

# youth MINISTRY

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

March 5– Battle of 3 Mile!  
March 12– March Madness Night!  
March 19– Technology and Jesus?  
March 26– MEGA SUNDAY!!

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

March 1– Ash Wednesday night!  
March 8– Battle of 3 Mile!  
March 15– March Madness Night!  
March 22– Technology and Jesus?  
March 29– “The Apple of His Eye”

**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

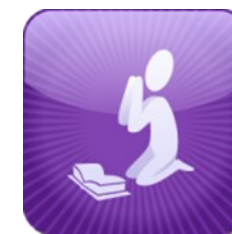
## High School Canadian Wilderness Trip

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.



This month as Christians we enter into what is called the season of Lent. Historically, the church has celebrated Lent as a 40-day period beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding the day before Easter and is marked as a time for Christians to reflect on Jesus' temptation, suffering, and death in an effort to draw closer to him. Many Christians will intentionally engage in practices that will draw them closer to Jesus. This is why a common question among Christians this time of the year is, “What are you doing for Lent?” So here is a list of 10 ideas for you to consider “doing for Lent.”

### 1. REFLECT ON THE CROSS

Reflect daily on the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the meaning of his death on the cross, and the greatness of God's love for you.

### 2. PRAY DAILY

Set aside some extra time each day during the season of Lent for personal prayer in the morning and evening.

### 3. READ THE BIBLE

Make time every day to read your Bible during Lent. One idea is to read again the entire Gospel of Mark, which has a special focus on the cross.

### 4. GIVE UP SOMETHING

A common practice for Lent is to give up something—like technology, social media, sweets, coffee, alcohol, etc. This is a great time to detox from things that may have a stronghold in your life.

### 5. START A GOOD HABIT

In addition to giving something up, try doing something good this Lent. Are you a pessimist? Try to be more positive. Are you critical by nature? Make an effort to be more encouraging. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

### 6. GIVE YOUR TIME

Give of your time by volunteering and serving as Jesus modeled for us in your church or local community.

### 7. KEEP A JOURNAL

Keeping a journal of your thoughts, prayers, and reflections of the ways God is working in your life.

### 8. MAKE TIME FOR YOUR FAMILY

If you have kids, plan special times just for them. Take your family hiking or on a lunch date, or even have a family day where you can serve together in the community.

### 9. GIVE YOUR MONEY

Make a little larger sacrifice and give a little more money to your local church or consider your favorite charity or mission agency.

### 10. FORGIVE OTHERS

Make things right in your life and relationships. Is there a person in your life you need to forgive? Don't hold that resentment any longer. Pray about it and ask God to help you forgive them.

- Bob Karel, Head Pastor





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Central Elementary School Carnival

As Orchard Hill Church continues to seek ways we can make an impact on this school for God's Kingdom, please consider serving at this annual event by volunteering to run a game, face paint, etc., as you get to know our neighborhood families and share God's love! This year's carnival will take place on Friday, March 3, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM!

### Blood Drives/Guatemala Fundraisers

We are committed to finding ways for Orchard Hill Church to be a light to our community and one way we accomplish this is by opening our building to host community needs. We will play host to Michigan Blood for four blood drives this year, three of which will serve as fundraising opportunities for the Guatemala Mission Team. Mark your calendars for our next drive, March 21 from 2:00 - 7:00 PM (this drive is not a fundraiser). **Please especially consider coming out for our May 25, August 29, and December 19 (all from 2:00 - 7:00 PM) drives, which will serve as fundraising opportunities for the mission team—** we could get up to \$10 for each person who donates!

### Easter Community Meal Basket Collection

Let's share God's love with those in our community who are in need this Easter! We will be collecting donations of Easter meal baskets, beginning Sunday, March 12. Simply grab a tag off of the table in the lobby and return the corresponding food item to the marked bin by the West entrance by Sunday, April 2. Know someone who may be in need this Easter? Sign up to receive a basket to bring them by registering at the table in the lobby!

### 4th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza

We are thrilled to be hosting our 4th annual community Easter Eggstravaganza, as a way to welcome in members of our community to OHC and to share the joy of Easter with all those we meet! Sign up to help stuff bags and eggs in the weeks leading up to the event and/or sign up to help run one of the stations, or wander and chat, the day of the event! It takes all of us to make an outreach like this happen, so let's work together as the body of Christ on mission!

## MISSION TRIP INFORMATION

### Adult Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for the adult mission team as we venture to West Virginia, March 5-11, 2017. The team of 25 will work to rebuild homes that have been devastated by severe flooding damage. Pray for the team to have opportunities to share God's love with the work of our hands and the words of conversation with families in need!

