

# youth MINISTRY

## High School Sundays 6:00-8:00 PM

Feb. 5– No Youth Group (Cran Hill Retreat)  
Feb. 12– Who is Your Master?  
Feb. 19– Money, Money, Money!  
Feb. 26– Who is Your Mate, Mate?

## Middle School Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

Feb. 1– Bacon Bonanza!!!!  
Feb. 8– Foundations of our Faith: Obedience  
Feb. 15– Foundations of our Faith: God's Will  
and Guidance!  
Feb. 22– Mystery Night!

**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](mailto:gregs@orchardhill.org).

# Summer Trips

## High School Canadian Wilderness Trip

From July 22-28, our high school youth group will be navigating it's way via canoe and foot through the Canadian wilderness. We will pack everything we need for 6 days and camp along the shores of the many lakes and rivers we will be passing through. We are getting disconnected with the world to get connected with God! Find Greg for more info or to sign up! Cost is \$475.

## Middle School Summer Trip

From July 9-14, our middle school youth group will be heading out to Houghton College, New York for a summer camp experience unlike any other! We will be going to "Never the Same Camp" where we will spend time worshiping, studying, learning, and learning to love our God. On the way back we will also be hitting up Cedar Point for the day! It's going to be great! Connect with Greg with any questions or to sign up. Cost is \$425.

To receive more info about anything happening with the 6th-12th graders please contact Greg Salmon at [gregs@orchardhill.org](mailto:gregs@orchardhill.org) ~ 616.784.4060 ext. 227.



Can you remember the first time you walked through the doors of Orchard Hill Church? What was your experience like? For many the first step into a new church is one they take with a lot of apprehension, or even fear. So that is why we need all of our church family on the front-lines looking for those who may be stepping through the doors of Orchard Hill for the first time. If you see someone who is visiting, here are some things you *should* say to guests:

**"Thank you for being here."** It's just that basic. Many church guests will return because they were simply told "thank you."

**"Let me help you with that."** If you see someone struggling with umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses, and other items, a gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive. Of course, this comment is appropriate for member to member as well.

**"Please take my seat."** Make it easy for those visiting to find a place to sit. Move over and make room for them.

**"Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way."** Of course, this comment must be used with discretion, but it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.

**"Can I show you where you need to go?"** Many guests will not know where to find the nursery, restrooms, or coffee. You can usually tell when a guest does not know where he or she is to go. Help them out!

**"Let me introduce you to \_\_\_\_\_."** The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet other people. Take the opportunity to introduce the guest to others in your small group or one of our pastors.

**"Would you join us for lunch?"** This question is last for two reasons. First, the situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation. Second, this approach has the highest guest return rate of any one factor.

The above comments can have huge Kingdom results! Simply by saying the right things to guests will help our church grow. We know that each week Orchard Hill Church as several first-time guests. For simplicity sake lets say our church has 5 first-time guests a week. Over the course of a year, the church would have 260 first-time guests. With most of our church family being genuinely guest friendly, building a personal relationship with those who come through our doors, we could easily see half of those guests become active members. Attendance could thus increase by as much as 130 persons every year! So follow the 5-minute rule and use those first five minutes following worship to meet and greet someone new.  
*Bob Karel - Head Pastor*





# UPCOMING EVENTS

**FOOD DONATIONS** we will be taking a collection of food items during the month of February for the adult disaster relief trip in March. See the poster in the lobby to take a tag and make a donation of food to feed our hungry team, while they share God's love through restoration of homes in West Virginia! Thank you for your love and support!



## Adult Mission Trip

**WHAT:** Disaster relief/building trip with World Renew

**CHECK OUT:** <http://worldrenew.net/>

**WHEN:** March 5-11, 2017

**WHO:** Anyone 18 years old and older

**WHERE:** West Virginia to aid in rebuilding after devastating floods.



*Spend a week serving the Lord and getting to know new friends! Email Pastor Laura at [laurac@orchardhill.org](mailto:laurac@orchardhill.org) for more info or to sign up! Don't have any building skills? No problem – come with an open heart, a willingness to learn, and ready to work hard! Come to the meeting on **February 5**, in the man cave, right after the morning worship service.*

**Central Elementary School Carnival** The annual Central Elementary School Spring Carnival will take place on Friday, March 3! As Orchard Hill Church continues to seek ways we can make an impact on this school for God's Kingdom, please consider serving by volunteering to run a game, face paint, or the like at this event as you get to know our neighborhood families and share God's love with Central Elementary School!

**GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM 2017** Orchard Hill will be taking a team to work in the San Juan Sacatepéquez children's malnutrition center in Guatemala this fall, on October 7-13, 2017. Prayerfully consider joining our team as we share God's love with those in need around the world, and are impacted by the new experiences we are blessed to share with the generous people of Guatemala!

# UPDATES & THANK YOUS



We were so grateful to have Rev. Howard Hooper, Director of International Child Care for Orphan's Heart International, with us to preach for our **Great Commission Celebration** in January! Thank you Orchard Hill for the hospitality and welcome you showed to the friend of our Guatemala teams. May God continue to bless our relationship with this wonderful organization!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our January **Serve Day**! We had a great morning serving the Lord together at the Pregnancy Resource Center! Mark your calendars for our next serve day, Saturday May 13 at 9:00 AM.



To sign up or get more information contact Pastor Laura Claus at [laurac@orchardhill.org](mailto:laurac@orchardhill.org)

## Power Hour 2017 Third Thursday of Each Month



**February 16** Ford Museum  
(cost is \$7 meet at church at 10:00 AM)

**March 16** "Islam—How are they the same? How are they different?" Hannah Bartels (coffee begins at 10:00 AM)

**April 20** Meijer Garden Butterflies  
(Cost is \$11 meet at church at 10:00 AM)

## May 18 Potluck with worship starting at 10:30 AM

Bring either a salad or dessert (main dish, drink and table service will be provided) Message will be given by Pastor Kathy and will look at "leaving recorded memories".

## THANK YOU!

To the people of Orchard Hill,  
Thank you for all the help and kindness you have done for Barb Diephuis over many years! It's been very appreciated!  
Marty Clark,  
Barb's sister

How can we not thank the Lord for adversity when it brings so many blessings? We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and visits. Especially Bev Buikema, Kathy Bartels, Pat De Bruine, and Don and Catie VanOeveren.  
Bruce and Dee Bemiers

Thank you for remembering me by sending me cards and calling me during the holidays and after my accident.  
Rhoda Rynbrandt

From Pastors, staff, and church family, we felt your love and support during our dad's transition from this life to eternal life. He is now "Forever in His Grip."  
He will remain forever in our hearts,  
The family of Robert L. Van't Hof

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, sympathy, and support during this trying time. We also very much appreciate all of the donations that we've received. We are very grateful.  
Tim and Angie Buschert

Thanks for the lovely Christmas cards. Wish I could attend Orchard Hill Church, but I am thankful I am staying in a good place as I am getting older. God is good.  
Marge Gezon

Thank you for all the wonderful Christmas cards I received. It was wonderful and uplifting to receive so many cards with personal notes on them and for being remembered.  
Harriet Visser

Many thanks for the calls and cards we received during the Christmas season.  
Martha and Doug VanderKamp



# MUSIC & WORSHIP

## MINISTRIES

### CCLI'S TOP WORSHIPPING CONGREGATION SONGS FOR 2016



This Is Amazing Grace



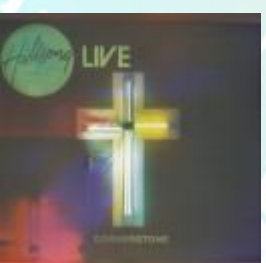
Lord I Need You



Our God



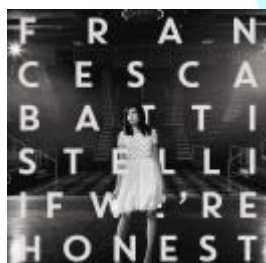
10000 Reasons  
(Bless The Lord)



Cornerstone



Mighty To Save



Holy Spirit



How Great Is Our God



Oceans (Where Feet)



a ministry of orchard hill church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

ARTS CAMP 2017!

June 19-23



## MARK YOUR WINTER WORSHIP CALENDARS!

### PRAYER GATHERING

February 12

### COMMUNION

February 26

### PARTY POPPER SUNDAY

March 5

### YOUTH SUNDAY

March 26

### LIL' WORSHIPPERS

We will start a new session  
to dance in worship  
sometime in March for Lent.  
Check the bulletin soon for  
rehearsal schedule  
and details.



### Orchard Hill Christian Preschool and Child Care Center News

Even though it hasn't really felt much like winter "On the Hill" our children are still enjoying learning all about our white and wonderful season. The children have made their own "Snow Goop" as well as indoor snow which has been a big hit in the sensory table. This is also a great time of year to read and act out the classic story The Mitten by Jan Brett. While there was snow we have had the children outside on our great sledding hill inside the playground and sculpting some amazing objects after a perfect snowfall. Our school-age groups are working their way through the books of The Story of Job and learning what patience and trusting in God feels like in their own lives. In addition, the older groups have begun designing art for our annual Grand Rapids Art Museum exhibit scheduled for April 2017.

