



High School
Sundays 6:00-8:00 PM

Nov. 6 - The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant
Nov. 13 - TACO BELL NIGHT!
Nov. 20 - Serve Night
Nov. 27 - No Youth Group

Middle School
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

Nov. 2 - You Asked For It Night
Nov. 9 - What does Salvation really look like?
Nov. 16 - TACO BELL NIGHT!!
Nov. 23 - No Youth Group
Nov. 30 - MEGA WEDNESDAY!

House Church – Every other Monday night our high school youth group will be gathering at the Buck's home for a time of worship and Bible Study. We aren't going to be satisfied just knowing who Jesus is; we are going to push one another to live like Jesus did! For the Buck's address and dates of our meetings, please email Greg at gregs@orchardhill.org.

High School All– Nighter!

Join us on Friday, Nov. 11 for a night to remember! A good chunk of the night will be spent away from church as we participate in a bunch of activities! Cost is \$25! Contact Greg for more info!

Middle School Friday Night Fun Night!

On Friday Nov. 18, our Middle School Youth Group is going to be having a Friday Night Fun Night! This event will last from 7-10 PM. More details will be coming soon but be sure to save the date on the calendar!

TACO BELL NIGHT!!!

High School–
Sunday, Nov. 13!



Middle School–
Wed. Nov. 16!

LIVE MÁS

We are going to be having a night of celebration! You might be asking what are we celebrating? Well, we are celebrating that we are children of God!! What better way to celebrate than with a taco bell night!??? There are going to be taco bell festivities for everyone to enjoy and eat!! Come hungry!!

To receive more info about anything happening with the 6th-12th graders please contact Greg Salmon at gregs@orchardhill.org ~ 616.784.4060 ext227.



THANKSGIVING		Soup & Salad
WORSHIP		6:15 PM
Wednesday,		Worship
November 23		7:00 PM

This is the month that we set aside some more focused time to give thanks to God. While we cant send Him a note or a card there are some things we can do:

1. Psalm 92:1 says, "It is good . . . to sing praises to Your name, O Most High." When we lift our praises to God, we should realize the importance of **using His name**.
2. We can show God appreciation by **singing His praises**. When we come together to worship, we should be singing to almighty God with full attention.
3. We express gratitude toward God by **walking upright before Him**. Show God that he has your heart and you are listening to His voice.
4. Thank God is by **giving generously and cheerfully**. If we're truly grateful, we'll want to share what we have. The only way we can actually give to God is by being generous to each other and to the work of His kingdom.

Let's not be guilty of what may be the greatest sin of all; indifference and ingratitude toward almighty God. Let your thanks to Him overflow! - Bob Karel

November's Focus: Give Thanks!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
6:00 PM

Prayer Gathering

A TIME FOR PRAYER AND WORSHIP

A major piece of the ministry and work of Orchard Hill is Prayer. OHC prays together on the first Sunday of the month at 6:00 PM.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bless others this Thanksgiving holiday out of what God has blessed you with! Bring a bag of groceries for the Northwest Food Pantry to the labeled bin by the West entrance anytime between November 1 - 23. You may also bring your bag of groceries to our congregation's annual Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, November 23.



Grab a list off the tree, buy a gift, and return it by Sunday, December 4. These gifts will be going to families whose parents may not have the financial resources to buy the gifts, but volunteer at local schools and non-profits to raise credit to buy gifts for their children from the Other Way Ministries' Christmas Store. Give the gift of love and dignity for families in need this Christmas, in the name of Jesus!

Be part of sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors at America's Best Value Inn and Suites this Thanksgiving Day (November 24)! Come with your family and play host to a table at 12:00 PM for a Thanksgiving lunch with our new friends down the road! Interested? Sign up with Pastor Laura by emailing laurac@orchardhill.org.



