

# youth MINISTRY

## High School

Join us for high school youth group every Sunday night downstairs in the youth area from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.

Special events include Chick-fil-A Night on October 22!

## Middle School

Join us for middle school youth group every Wednesday night downstairs in the youth area from 6:30 PM -8:00 PM.

Special events include a Corn maze on October 4 and Chick-fil-A Night on October 25!

**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 equipping. 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.

**SANDY'S DONUTS:** Our Sandy's Donuts hang out is back! Every Monday afternoon our high school youth group will be going to get some donuts! We will meet by the office doors at Kenowa, immediately after school and we will be at Sandy's from 3:00 - 4:00 PM. Feel free to hitch a ride from the high school with Greg, or meet us there!



Join us on October 22 (high school) and October 25 (middle school) for a Night of Celebration! On these nights, we are throwing a party because we are children of God, we are free from sin and death, and because we have eternal life through Christ! We figured what better way to celebrate than with Chick-fil-A? We will have lots of chicken nonsense happening that you will not want to miss! See you there!

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.



This month we are going to be launching our year long focus on the theme, "Go Deeper." Join us on Sundays, October 8 & 15 as we unpack how this focus will play out as we move through the year.



**HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR FALL MINISTRY GUIDE?** Take a look and see how you can get connected into the life of OHC and grow deeper in your faith! Available at the Connection Corner.

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD...

the gospel of **JOHN**

A DRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS AS WITNESSED BY THE DISCIPLE JOHN.

**OCTOBER 8 @ 6:00 PM**

Presented by Unbroken Bones Ministry as part of their [gospelofjohntour.com](http://gospelofjohntour.com)

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## GREAT COMMISSION CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 1 at 10:00 AM

A special worship service celebrating our call to God's mission!  
**Invite your friends!**



Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM, Orchard Hill will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat outreach event for the neighborhood! Bring your community out for a fun night of safe, indoor trick or treating.

*Interested in helping out? We will be collecting candy for the entire month of October for this event— drop off in bin at West entrance! We also are in need of volunteers to host a table, dress up, and pass out candy! We would love to have 35 tables this year, so email Pastor Laura if you would like to host a table! Best table wins a prize!*

# UPDATES & THANK YOU!

## Guatemala Trip

Thank you to all who supported the various fundraisers for the Guatemala mission team. Thanks to the support of this congregation and the faithfulness of the Lord, we were able to raise almost \$3,000 to go towards the expenses of the trip! We have a team of 17 people heading down to work at the malnutrition center October 7-13. Please keep the team, as well as the children and staff of the malnutrition center in your prayers as we seek to share God's love with others and learn from them in the process! Follow our mission blog during the trip at [orphansheart.org/blog](http://orphansheart.org/blog).

# HARVESTFEST 2017

The weekend of **October 20-22**, Orchard Hill Church will be hosting **HARVESTFEST!** Friday night will kick off with a family fun corn maze at 6:30 PM at Fruit Ridge Hay Rides! Saturday morning we will serve the city of Grand Rapids with our **8th annual**

**SERVEFEST**, with our small groups leading the different sites around the city (look for sign ups at the ministry highlights table). Saturday night we will gather in the lobby for the Bartels' beef stew and biscuits at 5:30 PM followed by a time of worship at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. The weekend will wrap up with Party Popper Sunday at 10:00 AM, giving glory to God for all He is doing in our community and church family! This is a great opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to come a experience the love of God!



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

# MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Lower Level Youth Area

Men of Orchard Hill, join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month for a delicious homemade breakfast by our very own cook Jamison Niezurawski, worship with Jack Shipper and Joe Russell, and inspiring teaching from gifted guest speakers.

A great place to invite a friend, co-worker, neighbor. Fathers- invite your sons!

## GUEST SPEAKERS

OCTOBER 14

**Andrew Gommesen:** Radio Host and Speaker from 4 Him Ministries

"Andrew has a hunger and thirst for the Almighty... He has a story unlike any other I have heard... His words inspired, convicted, and challenged us."

Pastor Shane Cox - Take Hold Church-Grand Rapids, MI

NOVEMBER 12

**Eric Petersen:** Pastor at Benjamin's Hope in Holland

"Eric is a gifted Pastor who has a heart for helping men grow in their faith."  
Pastor Bob Karel-Orchard Hill Church-Grand Rapids, MI

## THANK YOU!

It was a joy to see that Orchard Hill sent in \$767 for hunger in Africa. It was quite unexpected, but a tremendous blessing. Your gift has given food to about 150 people! Enough thanks is impossible.

