

youth MINISTRY

High School

Sundays 6:00-8:00 PM

April 2– No Youth Group (Spring Break)

April 9– MEGA SUNDAY!!

April 16– No Youth Group (Easter)

April 23- "Wash Your Cup Bro..."

Middle School

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

April 5– No Youth Group (Spring Break)

April 12– MEGA WEDNESDAY!

April 19– "Wash Your Cup Bro..."

April 26- "Handling the Big T"

Orchard Hill CRAFT SHOW

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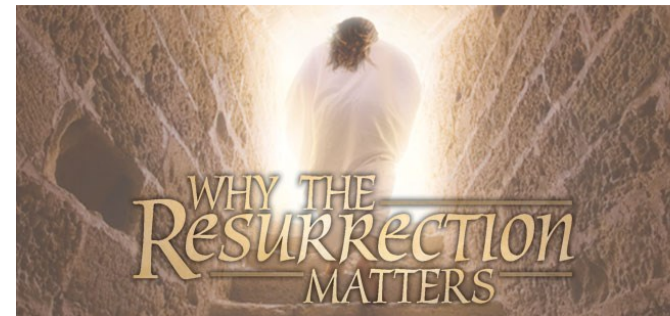
CRAFT SHOW: The youth groups are fundraising for their trips this summer by throwing a craft show on April 29! The event will run from 10 AM-3 PM. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Greg at gregs@orchardhill.org. Vendor registration costs \$30. General Admission will be three dollars. Come on out for a great time with your family and friends as you can shop and support our youth at the same time!

SPRING PICNIC AND AUCTION: Join us on Sunday, May 7 immediately following the service for our 6th annual Spring Picnic and Auction! All proceeds from the lunch and auction go towards our youth summer trips! If you would like to donate any items or services to be auctioned off, please let Greg know ASAP! Donations may include but are not limited to items such as tickets to events, gift cards, cabin rentals, pies, movie bundles etc...! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask!!

Spring Picnic and Auction!

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.

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



Throughout our study of the book of Mark we were asked the question by Jesus, "Who do you say that I am?" The answer of Mark, and of the entire Bible, is that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. If anyone has any doubts about this claim, this month they are all put to rest. This month we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. The good news is that the Resurrection confirms that Jesus is who He claimed to be.

Let us consider the magnitude of this event:

-The Resurrection proved that Christ was divine. The fact that Jesus Christ died on the cross does not prove in itself He is God. Jesus proved His deity by fulfilling the prophecies of His death and by His return from the grave. The Bible declares that "by being raised from the dead [Christ] was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God Himself" (Romans 1:4, The Living Bible).

-The Resurrection proved Christ's power to forgive sin. The Bible asserts, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). By rising from the dead, Jesus proved His authority and power to break the bonds of sin and to assure forgiveness and eternal life to all who accept His gift of salvation.

-The Resurrection revealed Christ's power over death. The Bible records, "Christ rose from the dead and will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him" (Romans 6:9, TLB). The Resurrection secured our victory over death as well and "lifted us up from the grave into glory along with Christ, where we sit with him in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 2:6).

-The Resurrection defeated God's enemy. From the moment of his original rebellion until the day of the Cross, the devil fought viciously and cunningly to overthrow the kingdom of God. Satan must have thought he had dealt the final and decisive blow in this age-old war. But this was the devil's most serious miscalculation. The Cross was heaven's triumph. And when Jesus Christ arose, the power of sin and death was forever shattered. Because of the Resurrection, Christians need never fear Satan or death again.

I hope you can see the resurrection is a big deal! I'm looking forward to celebrating with the Church of Jesus Christ here at Orchard Hill the fantastic life change that the resurrection brings to each of us who believe. - **Bob Karel, Head Pastor**

EASTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament
"The End in the Beginning"

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

"Palm Sunday"

Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament
"Palms of Goodness"
-Children's Palm Parade

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

"Holy Thursday"

Communion, music, and reflection
as we remember how Christ
served us on the cross.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

"RISE UP!"

