

# OOO Tidbits

December 25, 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.

### 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.

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### 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!!

### Sunday School News

No Sunday School Jan. 1. Begins again for all ages on January 8, 9 a.m. Adults: **New Members' Class** will start then. Also starting on January 8 for adults: a 4-week class on reading the **Book of Proverbs** led by Jonathan Shumate.

### On the Calendar

\***Choir: Christmas break.** Starts again January 5. See Greg Roig.

\***English Conversations:** No classes until January.

\***Bagel Fellowship** will be on January 8, 2012

\***House Church** on Wednesday, January 4 at 7 p.m.

**Please note:** No meal before House Church! Brief fellowship time at 6:45 p.m. for tea and cookies.

### Staff Breaks

\***Ron Lutiens** will be taking vacation December 27-30.

\***Mark Robertson's Vacation:** December 23-29. Will be in the office on December 30.

\***Durinda Hood** will not be in the office Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2.

### Concert & Housing Need

The **Millsaps College Chamber Choir** will be traveling through St. Louis on a winter tour the second week of January. They had such a nice experience when they toured through here a few years ago, that they asked if we would be willing to host them again. Nate and I both sang in this group when we were at Millsaps, and I can guarantee that the quality of the performance will be outstanding! This would be a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to come hear a free concert at Old Orchard and bless this group with your presence.

I am writing to ask for your help in two main ways:

1) Please plan to attend the concert on **Monday, January 9 at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary and please **invite friends to attend with you.** A love offering will be collected to help with tour expenses.

2) Please consider hosting two (or more) students overnight in your home. They would just need a place to stay and a ride back to the church to catch a bus on Tuesday morning. I could help with the transportation part, if possible, if that is a hardship for you. The school policy is not to send students alone into someone's home, so you need to be able to accommodate at least two students. If you have more room, however, they can come in groups of three or four.

Please email or call me if you'd like to help or have questions. I'll be out of town 12/21-12/27, but please feel free to call or email--I can be reached either way.

Thanks so much!

Peace, Kelli McKie

### 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 (today) 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).

### 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.

### 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](mailto:office@oldorchardchurch.org)) if you are interested or want more information. If you can only take an occasional turn or just want to try it out, we'd love to hear from you!!

### 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](mailto: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 Durinda Hood. Or if you are currently in the directory and have changes, please e-mail them to the church office.

### Former Members' Address

**Address:** Former members Frank & Sandi Shirley,  
1404 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Monett, MO 65708-1362  
Frank came for our anniversary celebration, and one other time in November.

### 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 January 8 (editor to be announced). Deadline next Sunday, January 1.

### Youth Group

December 25: Christmas Day!!  
January 1, 2012: Youth Group, 6-8 p.m.

### Letter

Old Orchard friends & family,  
Thank you so much for the cards, visits, and especially the meals following Andy's arrival. We are so appreciative of your love and care for us and for all the ways that you serve us.

With love,  
Brad & Tami Smull

### Old Orchard Church

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