OOC Tidbits



~December 9, 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.

Sunday School News

Meets at **9:00 a.m.** for both adults and children. We'll take a Christmas & New Year's break: No Sunday School December 23 and 30, as well as January 6, 2013. We will resume classes on January 13.

Adults, we'll finish our class with Will Barker teaching next Sunday. New class will begin in January.

Please contact Margaret Killeen with any questions.



New Parents! Congratulations!! Andy & Hannah Gear welcomed their daughter, Naomi Hosford, on Dec. 4, 2012, 7 lbs 5 oz, 21.5 inches.

Christmas Party With Concert: Next Sunday!!

On Sunday, December 16th at 6 p.m. we will hear a brief concert by our choir, then enjoy fellowship and food together! Please sign-up today to contribute food or cash. Katie Mohler and Sylva Neubauer are organizing our refreshments.

Kids Christmas Craft Sale: Also Next Week!

Kids 18 years and younger are making Christmas presents that they will show and sell to others in the fellowship next <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 16</u> after worship. Bring cash! Plan on buying a few last minute gifts! Our coordinator is **Mary Beth Glasgow**. Please see her, kids, if you are making gifts.

Adopt a Family for Christmas & More

Gifts & contributions are due today. If you forgot yours, please see Durinda Hood or Debbie Pendergrass. Please turn in gift cards or checks to one of us (Durinda or Debbie). **Thank you** for your participation!!

Caroling on December 23!

On Sunday, December 23, at 6:00 p.m., we'll gather at Milligan House and then go out and carol the Christmas message to our neighbors. We will provide candles inside small jars, and you provide the voices! Afterwards, we'll meet at the home of Ed & Margaret Killeen for hot chocolate and treats. Please bring a platter of treats to share!

Ornament Making

Children (grades 6 and under) will be making ornaments next Sunday, December 16 during worship. On the following Sunday, December 23, also during worship, the kids will come forward and decorate the trees in the sanctuary with their ornaments. Contact Mark Robertson if you have any questions.

Christmas Day Worship
Tuesday, December 25, 11:00 a.m. Please join us!

Pastor Ron Will Be Away

Dates: Thursday, December 27 - 29.

OOC Talk

If you are not receiving **OOC 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

OOC Directory

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.oldorchardchurch.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.

Men's Bible Studies & Social

♦ Bible Studies:

Monday Evening (bi-weekly). 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. (Milligan House). We will meet both tomorrow night, December 10 and next week, Monday, December 17. 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 usually 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.

<u>Friday Mornings</u> (weekly) 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. (Milligan House) The Friday Bible study is doing a study on the book of Proverbs. Will meet 12/14 and 12/21, but will be off 12/28.

<u>Saturday morning</u> (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. This group will meet <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 15</u> (7:00 a.m.) at the home of Hal and Debbie Pendergrass for their annual Christmas breakfast

- ♦ <u>Social Evening</u>: **1**st **Friday of the month**, 5-6:15 pm at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, WG, 63119. Next one: <u>Friday</u>, <u>Januay</u> 4.
- ♦ For questions about the Men's Ministry, see Ed Killeen.

Women's Bible Studies

Our two studies on Hebrews will resume Tuesday evening, January 8, 2013 and Friday morning, Jan.11.

Ladies, if you want to join us in January, here's the info about the studies:

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

<u>Leaders</u>: 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!

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. 16. Deadline today, Dec. 9. Editor: Jim Lowe.

Hospitality Ministry

To all OOC women interested in participating in the Hospitality Ministry at OOC, please mark your calendars! We are having our BIG annual meeting on Saturday, January 19 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Milligan House. We will be discussing the various Hospitality events for 2013, so please come if you interested in finding out more about all the hospitality goings-on at OOC. The Hospitality Ministry covers many different areas, including Parlor Fellowships, Milligan House lunches, our Easter breakfast buffet, Christmas party, Presbytery meetings, special events at the Milligan House, and baby and wedding showers. We heartily welcome OOC "old-timers" and new members! Your presence and help will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Mohler.

Youth Calendar

All events on Sunday nights @ 6 unless otherwise noted.

December 9 - Youth Group,

December 14 - Christmas party @ Robertson's

December 16 - Christmas concert @ church (6 p.m.)

December 23 – Caroling, 6 p.m. December 30 - No Youth Group

Calendar Notes

- **Stated Session meeting**: Tuesday, December 18, 5:30 p.m. at Milligan House.
- Weekly Choir Rehearsal: Meets at 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays. See Greg Roig, Music Director for questions.

More Editors Wanted!

New Overture Editors Wanted starting in January.
Work from the comfort of your own home.
Need a computer. See Durinda Hood.



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