



# OOO Tidbits ~ May 12, 2013 ~ 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 racks.

## 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 for questions.

## 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

**Sunday School Meets at 9 a.m.** for both adults and children. Please join us! And note: no Sunday School during the months of June and July and on May 26.

### Adults:

The **New Members' Class** will be finishing up with Pastor Ron after he returns.

For May: "**Anxiety and the Christian.**" Margaret Killeen will share thoughts integrating insights from the counseling world and a Christian perspective on our emotions.

**Note:** Child care is offered during Adult Sunday School for those children not old enough to attend Children's Sunday School. Please let Mark Robertson know if you need child care.

Please contact me with questions regarding adult classes.  
--Margaret Killeen

## Pastor Ron's Trip To End

Pastor Ron and Katherine are to return late Wednesday, May 15. Please pray for the Lutjens while away and for a safe return.

If you need help from an elder or pastor, please contact Pastor Mark or one of the ruling elders. (Durinda Hood will also be in the church office.)

## Lawn Mowing Signups!

Please sign up today to mow the yards for our two properties at OOC, as well as the yard of Willie Lee, disabled man who lives in Rock Hill. See Bill Grady for the church's lawns and Ben Dodd for Willie Lee's.

## Next Parlor Fellowship

The next Parlor Fellowship will be May 19 in honor of seminary and graduate school graduates. We have two graduates from Covenant Seminary: Andy Gear and Travis Schmalhofer. Sign up to bring food or donate funds for the cake. Mark Robertson & Teens are hosting.

## Covenant Seminary Graduation Schedule

**Baccalaureate Service:** Thursday, May 16. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Rayburn Chapel on the Covenant Seminary campus.

**Commencement:** Friday, May 17, 2013, 7:00 - 9:30 pm at First Evangelical Free Church, 1375 Carman Road Manchester, MO 63021

## Nursery Schedules!

Please pick up your Summer Nursery Schedules! They are ready. Please contact Margaret Wilke with any issues or questions.

## Men's Bible Study & Monthly Social

Bi-weekly Monday evenings from 8:30 – 10 pm (Milligan House) We will meet next on Monday, May 13. We are studying the book of James. Awesome refreshments will be served! For more information, contact Gary Glasgow or Greg Roig.

Weekly on Friday mornings from 6:30-7:30 am, at the Milligan house. The Friday Bible study is studying the book of James.

First and third Saturday mornings at 7:15 am, led by Hal Pendergrass. This study is on Colossians and the next meeting is May 18, 2013.

Men's Social: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, 5-6:15 pm at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, WG, 63119. Next meeting: Friday, June 7, 2013. *For questions about the men's ministries, please see Ed Killeen.*

## 2013-2014 Budget Schedule

Our preparations for the next fiscal year for Old Orchard Church has begun. We are on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year. Letters via e-mail have been sent to ministry coordinators. Here's the schedule.

- Sunday, May 12, 2013. Today! **Written Ministry Reports & Proposals for Budget** from Ministry Coordinators [e-mail to the church office or put in Durinda Hood's box] If you don't have it in today, please get it in ASAP!
- Tuesday, May 21, 2012. 7 p.m. **Budget Construction Meeting** (elders, deacons, deaconess, with treasurers) at Milligan House
- Wednesday, June 5, 2012, 6:45 p.m. **Congregational Budget Meeting. Mark Your Calendars!**
- June 6 – 30: Session formally **approves** the **2013-14 budget** at Stated Session Meeting.

## Next Overture! Additional Editors Wanted

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, May 19. Deadline for submissions is today! Editor: Liz Romines.

Regular or occasional *Overture* Editors wanted. See Durinda Hood.

## Communion Class for Youngsters

Hello Parents,

It is near that time again when we will host a communion class for young people who have shown interest in communion and whose parents feel they are ready to be invited to the Lord's table. At Old Orchard we have a class taught by Pastor Ron and Pastor Mark to teach them about the sacraments, go over some basic Christian tenets, and examine their age-appropriate beliefs. We would like to have a class starting at the end of May or at the beginning of June, which will run 5-6 weeks, meeting once a week. If you have to miss one of those weeks, that doesn't disqualify you, we are certainly willing to work with your schedules.

We generally begin children at age 7 or above. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Mark.

## Narnia in July

**Mark your Calendar!** Our next Narnia week (aka VBS) will be the week of July 23--July 23 through July 27. Plan on helping and/or having your children participate! See Kelli McKie or Mark Robertson for questions and today's insert for serving during Narnia week.

## Tissue boxes Needed for Dawntreaders

I am currently collecting large, rectangular shaped tissue boxes for making Dawntreader ships during this summer's Narnia program. I'm looking to collect about 100 boxes by June. You can give them to me directly, put them in the coat room above my mailbox, or put them on the green shelf in the corner of the church basement. Thank you for your help. --Susan O'Neal

## Sunshine Ministries Update

We had prayed for Sunshine Ministries trying to get a piece of property. Thankfully, Sunshine Ministries did close on the first piece of property. They hope to be breaking ground on the building next week. They are so grateful and excited! They thanked us for praying.

**Old Orchard Church Office** will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

## Congratulations to Jessie Swigart!

This was announced recently at Covenant Seminary:

Please join us in congratulating **Jessie Swigart** as she steps into her new role as the **Associate Dean of Academics**. Over the past four years, Jessie has served the Academics Department skillfully, first, as the Academics Administrator and then as the Academics Coordinator. In addition to those roles, Jessie taught in the MAEM program and, prior to Israel Valenzuela's arrival, provided significant leadership to the Distance Education Program.

As the Associate Dean, Jessie will build upon the organizational leadership she has already provided to Academics, On-line Education, and the MAEM [Master of Arts in Educational Ministries] program.

Congratulations, Jessie!

D. Christopher Florence

*Dean of Academic Administration, Interim Director Doctor of Ministry Program, Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology, Covenant Theological Seminary*

*(submitted by Durinda Hood)*

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*Just in case you missed the following OOC Talk message or aren't online, we are sharing it with you. Currie & Abby are now in Carbondale, Illinois where Currie serves as pastor at Grace Presbyterian (since early this year). --Durinda Hood*

## Congratulations!

**Bishop Family News.** Expecting twins in mid-November! All of those prayers you prayed for us about 4 years ago to be able to start a family were powerful and effective! We'll have 4 children in less than 4 years! Now we'd appreciate prayers for a healthy pregnancy and healthy babies. ☺

Thanks, Much love to you all, *Currie & Abby Bishop*

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