EASTER CELEBRATION

BRING A FRIEND!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Softball Concession Volunteers

Sign up to volunteer at the concessions stand this May-August as we offer hospitality to the softball teams that use our fields! All of the proceeds made at the stands will go towards funding our 2017 Guatemala Mission Team. Interested in serving one night a week or every other week? Able to serve as an occasional sub? Email Barb Valente to get on the schedule at barbara41valente@gmail.com.



4th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza

We are thrilled to be hosting our 4th annual community Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday April 15, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM! This is a wonderful 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 set up and tear down, help run one of the stations, or wander and chat with guests on 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!

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 blood drives that will also serve as fundraising opportunities for the Guatemala Mission Team. Mark your calendars for our drives on **May 25, August 29, and December 19 (all from 2:00 - 7:00 PM)**. We could get up to \$10 for each person who donates! Thank you for your support!

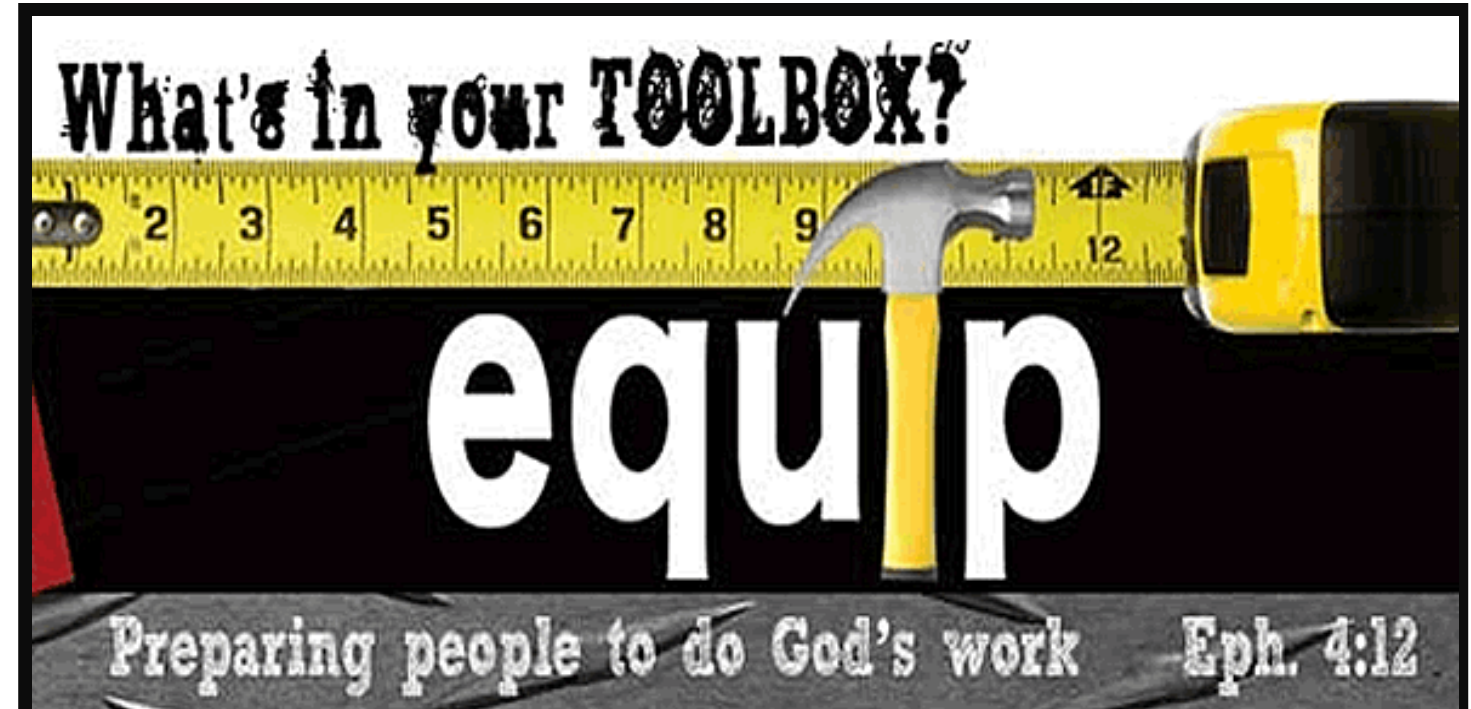


Guatemala Mission Team 2017

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! **Contact Pastor Laura at laurac@orchardhill.org to sign up or get more information.**

To sign up or get more information contact Pastor Laura Claus at laurac@orchardhill.org



Super Saturday
April 22 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Three offerings to choose from:

Understanding Lament - lead by Sharon Brown

Sharon Garlough Brown author of the book "Sensible Shoes" will be our guest speaker. Sharon will walk through the lost art of lament. Don't know what lament is? This will be a great event to attend!