### Guatemala Mission Team 2017— Information Meeting

Orchard Hill Church believes God calls us to mission right here in our own city, but we are also called to bring the good news to every tribe, tongue, and nation! For this reason, will continue our long-term partnership with Orphan's Heart International in San Juan Sacatepéquez, Guatemala! We will be taking a team to work in the children's malnutrition center there this fall, on October 7-13. 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! **Join us for an information meeting on Sunday, March 12, immediately following the morning service.**

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



March 1 - April 9  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

### ORCHARD HILL WILL BE PRAYING FOR LIFE!

During this year's 40 Days for Life Campaign Orchard Hill Church will be taking one day to pray outside the Heritage abortion clinic on E. Fulton Street for the unborn, the women who are pregnant, and the Dr.'s and staff in the clinic. This is not a protest, but simply a united community effort to pray for the life of the unborn. Orchard Hill will be covering the clinic in prayer from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, March 26. We are asking for at least two people (there can be more) per hour to pray in front of the clinic. With God's help, in the past 19 campaigns 12, 668 babies were saved from abortion, 141 abortion workers put their faith in Jesus, and 75 abortion centers closed! Please consider taking part in this event and saving lives! To sign up to pray email Pastor Bob at [bobk@orchardhill.org](mailto:bobk@orchardhill.org)

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

**8:30AM - 4:55PM**

**FOR MEN AGES 13 AND UP**



GRAND RAPIDS  
NATIONAL MEN'S  
EQUIPPING  
CONFERENCES

*We are going to come together with hundreds of other men in the GR area to not only be inspired and challenged, but to be equipped for greater service and a closer walk with Christ.*

#### Features:

- Two Nationally recognized keynote speakers.
- 16 Equipping Seminars.
- Quality time with OHC men.
- Men's Ministry and Life Help Exhibits .

**Sign-up with \$50 at the Connection Corner.**

**For more info contact Pastor Bob at [bobk@orchardhill.org](mailto:bobk@orchardhill.org)**



**AND POTLUCK**  
Last Name A-R bring  
salad or hot dish  
S-Z bring dessert

**Sunday, March 12** following the morning worship service, all ages expected in the corn hole tournament and prizes in age categories will be awarded! Meat, drinks, and table service will be provided! 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).

## UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY & THANK YOU!

Angeline VanderMeulen  
111911 James St  
Lakeshore Bldg Room C20  
Holland, MI 49423

Dear Orchard Hill,  
Thank you for the many wonderful Christmas cards we received this past Christmas. We had a wonderful time reading each one and were amazed that not one of them were alike! Thank you so much.  
Mel and Lou VeenBoer

Thank you on behalf of Bonnie Brouwer for all the Christmas cards. She and I both are very appreciative of them all. It was a big highlight for her.  
Thanks again,  
Carol Quillin (Bonnie's sister)



### PAINT THE WOMENS BATHROOM

We are looking to refresh the Women's Bathroom with a fresh coat of paint. **\$600**

### AUTO WINDOW DECALS

We want to make the presence of Orchard Hill known in the Walker community by supplying our church family with window cling decals for their car. **\$440**

### BLACK CHAIRS

We would like to replace the well-worn and stained green chairs used for seating in the Gathering Space with new black plastic chairs that can be washed and cleaned. Currently we only have half of the total black chairs needed. **200 chairs needed at \$43 each**

### HIGH VOLUME COFFEE BREWER

We provide a large volume of coffee on Sunday mornings and at many other events. Rather than using five or more pots to perk the quantity needed, we would like to place a high volume coffee maker in our kitchen that will brew 15 gallons per hour. **\$1,000**

### PRAYER ROOM BANNERS

We are working at upgrading the look and feel of the Prayer Room through a variety of projects, and one of those is to hang decorative banners as we move through the church year. **\$90 each**

### HILL KIDS CHILDRENS WING UPGRADES

This fall, Trinitas School will no longer be using our children's wing space. So after a season of hard use we are looking to refresh our rooms and also supply them with the furniture needed to provide our children with an dynamic environment for growing their faith.

- 15 Storage Cubbies at \$80 each**
- 6 Teacher Stools at \$70 each**
- 14 Tables at \$125 each**
- 100 Chairs at \$ 30 each**
- 12 Gallons of Paint at \$25 each**

We are asking all those in the Orchard Hill Church family to consider making a special gift to make these projects a reality. Could you simply purchase one chair? Perhaps two or more tables? Maybe a coffee maker? A gift in any amount will be a great blessing! We are trying to meet the need of all of these projects outside of our regular church budget and giving.



To give to one or more of these projects make a simple designation on your check or giving envelope and place it in the offering plate. You can also make a designation as you give online through Mo-give. Sign-up for "online" giving by going to the Orchard Hill Church website under the Worship heading and then follow the give online link.

