

OOO Tidbits ♦ Easter Sunday April 24 2011 ♦ Announcements & More for Old Orchard Church

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 is not meeting today, but will resume next Sunday at 9 a.m. and is offered for all ages.

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. Today are nurseries will be staffed by volunteers who each serve during one half of the worship time.

❖ **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. Will not meet today, but resumes next Sunday.

Easter Celebration Today! Sunday, April 24.

- **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.

Sunday School News

No Sunday School today! Adult and children's classes will resume next week.

Next Parlor Fellowship: Sunday, May 8 hosted by Marci Robertson with the youth group. Please sign-up today. It will also be in honor of Covenant Seminary graduates—this year we have only one: Chris Schwartz!

Japan Relief Fund

We will continue for a couple more Sundays to collect funds for relief from the earthquake in Japan. As of last Sunday, we'd collected \$1000. Please write your check to Old Orchard Church and designate it "Japan Relief." Our collected gift will be given to Presbyterian Mission International (PMI).

Reminders For Leaders!

Leaders' Meeting: Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at Milligan House

Written Budget Reports Due: Sunday, May 15.

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING

All OOC women are invited to a bridal shower to honor Sandra Ribeiro. Sandra and Chuck Schulte will be married at Old Orchard Church 11 a.m. on June 4th.

WHERE: Milligan House

WHEN: Saturday, May 7 at 10:00am

HOSTESSES: Lina G. and Thais M.

Sandra is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond. If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift. Please give your contribution to Lina or Thais by Sunday, May 1. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring something for the refreshment table.

Please join your sisters in Christ in a time of prayer and celebration for Sandra.

Adult Choir

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

OOO 30th Anniversary

"Numbering Our Days, Finding Our Wisdom"

Mark Your Calendar—

May 14: Picnic at The Easterlings' Farm. 10 to 2 pm

Kick-off Picnic and

Farewell to Nelson & Kathy Jennings

Weekend of September 23-25:

Anniversary Celebration on OOC grounds

A Reminder about from the Nursery Team:

Winter is gone! Or at least, we hope so. Though the colder months are behind us, our little ones still come down with the sniffles on occasion, and it is important to remember per our policy that if your child has had a fever, cold, diarrhea or vomiting in the past 24 hours, we would prefer that they not be left in the nursery. This policy is in place for the safety of all our children. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

--Submitted by Mark Robertson

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. (No charge. Bring your friends and neighbors, too! Contact Becca Skrainka with any 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, 314.413.2374, kathleen.shumate@gmail.com, for more information or to be put on the email list.

Women's Bible Study

The morning Women's Bible Study has ended, and the evening study's last class is this Thursday, April 28 at Milligan House, 7-8:30 pm. No childcare available. See Jessica Swigart.

Men's Bible Study

Our next study will be Saturday, May 7 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

Youth Group

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

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

May 1 - Serving at Creve Coeur Manor

May 8 - *High School Only!* Movie & Coffee, 6:00 p.m.

May 15 - Joint Youth Group with Grace & Peace, 4:30 p.m., @ Grace & Peace

May 22 - End of Year Cook-out

Easter Baskets!!!

Thanks to all who donated Easter baskets – we gave away a total of 40! -- OOC Mercy Ministry.

"Till We Have Faces"

Ron alluded to Gary Glasgow, actor and professor of theater at Webster University, in his sermon last Sunday, and in an e-mail this week encouraged people to go see the play he is in. Gary has a significant part in a Mustard Seed Theater production of, "Till We Have Faces," a stage adaptation of the C.S. Lewis fantasy novel of the same name.

The play runs through May 1. Thursday-Saturday shows: 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees take place at 2 p.m. No performance today, April 24. Saturday matinee: April 30, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors (65+) and students. All performances are at the Fontbonne University Black Box Theatre on the second floor of the Fine Arts Building, 6800 Wydown Blvd. in Clayton. For more information call 314.719.8060.

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, May 1; editor will be Liz Romines. Deadline for articles is **today**.

Lawn Mowing— Please sign-up!

We're at that season again—looking for people to mow the lawns at the church building/Milligan House and at the home of Willie Lee, disabled who lives in Rock Hill. **Bill Grady** coordinates lawn mowing at the church/Milligan House, and **Mark Robertson** is currently coordinating lawn mowing at Willie Lee's, but we are looking for a new coordinator for Willie's lawn mowing. Interested? See Mark Robertson.

Sign up sheets are circulating today! For questions, please contact Bill Grady or Mark Robertson.

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