The center recently received over \$4,000 in grant funds through the Great Start to Quality Foundation. This grant was written as a part of our Star Rating through the Great Start to Quality Offices. The funds received will be utilized to support our programs with additional gym riding toys, classroom chairs and tables and multi-cultural equipment. We are able to submit another grant application in April and the staff is hopeful for another round of funds to make our center and programming even better!

The Annual Mom2Mom Sale is fast approaching! This is one of the center's biggest fund raisers every year and this sale should be no exception! The sale is scheduled for Saturday, February 25 from 8:30 AM -1:00 PM. Shoppers can shop new and gently used children's items for just \$1.00 during the entire sale time. In addition, we will be requesting volunteers for the day of the sale as well as the evening beforehand. Please watch your weekly bulletin for volunteer opportunities. - Jennifer Gray, OHCPCC Director



### Sundays at 10:00 AM

February 5 - Who is Jesus? Do You See Him?  
February 12 - Discipleship Lesson #1  
February 19 - Discipleship Lesson #2  
February 26 - Discipleship Lesson #3





New to Orchard Hill? Join us  
for Brunch and meet the staff.

# Brunch

February 12  
Following worship



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

### Become a Stephen Minister

#### An Opportunity to Learn, Serve, and Grow

Stephen Ministers are members of Orchard Hill Church who go through 50 hours of caregiving training and then work alongside our pastors in providing emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. We'll be training a new class of Stephen Ministers starting on February 2, 2017 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister, check out our informal informational meeting on Thursday January 26 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. This will be a great time to have your questions answered and to check out the materials. Otherwise, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Pastor Kathy at [kathyb@orchardhill.org](mailto:kathyb@orchardhill.org) or Terri Blanch at [terri.l.blanch@gmail.com](mailto:terri.l.blanch@gmail.com).

Stephen Ministry is hosting Daniel Pflug on Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 PM while he presents a workshop on "Learning to Care When Death is at the Door." All are welcome to this!



"Dare to Be" is a single evening event designed for women of all ages. Natalie Grant and Charlotte Gambill prayerfully sculpt the night around worship, and two full Bible teaching sessions. At "Dare to Be" you're able to experience the fullness of a multi-day women's conference, but wonderfully jam-packed into an affordable, three hour, one-night event at Kentwood Community Church.

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:15 PM)

**WHERE:** Kentwood Community Church (1200 60th Street SE, Kentwood, MI 49508)

**TICKETS:** \$20/general admission. Pastor Kathy has 20 tickets, see her for more information and to pick up your ticket. Don't miss out!



**Sunday, March 12**

following the morning worship service, all ages expected in the corn hole tournament and prizes in age categories will be awarded! Save the date and plan to come for the fun!

We are looking to borrow corn hole sets, if you are willing to loan us one contact Pastor Kathy at [kathyb@orchardhill.org](mailto:kathyb@orchardhill.org).

**AND POTLUCK**  
Bring a salad or dessert to pass!

Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided!

# Couples NIGHT OUT



**"CHERISH YOUR SOLE-MATE"**  
TEACHING BY PASTOR BOB & AMY KAREL

**Friday, February 17**

6:45 Arrival, 7:00 Dinner - 10:15 pm

**Only \$20 per couple!**

**Catered Dinner!**

**Audience Participation!**

**Sundae Bar!**

**Married & Engaged Couples!**

616-784-4060

[tickets@orchardhill.org](mailto:tickets@orchardhill.org)

1465 Three Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids

*Come and Play!*

**"IF THE SHOE FITS"**



Orchard Hill Mom 2 Mom Sale desperately looking for volunteers for the upcoming sale benefiting the daycare/preschool. We need volunteers Friday, February 24 from 4pm-8pm and Saturday, February 25 anytime from 7:45am-3pm. Duties include helping sellers carry in their items to set up, collecting money at the door, helping sales in our large item area, and directing buyers. Tear down would also be included for the afternoon shift on Saturday.

Any help would be very appreciated! If you are able to help please let Shawna Veltema know at [Mom2momgr@gmail.com](mailto:Mom2momgr@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us support a wonderful program!

**Mom 2 Mom**  
**SALE**



Our new Mom's Group meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 6:15 PM out in the Narthex. Any mom is welcome to join! Come check it out as we learn from the Word and learn from each other!

Contact Allie Lawn at [alliel@orchardhill.org](mailto:alliel@orchardhill.org) for any more info.