Grief: what does that look like? Led by Pastor Kathy

Grief can come out and affect our lives in many different ways like anger, depression, or confusion. Grief can affect our lives long after a loss. This class will help you to identify grief in yourself or others and give you some helpful tools in dealing with loss. Loss and grief are a part of all of our lives.

Saturate Conference - Led by Jeff Vanderstelt

Jeff Vanderstelt and the Saturate team will host *Gospel Fluency for Everyday Mission* on April 21(6-8pm)-22(9-3pm) at Crossroads Bible Church. What does it look like to be fluent in the gospel in the midst of everyday mission? Learn how to apply the truths of Jesus to everyday problems and situations as you move out into your communities. Get a vision for practical, sustainable rhythms and how to make space for rest and mission in the midst of over-busy, hectic everyday life. Cost for this event is \$60. Contact Pastor Laura if financial aid is needed.

SIGN-UP FOR THE EQUIP SEMINARS ON THE CONNECTION CARD IN YOUR BULLETIN, CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE, OR E-MAILING BOBK@ORCHARDHILL.ORG



ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL

a ministry of orchard hill church

REGISTER ONLINE
at orchardhill.org

Registration closes when full!
LIMITED SPACE!

\$10
for the
week!

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MOVIE-MAKING | DRAMA
PHOTOS | SCULPTURE | ART
TAEKWONDO | GUITAR
TIE-DYE | MOB ART | MORE!

June 19-23, 2017
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!

Preschool and Child Care Center News

As our teachers and children experience the rebirth of natural things all around us during the season of Spring we will also experience another kind of rebirth this month. That rebirth will come in the form of a visit to the Butterflies are Blooming exhibit at the Meijer Gardens. During this trip the children will experience first-hand the rebirth of a beautiful butterfly from a caterpillar and then finally emerging from a cocoon. This is always an amazing trip for all our families and staff and a perfect way to lead into the story of Easter and the resurrection of God's precious son – Jesus Christ.

Other things happening this Spring are our special Children in Worship time. During this season the children will learn about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and also more about him through the use of the parable stories. Earlier in March the children got to practice "baptizing" their own baby dolls and learn more about their own baptism in the church. Lastly, our recent Mom2Mom Sale was a huge success with over 300 shoppers and over 120 vendors on the day of the event. We are so thankful to Allie Lawn and Shawna Veltema for all of their hard work in helping this year's sale go so well!! All profit earned from the sale will be used to replace many of our worn out pieces of equipment in all of our classrooms.

Save the Date! Looking ahead, we have moved our annual Chip'in For Children Golf Event to Friday, July 21 at 1:00 PM. Please watch your mailboxes and the newsletter for more details coming soon! - Jennifer Gray, Center Director



Power Hour 2017 Third Thursday of Each Month

April 20 Meijer Garden Butterflies. Cost is \$11. Meet at church at 10:00 AM

May 25 (note the date change) 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".

**Party Popper Sunday
July 16**

Thinking of making a profession of faith in Jesus Christ or transferring your membership to Orchard Hill or having your child baptized?

July 16th is the next Party Popper Sunday!

For Baptism: Contact Pastor Kathy at kathyb@orchardhill.org

Membership class: July 6 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Shepherding Team meeting: Monday July 10 at 7:00 PM to hear requests

Any questions contact Pastor Kathy at kathyb@orchardhill.org

caring tip from Stephen Ministries

Cancer turns life upside down and brings all kinds of challenges and difficult emotions, both for the person with cancer and his or her loved ones. Those struggles and feelings can be difficult to deal with alone—or to talk about with others.

