communion Class?

Parents: If your child is at least 7 years old and has shown signs of a simple, childlike trust in Christ, and an interest in participating in the Lord's Supper, please contact me and let me know. As soon as we get a small knot of kids together we will do a 6-week class preparing children to be admitted by the elders to Communion. I'd like to start when we have at least 4 children. --Ron Lutjens, 314.962.6196

Mom's Group

Tuesday mornings, 10 am-noon, Location of the group will be announced each week. Geared toward mothers with young children at home, but all are welcome! Come join us to fellowship and share our joys, burdens, and wisdom together in this grand ministry to which we have been called. Talk to Kathleen Shumate or Melissa Nelson for more information or to be put on the email list.

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 next Sunday, February 20, editor to be announced. Deadline for articles is **today**. Thanks to Liz Romines for becoming our newest editor.

Women's Bible Study

Both of the women's Bible studies are studying the book of Genesis. The Morning Study meets Fridays, 9:15 am - 11:30 am, at Milligan House (child care available.) and the Evening Study meets Thursday evenings also at Milligan House, 7-8:30 pm. No childcare available. For more info about either study, please contact Melissa Nelson.

Children's Coordinators

Meet at 6 p.m. at Milligan House on February 15.

Mens Bible Study

Our next study will be Saturday, February 19 at 7:15 a.m. Newcomers welcome! We meet the first and third Saturdays of the month and are studying the book of Revelation. — Hal Pendergrass

Adult Choir

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

Communion Cleaning Volunteers Wanted!

I am looking for volunteers to rotate on a monthly basis to help clean communion ware. The job goes faster if you work with someone else as a team. I am looking for at least two more people, and substitutes. If you are interested in this important, but behind the scenes job, please see Durinda ASAP. Thanks!

--Durinda Hood, 314.962.3795.

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Youth Group

(Sunday evenings, 6-8 p.m., Milligan House basement except where noted)

February 13 – The Life of Jesus – Jesus and Temptation

February 20 – The Life of Jesus – Jesus and Fishing

February 27 - The Life of Jesus – Jesus and Rules

Photos for OOC 30th Anniversary



For our 30th anniversary we would like to update our OOC photo albums. We are looking for a team to work on this. Although most of our albums are currently scrapbook style, we plan to purchase an album in which photos are slipped into photo sized sleeves so you have to decorate scrapbook pages.

Also, if you have photos of OOC events/people you want to submit to give to the album or to have scanned for the album, please get them to Barb Winters. Please indicate whether they are for us to keep or to scan and return.

Please let Barb Winters or Durinda Hood know if you want to be a member of the "Anniversary photo album team."

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Know Someone You Might Nominate to Be a Deaconess, Deacon or Elder?

When we nominate: During the month of February. (It's that time of year again!)

Who nominates: Any adult **member** of Old Orchard Church can nominate candidates. But four other members must also join in nominating someone.

Who gets nominated: Any man who is a **member** of Old Orchard Church who is thought to be qualified for either the office of elder or deacon, and any woman who is a **member** and thought to be qualified to be a deaconess—all according to the criteria set out in the Word of God (**deacon: Acts 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12-13; deaconess: 1 Timothy 3:11; Romans 16:1-2; elder: 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4.**) TO NOMINATE SOMEONE MEANS YOU BELIEVE HE OR SHE MAY WELL HAVE THE GIFTS AND CALLING TO BE A DEACON, ELDER, OR DEACONESS, AND SHOULD EXPLORE THIS WITH THE SESSION BY ENTERING THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

The nomination itself: The nomination **must be in writing**, must include a statement as to why the nominator believes the person should be considered, **must be signed by the nominator and four other members** of Old Orchard Church, and must be turned in directly to an elder.

Whom to approach in a nomination: The member nominating should **first approach the Session** with a written nomination, *not the person being nominated*. The Session will then take the nomination and approach the individual with it. This is not "going behind the person's back;" but rather, by allowing the elders to approach people with the fact that at least five members of the fellowship believe they may have the gifts and calling for this work, we heighten the need for them to seriously consider it before the Lord. If, after careful prayer and discussion with the elders and others, the nominated person concludes God is not calling him or her at least to go through the apprenticeship program, the nomination can be declined, or postponed, and that is the end of the matter.

Either the Session or the person nominated will inform all signatories to the nomination as to whether or not the nomination is being accepted and the apprenticeship entered.

Apprenticeship period: Those people nominated have through March to think, pray, meet with other officers and with the Session as they try to discern God's leading as to whether to go into the apprenticeship program. The apprenticeship may begin as soon as all those considering it have made up their minds. But it shall be under way **no later than April 1**, and goes through October.

Time of elections: Elections shall normally be held in mid-November.

