

OOO Tidbits

~ November 25, 2012 ~ 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 for all ages usually meets at 9 a.m. (except during the summer and 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.

Make Use of the Children's Activity Bags in Worship!

Parents, each week there is a new activity sheet for children in the colored bags that you can find in a box alongside the windows in the hallway. These sheets are a way to help children engage in worship; if they are not yet reading, perhaps you can assist them after the service with some of the questions, though there are also graphics and games for all to enjoy according to that week's theme. Let me know if you have suggestions, as we seek to help the whole family worship well on Sunday morning! -- Mark Robertson.

Parlor Fellowship: December 2 after worship. Our hostesses: Kelli McKie & Betsy Roig. Please sign-up to bring food. Mark Robertson will be ordained on December 2 and we will honor him at the Parlor Fellowship.

Lunches. No Lunch at Milligan House in December.

Sunday School News

Meets at **9:00 a.m.** for both adults and children. No classes today!

Adults, resuming next week until Christmas, Will Barker will lead the adult Sunday School. We will explore the Westminster Confession of Faith and ask ourselves what significance a 400-year-old confession has in the

life of a Christian today. We will talk about how it was formed in its historical context, and why we view the Bible as a series of Covenants between God and people. We will explore the undergirding truths of Scripture that shape our understanding of life such as predestination, assurance of salvation, Christian freedom, freedom of conscience and the grace of the sacraments and prayer. This is a class for everyone, as it will enrich and deepen your understanding of Scripture.

Great coffee and childcare provided. Come learn something! Please contact Margaret Killeen with any questions.

Nursery schedules for December-February are ready to be picked up. Please pick yours up, and contact Margaret Wilke with any questions or issues. --Margaret Wilke

OOO Directory & OOC Talk

If you are new and not in the OOC Directory, please fill out a form. You can either fill out a form at the church's website (www.olderorchardchurch.org). It's at the bottom of the "About Us" page, or get one from Durinda Hood. Please turn in physical forms to Durinda Hood's mailbox.

If you are not receiving **OOO Talk** on your e-mail and want to join, please e-mail the church office and we will have an invitation to OOC Talk sent to you. --Durinda Hood



First Sunday in Advent:

Sunday, December 2, 2012 --

Advent Booklets!

You are invited to take one of the Advent devotional booklets as we begin the season of Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, that begins next Sunday, December 2. One devotional is for adults and high schoolers, "Awaiting the Wonder" (green colored), and the other one is for families with children in eighth grade and younger called "Welcome A Mighty Savior" by Mark Neilsen. (purple). Please take one or the other. Thanks!!

Christmas Party With Concert: Save the date!

On Sunday, December 16th at 6 p.m. we will hear a brief concert by our choir, then enjoy fellowship and food together! Details to follow soon...Watch for sign-up to contribute food or cash.

Kids Christmas Craft Sale

Kids 18 years and younger are invited to make Christmas presents that they can show and sell to others in the fellowship. Date of the sale: after worship Sunday, December 16. For those of you new to the church, our kids have displayed some wonderful talents and hard work in the past. Some have made candlesticks from things in the woods, wax candles, cookies, breads, note holders, marbled note paper, fire starters, wrapping paper, ornaments—lots of great gift ideas. Plan on buying a few last minute gifts! Our coordinator is **Mary Beth Glasgow**. Please see her, kids, if you plan to make gifts.

Men's Bible Studies & Social

◆ Bible Studies:

Monday Evening (bi-weekly). 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. (Milligan House) Our next meeting will be Monday, December 19. We will view and discuss Tim Keller's DVD series *The Prodigal God*. (There is no book to buy or pre-reading required from week to week.) We meet every other Monday at the Milligan House from 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. Awesome refreshments will be served! For further info contact Gary Glasgow, Currie Bishop, Greg Kern or Greg Roig.

Friday Mornings (weekly) 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. (Milligan House) The Friday Bible study is doing a study on the book of Proverbs.