One of the most valuable gifts you can offer to someone at such a critical time is to listen in a caring, empathetic way, providing a safe, accepting space where the person can let it all out—without fear of being judged or criticized.

The book *Cancer—Now What?* (available in the Stephens Library, see Pastor Kathy) calls someone who does this a "Triple-A Friend," because such a friend will **Accept Absolutely Anything** the other person may need to share. One cancer survivor said this about her Triple-A Friend:

Once, when I was having a really rough time with my treatment, I visited with my friend and rattled off the experiences of the day. She listened to everything I had to say. By letting me voice my hurt, frustration, and fear, she helped me hold body and soul together.

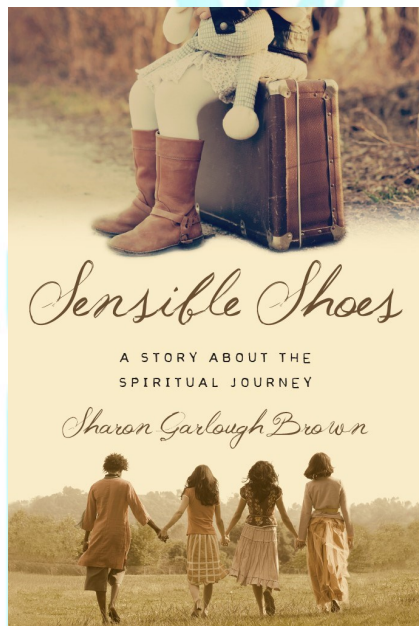
How can you be a Triple-A Friend to someone you know who has cancer or who has a loved one with cancer? Here are a few suggestions:

- Give the other person your undivided attention—and show it through your eye contact, body language, and verbal responses.
- Listen, listen, listen. Ideally, you'll say very little, keeping the focus on what the other person has to say. Don't try to fix the other person's situation or tell him or her what to do. You're there to listen and care, not to solve everything.

When you encounter someone dealing with cancer—or any other difficult time in life—I encourage you to relate as a Triple-A Friend and offer the precious gift of acceptance.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Thinking about becoming a member here at Orchard Hill? Join us July 6 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Sharon Garlough Brown is coming to Orchard Hill!

**April 22
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Sharon is author of the **Sensible Shoes** series, a spiritual director, and co-founder of Abiding Way Ministries, which provides spiritual formation retreats and resources. Since graduating from seminary, Sharon and her husband, Jack, have served on the pastoral staff

of churches in Scotland, Oklahoma, England, and Michigan. They currently live in West Michigan and have one son, David. Sharon will be a part of our Equip Series on April 22. She will be leading a workshop on lament. Invite a friend for this promises to be one event you don't want to miss.

Volunteers Needed!!!



2017 CLASS ELECTIVES!

Important Positions to Fill

- Acoustic Guitar Assistant
- Acting and Improv Assistant
- Arm Knitting Assistant
- Face Off Assistant
- Food Art Assistant
- Interpretive Dance Assistant
- Irish Dancing Assistant
- Jewels N' Things Assistant
- Magic Art Assistant
- Movie Making Assistant
- Paper Crafts Assistant
- Perler Beads Assistant
- Percussion Assistant
- Photography Assistant
- Puppet Making Assistant
- Recycled Art Assistant
- Sculpture Assistant
- Story Telling Assistant
- Vocal Music Assistant

Important Positions to Fill

- Nurse
- Check In/Out Leader
- Worship Team (High School Instrumentalists & vocalists)
- Drama Team
- Greeter Team
- Nursery Team
- Registration Team
- Special Needs Team
- Tie-Dye Helpers (One day)
- Mob Art Helpers (One day)
- Snack Team
- Friday Lunch Team
- Sound Tech
- Media Tech

Interested in volunteering?

Please go to the Orchard Hill Website and click on Signup.com There are lot's of places to plug in and positions will fill fast so mark the date and pray about where you can serve the kids of our community. Other Questions/Suggestions? Contact Wendy Huizinga : wendyh@orchardhill.org



EASTER INSTRUMENTALISTS!