## SPECIAL GIVING PROJECTS

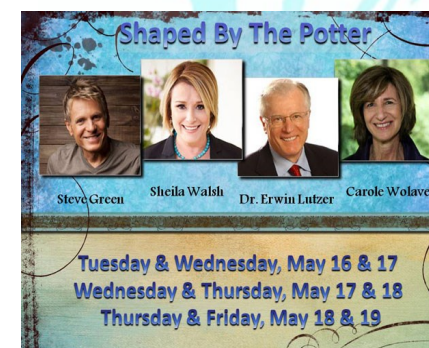
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### Preschool and Child Care Center News

The center is excited for its upcoming Grand Rapids Art Museum exhibit at the end of April. This month the children have been working on their first masterpiece to be displayed for this fun family event. The current piece of art was patterned after the unique perspective in Stephen Hannock's mixed media painting Luminous Afternoon in Western Michigan. The GRAM event is always a wonderful family networking event and a great way for our families to get to know each other better. The recent Mom2Mom Sale was our most successful one yet! We were able to accommodate even more sellers than previous years and that helped to boost the profit from the sale as well. This year we are hoping to utilize profit from the year's sale to update furnishings in many of the classrooms. A huge thank you for Shawna Veltema for all of her hard work in helping to make this sale such an amazing event!

The center was also very blessed to receive a \$4,500 grant through the Great Start to Quality organization here in Western Michigan. The grant monies were used to furnish the new classroom in Studio 2 as well as beef up our gym equipment and carpets in the classrooms. We are able to request additional funds in April from the organization.



### 2017 WOMEN'S RETREAT

**MAY 17-19**

AT GRAND HOTEL ON MACKINAC  
ISLAND

STOP BY THE CONNECTION CORNER  
AND CHECK OUT THE RETREAT  
BOOKLET FOR ALL THE INFORMATION

ON HOW TO SIGN UP! ANY  
QUESTIONS CONTACT PASTOR KATHY  
AT KATHYB@ORCHARDHILL.ORG  
SIGN UP SOON!



### Orchard Hill Camp Out

at DunesHarbor Family Camp in Silver Lake  
May 26-29

\$60 per night. Pick up a campout booklet at the connection corner for all the details on how to make your reservations. Don't be left out!

### Power Hour 2017 Third Thursday of Each Month

**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".



# WORSHIP & MUSIC

**Mark your calendar!**

**ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL**  
a ministry of orchard hill church  
June 19-23, 2017  
Registration Opens April 1st!  
Limited space available!

**Some Elective Classes!**

Art of Magic	Percussion
Vocal music	Acting & Improv
Puppetry	Sculpture
Photography	Acoustic guitar
Taekwondo	Vocal Music

**What's your idea?!**  
**Share it with us!**

**Interested in volunteering?**  
Please call Allyssa at the office if you would like to volunteer to teach a small group, be a teacher's helper, greeter, serve on the hospitality team, prayer team, an elective class teacher or helper, drama team, worship team or help with the Friday lunch or daily snacks. There are a lot of places to plug in so mark the date and pray about where you can serve the kids of our community. **Questions or suggestions? Contact Wendy Huizinga : wendyh@orchardhill.org**

**MARK THESE WORSHIP DATES ON YOUR MARCH CALENDARS!**  
March 5—PARTY POPPER CELEBRATION  
March 26—YOUTH SUNDAY

**ASH WEDNESDAY STATION**  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1  
COME TO THE PRAYER ROOM ANYTIME BETWEEN 9:00 AM & 9:00 PM TO SPEND SOME QUIET TIME PREPARING YOUR HEART FOR THE 40 DAYS OF LENT LEADING UP TO EASTER.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL

**CHECK OUT THESE NEW SONGS FOR WORSHIP!**  
What A Beautiful Name-Hillsong Worship  
Lion and the Lamb-Brenton Brown  
Home-Chris Tomlin  
Here As In Heaven-Elevation Church

# ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL

a ministry of orchard hill church

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
at [orchardhill.org](http://orchardhill.org)  
Registration closes when full!  
LIMITED SPACE!

**\$10 for the week!**

**ORCHARDHILL CHURCH**

**VOICE | MUSIC | DANCE**  
**MOVIE-MAKING | DRAMA**  
**PHOTOS | SCULPTURE | ART**  
**TAEKWONDO | GUITAR**  
**TIE-DYE | MOB ART | MORE!**

**June 19-23, 2016**  
**9 a.m. to Noon**  
**Orchard Hill Church**  
**1465 Three Mile Rd NW GR**

**ALL KIDS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN - ENTERING 6TH GRADE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! REGISTER TODAY: LIMITED SPACE!**