Saturday morning (bi-weekly) 7:15 a.m. This Bible study on the book of Colossians is led by Hal Pendergrass. Meets the first and third Saturday mornings. Next one: Saturday, December 1.

◆ **Social Evening: 1st Friday of the month**, 5-6:15 pm at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, WG, 63119. Next one: Friday, December 7.

◆ For questions about the Men's Ministry, see Ed Killeen.

Women's Bible Studies:

We continue our two group studies: I hope you can join us as we study Hebrews! Classes go through Dec. 14. **When: Friday mornings**, 9:15 am-11:30 am; **Tuesday Evening**, 7 pm-8:30 pm

Cost: one-time fee of \$30 for materials & supplies. Scholarships may be available if needed.

Where: Both are at Milligan House

Leaders: *Betty McCracken* on Friday mornings
Melissa Nelson on Tuesday evenings

Childcare for Women's Bible Study

--*Friday Mornings*. Child care offered. (Nursing moms welcome to have babies in class.)

--*Tuesday Evenings*: No childcare available.

Contact: Melissa Nelson with any questions!

Calendar Notes

- **Stated Session meeting:** Tuesday, November 27th, 5:30 p.m. at Milligan House, second floor.
- **Weekly Choir Rehearsal:** Meets at 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays. See Greg Roig, Music Director for questions.
- **English Conversations** meets Fridays, 4:30 p.m. at Milligan House. See Hurvey & Dorothy Woodson or Valerie Powers for more.

Come and Be a Blessing!

Baby shower for Kathleen Shumate

Saturday, December 8, 1 p.m. Milligan House

The women of OOC are invited to a baby shower for Kathleen Shumate. Kathleen, Jonathan and Elanor will be welcoming baby brother Calvin around February 8. Kathleen is registered at Amazon.com or if you prefer to go to a physical store most of the items are on registries at Babies R Us and Target. If your budget is tight you can contribute to a group gift. Please give your contribution to Marci Robertson or Amy Grady by Sunday, December 2.

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. Join us as we celebrate!

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. Please 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, Dec. 2. Deadline today, Nov. 25. Editor: Marci Robertson.

New Overture Editors Wanted: see Durinda Hood.

Adopt a Family for Christmas & More

We are providing gifts, gift certificates and food for those who are in difficult circumstances and for whom it would be a blessing, and practical help to receive these gifts. The selection include: **(1)** 10 gifts (\$25 range) for children of parents in prison Mission Gate distributes, **(2)** small gifts (\$5 to \$10) to the children/grandchildren of the women who are guests in the Grace & Peace Winter Shelter and **(3)** contributions for small gifts [chapsticks and gloves] for the 16 women served by the Winter Shelter **(4)** providing gifts and food and (as able) utility gifts for two families we're adopting through Webster Rock Hill Ministries). One family of four includes two children ages 12 and 6; the other family is a disabled man.

Ornaments on the tree represent gifts, gift cards, cash contributions. Please take one half of the ornament and get your gift, then leave the other half of the ornament with your name on it with us (in the provided envelope) to tell us you have taken that gift or gift card. Children in the fellowship are encouraged to take a gift for a child/grandchild of the women at the Shelter. Funds are welcomed to help with the gift giving; your check can be written to Old Orchard Church and designated adopt a family. **Gifts & contributions need to be returned by Sunday, December 9.**

Also, we are looking for **donations of non-perishable food** for a Christmas dinner [just think of a traditional meal; we're posting a list WRHM gave us], and other items to help stock the pantries for the two families.

Old Orchard Church

Church Office/Milligan House: 314.962.3795

Church Building, 640 Amelia: 314.961.6932

(no answering device at this number)

OOC Web Site: www.oldorchardchurch.org

Pastor, Ron Lutjens Home Study: see print copy

Ron's E-mail: see print copy

Director of Ministry to Youth and Families,

Mark Robertson, Office: see print copy

Mark's E-Mail: see print copy

Durinda Hood, Administrative Assistant

E-mail: office@oldorchardchurch.org