We Are looking for instrumentalists to play for our Easter Sunday service! Woodwinds, Horns, and String players welcome!

Please contact Wendy Huizinga wendyh@orcahrdhill.org. She can answer questions and help get you the music needed to play that morning.

Rehearsal on Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 PM.

All ages please join us!

Why Should I Invite Someone to the Easter Service?

Romans 10:14 says "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" It is the objective of Easter Sunday to declare the HOPE that is found in the death and resurrection of Jesus!

So...this is your opportunity to share the HOPE you have! The staff here at Orchard Hill has put much thought and prayer into creating a service where believers and non believers alike can come and hear the Easter story in a way that is powerful, thought provoking, joyful, and relevant. Our prayer is that you will bring at least one person to the service and share the Risen King!

CHECK OUT THESE CCLI TOP FIVE SONGS FOR EASTER!

- Because He Lives (Amen) (Matt Maher)
- How Can It Be (Lauren Daigle)
- This Is Amazing Grace (Phil Wickham)
- Forever (Kari Jobe)



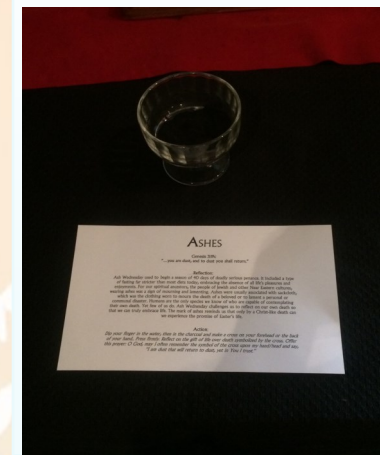
PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL!

Calling all Orchard Hill Kids ages Preschool through 5th grade! We will be leading worship with palm branches and praise on Sunday, April 9. There will be a short run through on Sunday April 2 following the service until 12:00 PM. Parents are welcome to walk with their little ones.

It is going to be a great morning of celebration leading into Passion Week and Easter Sunday!!

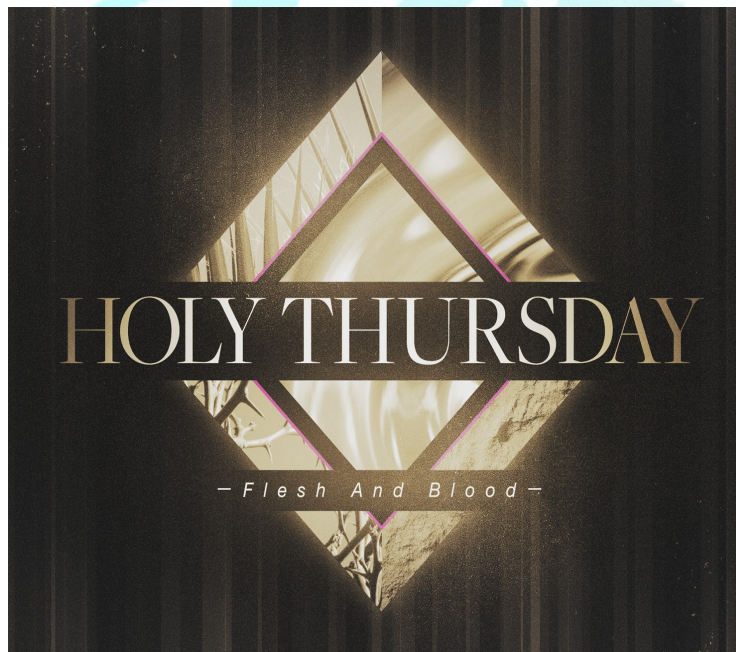
LENTEN STATIONS

Take some personal worship time and stop in the Prayer Chapel and walk through the experiential stations during this season of Lent.



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

John 3:16



HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 13 7:00 PM

Mark your calendars for our annual Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service.

This is a great way to prepare your heart for Easter as we reflect on Christ's sacrifice on the cross through communion, music and reflection. It will be a meaningful time you won't want to miss and will no doubt make your Easter celebration much sweeter! Invite someone & share Jesus.

Holy Thursday is a name for the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus.