

## 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 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 as well as the class on finances with Dave Ramsey CDs are well on their way. See Jason Bartlett regarding the class on finances.

**Parlor Fellowship:** Please join us today after worship. Thanks to Annie Kuhn and Katherine Lutjens for hosting.

### Sign up for Maundy Thursday Meals. Thursday, April 21

**Adult Meals:** April 21. 6:15 p.m. for the adult meals. The menu is simple: Hearty Soup and Bread. A brief description of the adult meals is below. Thanks!

**Reciting Meal:** During these meals, we read the highlights of the story of our redemption in Christ. A Bible goes around the table, verses assigned for each person to read. As we hear of the movement back and forth throughout history—from Genesis onward—between God's grace and our sin, a center candle is alternately lit and extinguished.

**Sharing Meal:** During these meals, we focus on certain passages of Scripture, or songs, or meditations on the suffering of the Lord and then there is some time for focused, individual sharing on how the work of Christ has affected our own lives personally.

**Children's Meal.** There will be a special meal for children starting at 6:00 p.m. (*divided ages: 1-4; 5-11 years*) at the Milligan House during the adult meals. Pick up time for children will be 8:00 p.m.

\*\*\*We need **helpers** for the children's meal. See today's sign-up sheet.\*\*\*

### Easter Celebration is coming! Sunday, April 24. See schedule. Sign up for Buffet.

- **Sunrise Service** 7:30 a.m. at Blackburn Park (led by our teenagers)
- **Hallelujah Buffet** at Milligan House (see below for more; see insert to sign-up)
- **Easter Egg Hunt** for children beginning at 9:15 a.m. on the Milligan House lawn.
- **Folk Dancing** 9:30—10:00 a.m. (in the street between Milligan House and the church, or in the parlor due to rain.)
- **Easter Service** in the Sanctuary 10:15 a.m.
- **Balloon Launch.** After worship. The children (& maybe some adults!) will send off helium-filled balloons as a symbol of Christ's resurrection. Buffet leftovers (if any) also after the service.

### Easter Morning — Hallelujah Buffet — April 24 at Milligan House

Please sign up for the Easter Sunday Buffet. Please see inserts in the bulletin. Sign up to bring food: Bagels, Muffins, Sweetbreads; Fruit Juice; Fruit Plate; 9 X 13 Egg Casserole or contribute Cash (for breakfast meat; please give \$5 or \$10 donation to Laurie Lowe or Jan Rau). Warming trays are requested as well as volunteers to help with clean-up. See the Hallelujah Buffet team: Laurie Lowe, Jan Rau or Michelle Kraft for questions.

**Communion Cleaning! Volunteers Wanted!** See Durinda Hood to volunteer or more info. 314.962.3795. E-mail: office@oldorchardchurch.org

## ZUMBA at OOC!!!

Sweep out your body's winter cobwebs while you HAVE FUN and exercise at the same time!! Tuesdays in April and May, 6-7 PM in the parlor. (one hour earlier than originally advertised) No charge. Bring your friends and neighbors, too! Contact Becca Skrainka with any questions.

## Easter Baskets!!!



Thanks to all who took a basket last week!! Reminder: bring back your filled basket next Sunday, April 17!!  
-- OOC Mercy Ministry.

## OOC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### "Numbering Our Days, Finding Our Wisdom"

#### Volunteers Wanted!!

See sign-up sheet today to help with anniversary plans and/or implementing them. Please indicate if you have a particular interest.

Mark Your Calendar: May 14:

Picnic at The Easterlings' Farm

Weekend of September 23-25:

Anniversary Celebration on OOC grounds

## Adult Choir

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

## Mom's Group

Tuesday mornings, 10 am-noon, See Kathleen Shumate for location. 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 for more information or to be put on the email list.

## Women's Bible Study

Both of the women's Bible studies are finishing up their study of the book of Genesis. The Morning Study meets this Friday, April 15, 9:15 am - 11:30 am, at Milligan House (child care available) for its final class. The Evening Study meets Thursday evening, April 14, also at Milligan House, 7-8:30 pm. No childcare available. This is its next to last class, with final class on April 28 and perhaps a sharing time for the group in May or June. See Melissa Nelson: for the morning study and Jessica Swigart for the evening one.

## Men's Bible Study

Our next study will be Saturday, April 16 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

## MORE OOC BABIES ON THE WAY!

Baby shower for Jen Schaefer, Thais Marques and Grace Greene Milligan House this Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m.

Jen and James will welcome their first-born on about May 7; Thais and Andre expect their first around June 14 and Grace and Steve expect their bundle of joy around May 28.

Where they are registered: Jen and Thais are registered at Babies R Us and Target. Grace is registered at Cotton Babies and Target.

Group gift donations due today: If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift for each mother. Please give your contribution to Marci Robertson or Jessica Burdette by Sunday, April 10.

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.

## Youth Group

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

Today, April 10. Destination unknown. Meet @ 5 p.m. Note the change in time, it's going to be fun. Do not wear good clothes, in fact, pretty yucky clothes are preferred. and bring some fast food money\$\$.

April 17 – Palm Sunday – plan Sunrise Service

April 24 – Easter – Sunrise Service (no evening Youth Group)

## 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, April 17; editor will be Jim Lowe. Deadline for articles is **today**.

## Old Orchard Church

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