

OOO Tidbits ~ December 8, 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 offered for all ages resumed. Please see the note below for more. Want to find out more about Old Orchard and what we are about? Then please fill out a visitor form 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 3 years old. Children who turn 3 from January-August are invited to attend preschool worship starting September 1. Children who turn 3 from September-December are invited to attend preschool worship starting January 1.

❖ **Preschool worship** for age 3 through Kindergarten. 3-year-olds (see above) and 4-year-olds are welcome during the whole service. 5-year-olds remain upstairs in worship until dismissed at 10:50.

❖ **Children's Worship:** for kids 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 are to help children engage in worship. There are also graphics and games for all to enjoy according to the 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

Sunday School News

Sunday School for all ages offered and begins at **9 a.m.**
No classes on Sundays, Dec. 22, & 29 and Jan. 5, 2014.

Adult Class: We're near the end of our Sunday School series entitled: "God & Money - Relational Stewardship For Eternity" based primarily on Randy Alcorn's book, *Money, Possessions & Eternity*. Ben Dodd is leading the class. Today's session is: *Saving, investing & borrowing* (Dec. 8) and the final week is: *Faithful stewardship into eternity* (Dec. 15). Childcare will be provided. We'll have a break and begin a new class in January. -- Margaret Killeen

Today's Parlor Fellowship

Please join us for a Parlor Fellowship after worship today for food and fellowship. We are honoring the Shumates as they prepare to leave on December 21, for Houston, Texas where they will continue their raising of funds to go to Christ's College in Taiwan. The Grants were unable to be present today and will be leaving Monday, December 23.

Adopt a Family for Christmas & More

Thank you for your great participation in this annual gift giving! If you forgot your gift or food, please see one of the team members: Deb Pendergrass, Linda Lemen or Durinda Hood.

Lessons & Carols Next Weekend!!

Lessons & Carols offered at 6:30 p.m. on the evenings of Friday, December 13, at the Zavaglia home (3409 Longfellow Blvd, 63104); & on Sunday, December 15 at Richard & Jane Winter's home (5086 Westminster Place, 63108). Sign-up to have a seat at one of them for you and your guests. **If you have signed up and your number of guests has changed or you are now not able to attend, please indicate that on your signup sheet or e-mail the church office with the change ASAP** so we can make room for all who want to attend. Please bring a **platter of Christmas treats** to the Lessons & Carols you attend.



Kids Christmas Craft Sale, Next Sunday!

Kids 18 years and younger will be offering Christmas gifts they have made for sale after worship next Sunday, Dec. 15. Please plan on bringing cash and buying a few last minute gifts! Kids & parents, please let **Mark Robertson** know that you want to sell your Christmas crafts!

Caroling

Please join us to carol in the neighborhood on the evening of Sunday, December 22 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Milligan House. We will provide candles inside small jars, but we do need voices! We'll meet afterwards for hot chocolate and treats. **Please bring a plate of Christmas eats, too!**

Staff Christmas Gift

As always, we will be taking up a love gift for all our paid staff. Checks can be written to "Old Orchard Church" and designated "Staff Gift." (You may designate a specific staff person, but undesignated gifts collected will be divided equally among the staff.) Paid staff: *Greg Roig*, music director; *Susan O'Neal*, custodian; *Beverly Condray*, accompanist; *Durinda Hood*, administrative assistant; and *Mark Robertson*, and *Ron Lutjens*, pastors.



Leaf Raking

Our leaf-raking last Saturday was cancelled because of snow and cold! But if we get warmer days sometime

this month, please consider putting in a few hours at the church/Milligan House or Willie Lee's (200 Lithia Ave, 63119) to rake some leaves. Bring your own rakes, blowers, etc. Leaf bags: underneath the church stairs and on Willie Lee's sun porch. Priority areas: at the Church/Milligan House--mostly on the sides and backs of each property. Willie Lee's: everywhere. Questions? See Ben Dodd.

~Women's Ministries~

Morning & Evening Bible Studies

Ladies, we welcome you to attend either Bible study. We will have our regular schedule this week, then we will take a break from meeting 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: Fellowship/discussion, ending with prayer time

Childcare: Available for morning study for \$3/family.

(Confidential financial help is available, see Melissa Nelson.)

No childcare offered for the evening study.

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

~Men's Ministries~

Men's Bible Studies

Bi-weekly **Monday evenings** from 8:30 – 10 p.m. (Milligan House) Next study is Monday, December 8. **We will not meet Monday, December 16**. 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.

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

OOC 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.

OOC Talk: If you would like to be added to our in-house, congregation-wide e-mail list, OOC Talk, 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.

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 15. Next Editor: Jim Lowe.

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.

Calendar Change In Use of Church Building:

A Bible Study, led by a retired pastor in the neighborhood, has moved its time from Sunday evening to Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. They are using the church basement and nurseries.

Typhoon Relief

There are probably some in the fellowship who did not get to us in time their contribution for relief work in the Philippines, or got their check to us *after* we sent out what we had collected. **So we want to provide another opportunity for any who may still want to give toward this larger cause of typhoon relief.** Our own PMI missionaries in the Philippines, Rene and Lani Quimbo, sent us last week this note below. Our Foreign Missions Ministry is advising that we send any 2nd gift for relief work to the Quimbos to use on their upcoming trip to help victims in Leyte:

*"We would like to let you know that we are planning to go on a short mission trip to Palo, Leyte, **one of the towns hardest hit by the typhoon**, which left many orphans. We plan to go the first week of January 2014 and do a sort of VBS program for the kids, hoping this will help them understand God's love despite their personal tragedy. We hope to contribute to the healing process. We will have carpenters with us to help rebuild some homes. We will bring our chainsaw, carpentry tools, our tents, food and water, and some dried fish to share with people there. We hope to share with them the Living Hope we have in Christ Jesus our Lord. **We covet your prayers; may the Lord grant us success in these endeavors. Whatever help you can contribute for this trip will be very much appreciated.** Thank you very much."*

If you'd like to give toward this effort, please make checks payable to Old Orchard Church and designate in the check memo: "Quimbos--relief work."



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