UPDATES & THANK YOU

A HUGE "Thank You" to everyone who supported the Guatemala mission trip team. We couldn't have done it without you all! All 22 of us made it there and back safely, and were able to experience the goodness of the Lord in the wonderful changes that are happening at the children's malnutrition center in San Juan Sacatepéquez. We were also able to participate in some new ministries there with the children at the day care located below the center, and with some older adults at the local senior center. God also allowed us to be a part of the sponsorship day, when the families and children who have been released from the center come back to collect baskets of food and hear the word of God! It was an amazing and impactful week, as we were humbled, blessed, and got to see a foretaste of the Kingdom of God here on earth!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the boots drive and labyrinth prayer walk! Through God's goodness and your generosity we were able to collect 35 pairs of boots for children at York Creek apartments, Alpine Elementary, and others! Our neighbors are experiencing the love of Christ through warm and dry feet!

For more information contact Laura Claus at laurac@orchardhill.org

Orchard Hill Library Update November 2016 NEW FICTION BOOKS

Lynn Austin. Waves of Mercy, c2016.
Sharon Garlough Brown. Barefoot, 2016. (Sensible Shoes Series Bk #3)
Candace Calvert. Step By Step, c2016. (Crisis Team Series)
Kristy Cambron. The Ringmaster's Wife, c2016.
Elizabeth Camden. From This Moment, c2016.
Colleen Coble. Mermaid Moon: A Sunset Coast Novel, c2016.
Kathryn Cushman. Fading Starlight, c2016.
Chris Fabry. Border of the Heart, c2012.
Kathleen Fuller. A Reluctant Bride: An Amish Birch Creek Novel, c2015 and An Unbroken Heart, c2016.
Irene Hannon. Tangled Webs: A Novel, c2016. (Men of Valor Series, Bk #3)
Lisa Harris. Vendetta: A Novel, c2015 and Missing :A Novel, c2016. (Nikki Boyd Files Series, Bk #1 & Bk #2)
Rachel Hauck. The Wedding Chapel, c2015.
Liz Johnson. The Red Door Inn: A Novel, c2016.
Beverly Lewis. The Photograph, c2015 and The Atonement, c2016.
Beth Moore. The Undoing of Saint Silvan, c2016.
Janette Oke. Where Hope Prevails, c2016. (Return to the Canadian West Series, Bk #3)
Tracie Peterson. A Treasure Concealed, c2016 & A Beauty Refined, c2016. (Sapphire Brides Series, BK 1& Bk 2)
Amy K. Sorrells. Lead Me Home, c2016.
Robert Whitlow. A House Divided, c2015.
Beth Wiseman. An Amish Christmas: December in Lancaster County: 3 Amish Christmas Novellas, c2009.
Karen Witemeyer. A Worthy Pursuit, c2015 and No Other Will Do, c2016.

NEW NONFICTION BOOKS

232.9 STR PB Lee Strobel. The Case for Easter, c2003.
306.0973 CAR PB Ben Carson. One Nation, c2014.
248.4 CAI PB Christine Caine. Unstoppable: Running the Race You Were Born to Win, c2014.
248.86 GRA Ruth Graham. In Every Pew Sits a Broken Heart: Hope for the Hurting, c2004.
921 COU Kirk Cousins. Game Changer: Faith, Football and Finding Your Way, c2013.

DVDs

FIC DVD WAR War Room, c2015.
CH DVD VEG Veggies In Space: The Fennel Frontier: A Lesson in the Power of Sharing, c2013.

Our library is open every Sunday a half hour before each service and a half hour afterwards. Your envelope number is your library number. Although it is not a large library there are many good books here to read.

Now that the holidays are approaching, if you shop at the Family Christian Bookstores, please ask at the checkout for the Library Builders Stamps. The clerks do not automatically give them to customers. You must ask for them. These can be turned in at the library desk. For every 20 stamps we collect we are given \$5.00 credit toward new purchases. Thank you so much.

Deb Rodenhouse, Librarian

THANK YOU!