Rejoicing in the Jesus,

**Chris Cornish**  
World Vision  
Engagement  
Representative

A sincere thanks to my Orchard Hill family for all your prayers, cards, calls, and other kindnesses shown me during my recovery from surgery. Each one was a great encouragement to me. I'm so blessed by you all.  
**Karen Porter**

The fall is a great time to get connected to our...

# SMALL GROUPS

JOIN ONE TODAY!

Email Pastor Laura at [laurac@orchardhill.org](mailto:laurac@orchardhill.org) for more information.

Party Popper Sunday

October 22

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

**October 22 is the next Party Popper**

**Sunday!**

For Baptism: Contact Pastor Kathy at [kathyb@orchardhill.org](mailto:kathyb@orchardhill.org)  
Membership Class: Tuesday, October 3 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Shepherding Team meeting: Monday, October 9 at 7:00 PM to hear requests.

For questions contact Pastor Kathy at [kathyb@orchardhill.org](mailto:kathyb@orchardhill.org).

## FREE COUNSELING

FOR THE ORCHARD HILL FAMILY

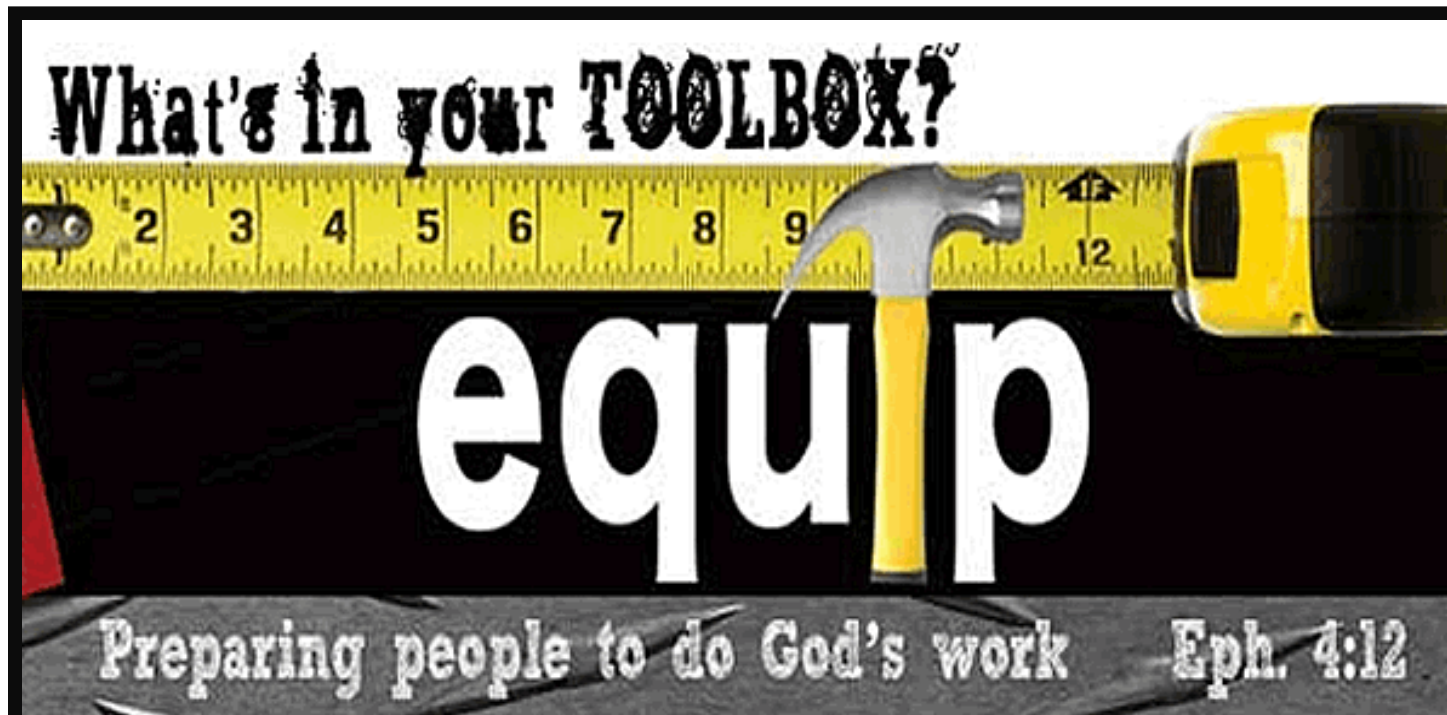
Orchard Hill is part of the CAP's program offered by Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services.

