

OOC Tidbits ~ November 24, 2013 ~
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 offered for all ages. Please see the 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.

Day of Prayer and Fasting

The Session is calling for a Day of Prayer and Fasting for the whole congregation on **Wednesday, December 4**. More information to follow. –Ron Lutjens

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 at Milligan House. Listen for the dismissal time to be announced. 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 which are in a box alongside the windows in the back 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 Sunday mornings! **Please remember to return the bags to the bins in the hallway at the end of the service.** –Mark Robertson

Last day: Mercy Collection for Philippines

The elders and the diaconal team have agreed that we ought to take up a special collection to help alleviate the terrible suffering in the Philippines after the typhoon devastated the city of Tacloban and huge surrounding areas last week.

We have asked the Foreign Missions Ministry to research and then recommend a good relief vehicle that will channel our money to those in need. **Please note that today is the last day we will be receiving checks for this in light of the urgency of the situation on the ground in the Philippines.**

Next Parlor Fellowship

Please sign up for our next Parlor Fellowship to be after worship on December 8. Betsy Roig and Kelli McKie are hosting.

Lessons & Carols

Lessons & Carols to be on the evenings of Friday, December 13 (at Greg & Cayce Zavaglia) & Sunday, December 15 (Richard and Jane Winter). See the advent handout for more. And sign-up to have a seat at one of them for you and guests.

Thanksgiving Day, November 28th

Worship Service at 10 a.m.



All are invited to join for a time of worship AND to help decorate the communion table.

What to bring for the communion table:

Fruit, vegetables, colorful leaves, berries, pumpkins, squash, flowers, pine cones, etc., or anything you think reflects the beauty of creation. **Suggestion--Parents**, this is a great opportunity to take a walk with your children and gather treasures to bring.

Church Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Sunday School News

Sunday School for all ages offered and begins at **9 a.m.**
No classes on Sunday, December 1

Adult Class: Come join us on Sunday mornings through December 15 for a 6 week Sunday School series entitled: "God & Money - Relational Stewardship For Eternity" based primarily on Randy Alcorn's book, *Money, Possessions & Eternity*. Ben Dodd will lead the class. We will discuss the following topics during our next sessions:

Today's class is Week 4: Giving: growing in our trust of the Lord
Please note: No class December 1.

Week 5: Saving, investing & borrowing (Dec. 8)

Week 6: Faithful stewardship into eternity (Dec. 15)

Childcare will be provided.

--Margaret Killeen

Leaf Raking Morning, December 7th

We will be raking leaves on the morning of December 7th starting at 9 a.m. to noon. We have enough people to rake at Willie Lee's, but need more at the church properties. Please sign-up today if you plan to come. No lunch to be served.

Nursery Schedules Are Out!

Please pick up your copy of the **Winter Nursery Schedule** today. See Margaret Wilke with questions or concerns.

Parents Night Out! December 7

As a fundraiser for OOC's youth group, the teens will be babysitting at the church from 4:30 - 8:30 pm. You can come anytime during that window, and pick up any time. Cost is

donation only; take the time to go shopping without the kiddos, or just have a night out! Email Mark Robertson to sign up.

Adopt a Family for Christmas & More

Thank You for taking most of the ornaments last week! We have new ones up! And this week we are adding a “above and beyond” opportunity to bless a mom, a guest at the Winter Shelter, with an Amtrak certificate so that she can visit her 9 year old son who lives in another town. She only sees him once a month—if she has the money for the trip.

—Durinda Hood for the Mercy Ministry

Also, we are looking for **donations of non-perishable food** for a Christmas dinner [just think of a traditional meal; see the list below Webster-Rock Hill Ministries has given us], and other non-perishable and household items are welcomed to help stock the pantries for the families we are adopting. List given us: Corn, Green beans, Cranberry Sauce. Yams or Sweet Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Instant Gelatin, Instant Potatoes or Fresh Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Cake Mix, Cake Frosting.

Crafty Saturday for the Ladies

Saturday, **December 7** from 1 – 5 p.m. Please join us to work on crafts, holiday projects and to visit. We will have some light snacks, coffee, and tea. If you'd like to bring a snack, that would be great too. See Staci King or Sue vanHoornbeek if you have questions.

Kids Christmas Craft Sale, December 15th

Kids 18 years and younger are invited to make Christmas presents that they can show and sell to others in the fellowship. For those of you who are new to the church, it is our tradition to have a sale of Christmas wares created by our children. In the past, our kids have displayed some wonderful talents and hard work; some have made candlesticks from nature's bounty, wax candles, cookies, breads, note holders, marbled note paper, fire starters, wrapping paper, ornaments—lots of great gift ideas.

Wider fellowship, plan on buying a few last minute gifts!

Kids & parents, please let **Mark Robertson** know that you want to sell your Christmas crafts! Also, a sign-up sheet will also be going around today to sign-up your participation.

~Women's Ministries~

Morning & Evening Bible Studies

Ladies, we welcome you to attend either study.

We will take a **break** this week due to Thanksgiving week.

We will return to our regular schedule for the weeks of December 3 and 10, then we will take a break until Jan. 13.

Times: Tues. mornings 9:15-11:30 am; Thurs. – 7:00-8:30 pm

Location: Both are at Milligan House (639 Amelia)

What we're studying: The **Book of Romans**.

Leaders: **Betty McCracken**/Morning Study.

Dawn Miller/Evening Study

Format: Discussion format ending with prayer time.

Fellowship time too.

Childcare: Available for morning study for \$3/family. (Confidential financial help is available, see Melissa Nelson.)

However, no childcare offered for the evening study.

Questions? **Melissa Nelson** or **Dawn Miller** or **Betty McCracken**.

Men's Bible Studies

★Bi-weekly **Monday evenings** from 8:30 – 10 p.m. (Milligan House) Next study is Monday, December 2. Awesome refreshments will be served! For more information, contact Gary Glasgow or Greg Roig.

★Weekly on **Friday mornings**. **No Bible Study Friday, December 29**. Usually meets from 6:30-7:30 a.m., Milligan House. For more info contact Brad Smull or Ed Killeen.

Men's Social

1st Friday of the month, 5-6:15 p.m. at Llywelyn's Pub, 17 Moody, WG, 63119. Next social: Friday, December 6, 2013.

For questions about the Men's Ministries, please see Ed Killeen.

Photo Directory

To view the confidential online version of the OOC photos, please see instructions on the photo board. The photo directory is available through Old Orchard's website.

OOO Directory

If you have any changes in phone numbers or address, please send them to the church office [office@oldorchardchurch.org]. Please put in the subject line: OOC Directory. Or you can use the online form at the church's website. —Thanks, Durinda Hood

Newcomers: Please submit your directory information either by completing the online form on the church's website or by filling out a paper form.

OOO Talk: If you would like to be added to our in-house, congregation-wide e-mail list, OOCtalk, please e-mail office@oldorchardchurch.org and a link to the subscriber list with instructions will be e-mailed to you. Nate McKie, one of our elders, administers this list.

Activity In Church Building:

Please note that the following activity is scheduled in our facilities. A Bible Study, led by a retired pastor in the neighborhood, every Sunday evening, is using the church basement and nurseries on Sundays, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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, December 1. Next Editor: Alyssa Catlin.

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