Thank you OH for the cards and visits to my mom, Luella McLouth, over the past few years. Even though she had transferred from OH, she loved the Ladies' Circle and attended as long as she could before health issues arose. Thank you to those who came to the funeral home and/or funeral and the many cards I received after her passing. As many of you know, my mom was more than ready to enter heaven and be with her Lord, my dad Lyman, and my brother Brad. She is now safe in His arms and as much as we will miss her, she is right where she wanted to be.

Thank you again,
Brenda & Jim Harris and the McLouth family

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY!

Justin and Cara Hendges
11501 Cedar Lane NE
Sparta, MI 49345

WHO STOLE THE HEART OF THE HOLIDAY?

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH PRESENTS

GUARDIANS OF CHRISTMAS

Captain Christmas
Tinsel Man

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A SUPER HEROIC CHRISTMAS MUSICAL FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Friday, December 9 @ 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 10 @ 3:00 pm
Sunday, December 11 @ 3:00 pm



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Financial Times

NARTHEX RENOVATIONS

Due to your generous response to the request for contributions over and above your usual giving, we have raised \$14,964 for the continued renovation of the Narthex. This will allow us to furnish the Narthex with benches, create a small seating area by the Church Office, put beautiful, sturdy, functional furniture in the community coffee area, update the signage throughout the Narthex, install fabric awnings over doorways to highlight different areas, and install two new information tables to display church information in the entryways. We, also, hope to put in some counters in the coffee area and obtain a couple of new coffee pots. Thank you, again, for your help with this project.

INVEST

As you may recall from the presentation made when we began the INVEST Campaign, due to the 4% interest rate on our building loan we committed to putting 60% of the INVEST receipts towards interest and debt reduction and 40% towards repairs and upgrades of our facility. During the first year of the Campaign we met that goal by paying \$180,000 towards principal reduction, which reduced our loan balance to \$1,400,000. We are now four months into the second year of the Campaign, and due to your continued faithfulness we have already paid \$120,000 towards the principal, further reducing our loan balance to \$1,280,000. We are, also, setting funds aside to cover the upgrades/repairs scheduled for 2017.

GENERAL FUND AND CHILDCARE CENTER

When the 2017 budget was presented and overwhelmingly approved, a 2.5% increase in tithes and offerings was included. Once again, God has blessed us and you have responded through the end of September with an increase in tithes and offering of 12.85% over last year. While the first quarter, July-September, is traditionally a low time for the Church from a giving standpoint, your response and faithful giving has allowed us to be in much better financial shape than was anticipated through this time, and our bottom line is over \$13,000 better off than was anticipated at the end of the first quarter. The Childcare Center, also, is on sound financial footing. The Center pays monthly rent to the Church to cover the use of the facility and utilities, the Center pays for its' own janitorial supplies and janitorial service, pays for its' own repairs and maintenance, and covers all of its' own payroll expenses and payroll taxes. Instead of depending upon the church for financial support as the Center did for so many years in the past, the Center now contributes to the financial success of the church by covering all of its' own expenses and returning funds to the church in the form of rent. What a turn around, and we are thankful to the Lord for the way he has blessed Jennifer and the Center staff and continues to allow them to minister to hundreds of children who come through the Center each day. - Frank Harper

POWERHOUR 2016

Third Thursday of each month

November 17 Planetarium
(cost is \$5 meet at church at 10:30 AM)

December 15 Edward Boer Christmas
Storyteller and Christmas Luncheon at 10:30 AM.
Bring a friend!

Power Hour is for all those in our congregation who would like to join together for fellowship and a traditional style of worship.



Election Day Cookies

Orchard Hill is a polling place for the upcoming election day on November 8. We would like to host our community coming here to vote. We are looking for cookies or treats to serve to the community. Please consider donating cookies or treats as we place the coffee on and welcome the citizens of Walker into our building. Cookies can be delivered on Monday, November 7 or Tuesday, November 8. Please label "for election".

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Preschool and Child Care Center News

Fall is feeling like it is near and our children have been out enjoying our new playground equipment in the crisp air all around them! We recently installed a bubble climbing wall, walking bridge, Ladybug Drum, and Discovery Table on the Preschool and Child Care Center playground.

The children have been exploring, creating, and discovering as they experience the new equipment and the opportunities it is providing for them.

The playground equipment was made possible by the recent Chip'in For Children Golf Event fundraiser.

During the month of October our preschool and pre-k classes took their first field trip to Fruitridge Hayrides and Orchard. The groups learned about how apples and pumpkins grow as well as took a hayride, visited the animals, and enjoyed a donut and apple cider snack. The children are also learning about traditional Thanksgiving and Harvest celebrations and taking part in preparing a meal to share with classmates.

Our school-age group has been engaging in monthly Children in Worship experiences with Ms. Jennifer and have been full of wondering questions during each lesson. The group is working their way through the Bible from the beginning of the Old Testament and are now up to the stories of David and Goliath and the Proverbs. After the new year we will be offering each of our school-age children an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as their savior through the help of our staff. Please be in prayer for these children as they prepare for this important step in their lives and to walk more closely with Jesus moving forward. - Jennifer Gray



Women's Night Out Card Making Event

November 11 at 7:00 PM

Women of All Ages Welcome!

Cost is \$20 to cover the cost of supplies and goodies.

Come and enjoy an evening with friends and take homemade cards with you to share!

Sign up on the connection card or email
Kathy at kathyb@orchardhill.org

Shut-in Christmas Cards

Christmas is just around the corner! Make a commitment this year to share the love of Christ starting with our own shut-in community here at Orchard Hill. We have 30 households in our family that are shut-in and never get out to experience the joy of Christmas. Bring a little Christmas joy to them by sending them your Christmas greetings. This is a wonderful ministry to get your children involved in. It's simple, just pick up a sheet of shut-in labels found at the Connection Corner, fill out Christmas cards, place in envelopes, place label on envelopes, and bring back to Orchard Hill by December 11. Your cards will be sorted and delivered with a small gift to each of our shut-ins. This year we would like to beat last years record of 50 cards per shut-in. Let those who can't be with us each Sunday know that they are thought of and loved during this special time of year.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

MINISTRIES

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

WE WILL START TRANSFORMING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS ON MONDAY & TUESDAY, **NOVEMBER 21 & 22 FROM 9:00 AM -9:00 PM.**

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND SIGN UP FOR A TIME SLOT! WE NEED MANY HANDS!

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HELP TAKE THE DECORATIONS OUT OF THE GARAGE ON **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20** AFTER WORSHIP SO WE ARE READY FOR DECORATING ON MONDAY MORNING!

THANKSGIVING EVE

JOIN US ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23** FOR OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE. DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. AT 7:00 PM WE WILL START WORSHIP AROUND THE TABLES THROUGH SINGING, TESTIMONIES, AND GOD'S WORD. FOR DINNER WE WILL HAVE A VARIETY OF DELICIOUS SOUPS, SALADS, BREADS, AND DESSERTS. TAKE A BREAK FROM YOUR BUSY LIVES (AND COOKING IF YOU ARE THE ONE SERVING THANKSGIVING DINNER THIS YEAR!) AND SPEND AN HOUR WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY THANKING GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS THIS PAST YEAR.

INVITE A GUEST TO COME WITH YOU AND SHARE GOD'S GOODNESS WITH SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO BE ENCOURAGED.



MARK YOUR FALL WORSHIP CALENDARS!

PRAYER SERVICE

NOVEMBER 6

**THANKSGIVING EVE
DINNER & SERVICE**

Wednesday, November 23

**FIRST ADVENT SERVICE
CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION**

November 27

LIL' WORSHIPPERS

**We will start a new session to
dance in worship on
December 11.**

**Check the bulletin soon for
rehearsal schedule and details.**