Are you struggling with PTSD, stress, college anxiety, single parenting, divorce, chronic pain, loneliness, financial issues, or a host of other of life's challenges? Check out CAP counseling.

You can receive 3 free counseling sessions by calling 616.455.6210 and telling them you are part of the CAP's program through Orchard Hill. Don't let life lead you...you lead your life. For more information contact Pastor Kathy at [kathyb@orchardhill.org](mailto:kathyb@orchardhill.org) or see the Connection Corner.

COUNSELING  
MINISTRY

GUIDANCE FOR LIFE'S CHALLENGES



**Super Saturday  
October 14, 2017  
Three choices to choose from:**



**Labyrinth: What is it and how to use it  
Led by Terri Blanch**

A labyrinth walk is a beautiful way to connect with God, but to some of us it's a new experience. Come and join this class as we talk about the labyrinth and experience it together.

**How to understand the Bible  
Led by Pastor Bob**

Sometimes the Bible is difficult to understand. Come and learn the how, where, and why of Bible study.



**Growing Faith in our Children  
Led by Pastor Kathy**



Parents today are in a battle between our culture and our faith. Come learn and be encouraged as we learn to raise child of faith together.

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

**Preschool and Child Care Center News**

Our 36<sup>th</sup> year of preschool has started out in an amazing way with many new faces to meet and many new experiences to be shared. The center is currently at capacity with over 125 children in and out of the facility daily. We have welcomed several new teaching staff for the first time in many years as well. My staff and I are encouraged and prepared to be a light for these little ones each day. We thank you for your continued prayers over our ministry here "On the Hill".



The afternoon school-age group has been embracing the ideas of science, technology, electronics, and mathematics this year. Check out the pictures of our latest STEM project that "took flight" in our gym area this week. These kids are amazing and their minds are like little sponges ready for more and more information and challenges!

Thank you to the entire Orchard Hill congregation for the generous offering of the pencil boxes. We distributed 172 pencil boxes to our families and they were received with much appreciation. These donations will help to keep our classroom supply expenses down as we utilize each child's pencil box during their classroom time with our staff. Thank you!!



- Jennifer Gray, Center Director



Lil' Worshippers is designed not to train the dancer in professional ballet, but to teach the dancer to use her body in full worship and praise to God. The goal of these classes is to teach the dancer how to move the body in connection with the Holy Spirit to bring herself and others into full, glorifying praise to her Creator.

**REHEARSALS**

October 7, 14, 21 (off on the 28<sup>th</sup>) & November 4

**AGES**

3-5yr Olds 10-10:45 AM

6-10yr Olds 10:45 AM-11:45 AM

You must register online at <http://www.lilworshippersdance.com/>  
Rehearsal will take place at Orchard Hill Church in the choir room (west entrance) through the doors into the music wing to the choir room on the right side of the hallway.

**Children's Corner**

We will be hosting our first Arts Camp remix on October 14 at 4:00 PM. This is a family worship event. We will all start by worshipping together as families and then parents and caregivers will go with Pastor Kathy and Pastor Bob to learn more about navigating raising children in this increasingly difficult society. Children will go with Miranda and dive deeper into the bible stories that they had been talking about that month. Email [mirandah@orchardhill.org](mailto:mirandah@orchardhill.org) with any questions!

**ARTS CAMP REMIX!**



# OHC Technology Update!

## PODCAST TEAM

Jonathan Mast  
Jenny Milling  
Mitch Milling  
Mark Huizinga

Thanks to these wonderful volunteers, sermons are normally published to the podcast feed within a couple hours following worship! If you don't see a message posted please pray...it means we are having technical difficulties! :)

## MEDIA TEAM

Jewel Borgeld  
Kevin Ford  
Mark Huizinga  
Jordan Karel

Because of the faithfulness of these volunteers, we are able to project audio/visual media for worship each week. We are currently upgrading our presentation program which we hope will help solve the unexpected glitches in worship.

