

OOO Tidbits



December 18, 2011
Announcements & More
for Old Orchard Church

Welcome to Old Orchard Church

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 for all ages meets at 9 a.m. (except during some holidays) Please see note below for more.

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.

Christmas Day Worship. Please Join Us!!

Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25).

Worship will be at **11:00 am**—not 10:15, our normal Sunday worship time!

Parents, **no nursery on Christmas Day**. Worship service will be short, about an hour in length.

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**. No Children's Worship through January 1. Will begin again on January 8, 2012.

Our Library

Please browse our selection of books in the vestibule by the kitchenette. More books are in our library rooms located in the Milligan House on the first floor by the kitchen and bathroom. Enjoy!!

Kids Christmas Craft Sale

Kids 18 years and younger are selling their Christmas crafts today after worship.

Sunday School News

No Sunday School Dec. 25 & Jan. 1. Begins again for all ages on January 8, 9 a.m. Adults: New Members' Class will start then and a second adult class will be announced.

On the Calendar

- ***Choir: Christmas break.** See Greg Roig.
- ***English Conversations:** No classes until January.
- ***Stated Session Meeting:** Tuesday, Dec. 20. 6 p.m.
- ***Mark Robertson's Vacation:** December 23-29.

Neighborhood Caroling



Tonight! 6:00 p.m. Meet at Milligan House. Refreshments afterwards at Ed & Margaret Killeen's home.

Remember to **bring a platter of treats** to share at the refreshment table!

Youth Group

December 18 – Youth Group – Neighborhood Caroling
December 25 – Christmas Day!!

January 1, 2012: Youth Group, 6-8 p.m.

Men's Bible Studies: Fridays & Saturdays

Both meet at the Milligan House (639 Amelia 63119)

- 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7:15 – 8:30 a.m., a study in Revelation. Hal Pendergrass leads. Meets 1/7/2012.
- 2nd and 4th Fridays from 6:00 – 7:15 a.m. a study in Joshua. Won't meet again until January 13, 2012.

Men's Monthly Social

1st Fridays, 5-6:15 pm at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, Webster Groves 63119; meets in 2012 on January 6!
For questions about the Men's Ministry, see Ed Killeen.

Women's Bible Study: Morning & Evening

All ladies are invited to attend either the morning or evening Bible study on the book of Luke. The morning study won't meet again until January 13 & the evening study will start again Jan. 17. For questions, please contact Melissa Nelson or Jessie Swigart.

End of the Year Contributions

The last Sunday you can drop gifts in the collection plate and have them applied to the year 2011 for tax purposes is (next) Sunday, December 25, 2011. Anything put in the collection plate after that will be counted as part of your giving in the year 2012, even if you back-date the check. IRS rules for tax deductions stipulate that gifts must be given by December 31—in the hands of the church by midnight, December 31, or postmarked in 2011 (if they are being mailed).

New Overture Editor Sought

We are looking for another editor for the Overture to take a turn once every two months starting after January 1. Please let Durinda Hood know or e-mail the church office (office@oldorchardchurch.org) if you are interested or want more information.

Staff Christmas Gift

It's our custom to take 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 an amount to a particular staff person you may do so. All gifts left unspecified will be divided equally among the staff.)

Our paid staff includes *Greg Roig*, music director; *Susan O'Neal*, custodian; *Lina Gentry*, accompanist (This is Lina's last year as our accompanist); *Durinda Hood*, administrative assistant; and *Mark Robertson*, Director of Ministry to Youth & Families; and *Ron Lutjens*, pastor.

Photos—Keep them coming!

Reminder: collecting photos through the end of the year! Thank all of you who have submitted photos! We'd like to get more to put in a scrapbook. You still have a chance to find that old photo and give us a recent photo of your family! And don't forget the little "write-up" each household is asked to submit.

Please submit photos to Barb Winters or Durinda Hood.

***Please note: all photos submitted become the property of Old Orchard Church (unless you tell us you want it returned). We'd prefer photographic paper copies. Thank you so much!

OOC Directory

If you are new and want to be added to the Old Orchard Church Directory, please e-mail the church office (office@oldorchardchurch.org) and we will e-mail you a form to complete and return to the office. If you don't have access to e-mail, please see to Durinda Hood. Or if you are currently in the directory and have changes, please e-mail them to the church office.

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 in early January (date and editor to be announced).

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