

OOO Tidbits

~ July 29, 2012 ~

Announcements & More for 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 usually meets at 9 a.m. except this summer and 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.** For children in grades 1-5 meeting at Milligan House. Listen for dismissal announcement, usually around 10:50 am. See Jessie Swigart or Mark Robertson.

◆Need a good book to read this summer? Check out our library!

Please browse our selection of books in the hallway 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!!



❖ **House Church** this Wednesday, August 1. 6:30 p.m. refreshments. 7:00 p.m. meeting. At Milligan House. Focus: Ukraine: Greg Roig's mission trip; Kirk & Anna Norris' future ministry. For child care during meeting, please sign-up or see Mark Robertson.

❖ **Next Parlor Fellowship** will be Sunday, August 12 after worship. Amy Grady & Margaret Wilke hosting. Sign up to bring food today.

❖ **Sunday School News:** No Sunday School for the summer for both adults and children.

❖ **Stated Session meeting** is Tuesday, July 31, 5:30 p.m. at Milligan House.

❖ **OOO Anniversary Picnic Date:** Sunday, September 16 after worship. Mark your calendar! **This is a correct date. We were not able to reserve Larson Park for later in September.**

Lawn Mowing

Thanks to all who have been signing up! Still 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. We welcome people to help and take a turn!! Sign up sheets are circulating today! Contact **Bill Grady** for church's lawns or **Ben Dodd** for Willie Lee's.

Tender Mercies Prayer Group

"...because of the tender mercy of our Lord..."

Join us as we ask our God to shine His light on our grown covenant children who are walking in darkness.

When: Saturday, August 4, 9:00 a.m.

Where: Milligan House

--Nancy Weir

Men's Bible Studies

--The Saturday morning Bible study for men will not meet during the summer.

--Weekly, Fridays from 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. at Milligan House. A study on Ephesians will continue through Friday, August 3. Then the group will take a break and start a new study on Friday, September 7.

--The Saturday morning Bible study led by Hal Pendergrass will begin again Saturday, September 8 at 7:30 a.m.

Men's Monthly Social

1st Fridays, 5-6:15 pm at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, WG, 63119. Next socials: Fridays, August 3, & September 7. For questions about the Men's Ministry, see Ed Killeen.

Help to Rebuild Joplin!

Christ the King PCA in Joplin, Missouri is organizing rebuilding efforts in coordination with MNA throughout the summer and fall. I would like to organize a team to travel to Joplin in October to assist in this project. We will most likely serve over a long weekend, Thursday to Sunday, based on the availability of those interested in serving. All ages can apply to come, but be advised that this project involves manual labor and will thus be best suited for those in good health. We will sleep at a local church; shower facilities and meals are available for as low as \$20/day. More than 12,500 structures were destroyed or damaged in the tornado and rebuilding will take a long time. During VBS we will be raising money for MNA's work in Joplin though we hope you will consider joining the work force. Please email Mark Robertson at if you are interested or would like more information.

Winter Shelter Rummage Sale--

Grace & Peace's Winter Shelter for homeless women will hold its annual Rummage Sale on two weekends: August 17 & 18 and 24 & 25. Looking for your used clothing, toys and household items in "excellent or new" condition.

Donation Hours: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. M,W,F & 10:00 a.m.-4:30 pm T-TH. Drop off at 622 Clara Avenue, 63112, the side entrance to Grace & Peace Fellowship.

Special Note: If anyone is willing to take a load of donations from OOC people, e-mail Durinda Hood so we can coordinate arrangements.

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 (put in subject line: *Overture*). The next issue will be out Sunday, August 5. Deadline is today, July 29. Liz Romines, editor.

Summer Youth Group Schedule

See Mark Robertson for more.

Tuesday, July 31 – ~~Six Flags Day~~; \$30 Postponed

Saturday, August 11 – Destination Unknown

Saturday, August 18 – Mini-Retreat/Float Trip (free!)

School Supplies for Kids!!

Thank you for your donations of supplies or funds! If you forgot your supplies, please let Durinda Hood know. You can also still give a monetary donation today if you wish. Check to be written to Old Orchard Church and designated "School Supplies."

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For Meditation—July 29, 2012

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. —Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

1. Read it: Read the passage out loud at least three times this week, and memorize it if you can.

2. Think it—and maybe confess it: Mull over this text through your week, and make some time to sit alone with your Bible open to it. *The central exercise in meditating on God's Word is to get quiet with the text in front of you—or in your head—as you try to discern the Lord speaking to you in it what is true and especially relevant to you.* Ask God to show you if you are truly saved, that is, if you are trusting in and resting upon Jesus and his atoning death to make you acceptable to God. Or might you still be trying to prove, by working hard at "doing the right thing," that you are good enough to please God? And if, indeed, you are trusting in Christ alone to save you rather than your good works, do you see your "saved" standing as *a gift*, as Paul teaches here? Do you see even your own faith as something which God has given you, freely? Are you learning how important those good works are in your life as the fruit of your faith? As *what you were created to do—and therefore as the way to "find yourself"?*

3. Pray it: As you ponder this passage, ask God to humble you, so that you might see with greater clarity how everything he's done for you is of grace, i.e., free and undeserved. Then ask the Lord for insight into which good works he created you, specifically, to do.

4. Live it: Come up with a few things to do this week that will reflect that you are both *resting* in Jesus Christ to save you and *working* at doing those "good works" which, though taxing and draining, reveal your glory as a creature made in God's image, i.e., made for love and holiness.