## LISTEN TO SERMONS ONLINE!

Sunday messages are posted to our podcast feed & website every week. You can visit our website or can also subscribe to our Orchard Hill Church podcast feed from the podcast app on mobile any device to listen to messages from past weeks!

## SOUND TEAM

Mark Bauer  
Jon Benchich  
Mark Huizinga  
Jay Swieringa  
Dave VanKempen

Our sound techs have done an amazing job learning and using our new digital sound mixer. We now have the capability to save and retrieve all our settings, add effects, use in ear monitors, and we are currently learning how to capture and mix recordings with the new board. It was an adjustment for all but praise God for these faithful sound guys!

## ORCHARD HILL SOCIAL MEDIA!

Be sure to visit our social media sites!  
**Twitter:**  
twitter.com/ohcgr or @ohcgr

**Facebook Page:**  
facebook.com/ohcgr

Facebook Fellowship Group:  
Facebook.com/groups/ohcgr

**Instagram:**  
Instagram/ohcgr or @ohcgr

Sign-up! Visit the sites! Like us! Friend us! Post pictures and tag us to share the great things happening at Orchard Hill Church!

## LIGHTING TECHS

Randy DeYoung  
Caleb Koster  
Bradley Huizinga

These guys faithfully run lights for worship. Since we added the colored LED lights on stage they have even more to think about and have done a great job not only lighting up the sanctuary, but creating a mood for what is happening during a service.

## LIVE VIDEO COMING SOON!

We will be videotaping special segments happening in worship so we can start posting these things to our website and on social media. By doing this we hope to be able to capture Party Popper celebrations, testimonies, special song numbers and creative elements happening in worship!



# MUSIC & WORSHIP MINISTRIES

*A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out* Leviticus 6:13

## THE WORSHIP TEAM

### VOCAL TEAM

Zoe Andrus  
Karen Benchich  
Olivia Burgess  
Brett DeVries  
Lilly Feldt  
Eben Gardner  
Dawn Greer  
Amy Hobbie  
Karen Hoffer  
Mark Huizinga  
Michelle Jaspersen  
Amy Karel  
Rebekah Karel  
Holly Koster  
Jodie Koster  
Mary Labinski  
Barb Valente

### BAND

Bruce Burgess  
Denise Ford  
Andrea Giba  
Maria Gillette  
John Hagstrom  
Amy Karel  
Jamsion Niezurawski  
  
Joe Russell  
Jack Schipper  
  
Jerry Stephens  
Al VanBenekom



## APPRECIATION DINNER!

On Friday, September 15 we had a special Music and Worship Ministries Dinner to thank all of our worship and technology teams here at Orchard Hill. We Celebrated with a delicious meal at Peppinos Pizza & Grille, enjoyed raffle drawings, awards, and most of all, sweet fellowship!

# WE APPRECIATE OUR MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS!

## A COMMON BOND

It's amazing how a love for music and worship can draw people together. We have experienced that first hand on the worship team here at Orchard Hill. We share life through prayer, God's Word, and of course MUSIC! In this season of my life, I can't think of a better group of people to share praise and worship with.

## THE WIND BENEATH OUR WINGS

A huge thank you to our Music and Worship Arts assistant for all you do for us! You keep us organized, communicating, and are a living example of the huge impact of a "behind the scenes" servant.

## AND THE AWARD GOES TO...



It is a huge blessing to serve alongside those with so much talent, but most of all to share those talents with servants who love the Lord and desire to use those gifts to honor God and bless people.

Thank you Orchard Hill music and worship ministry leaders for all you do here at Orchard Hill to keep the fire on the altar burning bright. I love you all so very much!

Denise Ford---We can't thank you enough!



Wendy Huizinga  
Director of Music and Worship Ministries

## Lil' Worshippers Dance Classes Coming in October!

Go to [orchardhill.org](http://orchardhill.org) for more information and to register!

## Harvest Fest! Dinner & Praise

Join us for dinner and worship on Saturday, October 21 starting at 6:00 PM!

6:00 Bartel's Beef Stew, Biscuits & Apple Crisp  
7:00 Worship Concert with OHC Harvest Band



QUESTIONS? Contact  
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