

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. This is a time where students can relax, be themselves, and be encouraged by one another to follow Jesus with all their hearts!

Middle School

Join us for middle school youth group every Wednesday night downstairs in the youth area from 6:30 PM -8:00 PM. Middle school youth group is a great time for students to connect with their peers and more importantly, God!

**No Youth Group on Nov. 22.*

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!



CAMP GENEVA MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT!!

Make sure you sign up to go to Camp Geneva on **January 19-21!** Cost is \$100. There will be rock climbing, broom ball, worship, sledding, and much more! See Greg for more details or to sign up!

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.



GO DEEP! Is our theme for this year's church focus. Our goal is to see each person go deeper



in their walk of faith. Peter encourages us to, "grow up in our salvation." Have you begun to plan on how you are going to grow deep in this year? There are two resources to help you in this endeavor. The first is our fall Ministry Guide which gives you an overview of all our classes, programs, and events for the fall season. The second is our Connect Four Assessment book. We hope these two tools will assist you as you discern where you need to grow and then provide the means to help you grow. If you do not have a copy, please stop by the Connection Corner and pick one up. Any of our Pastors would also love to sit with you and talk about your walk with God and help you discern your next steps. We are looking forward to seeing you go deep!



THIS MONTH WE CELEBRATE THE 500TH BIRTHDAY OF THE REFORMATION.

The Reformation was a 16th century widespread theological revolt in Europe against the abuses and totalitarian control of the Roman Catholic Church. Reformers such as Martin Luther in Germany, Ulrich Zwingli in Switzerland, and John Calvin in France, protested various unbiblical practices of the Catholic Church and promoted a return to sound biblical doctrine. On Sunday, October 29 we kick-off a 5 week series looking at the five pillars of faith that were at the heart of the Reformers' call for the church to return to biblical teaching. We will see how these five pillars are just as important today in evaluating a church and its teachings as they were in the sixteenth century. emerge out of the Reformation and how they are still key for our life of faith today.

COLORING CONTEST for all OHC Kids



AFTER-HOUR CLASS FOLLOWING WORSHIP STARTING OCTOBER 29
Discuss the themes, theology, and practical issues surrounding the Reformation

Pick yours up in the lobby and return by Sunday, November 19

- Bob Karel, Head Pastor



GIVING



BOOTS AND GROCERIES

Thanksgiving is a great time to share the blessings God has given you with others. Generosity towards others is just one of the many ways we can glorify the Lord for His generosity towards us! For this reason, throughout the month of November, we will be collecting groceries for the Northwest Food Pantry (place in bin by West entrance) and boots for local children in need. Please consider sharing what God has given you with one or both of these great causes.

UPDATES & THANK YOU!



Thank you to all who participated in this year's SERVEFEST! We were able to make some great connections with the community and one another! And a big thank you to those who supported this year's Guatemala Mission Trip Team. We were able to meet some of our sponsor children, share the good news, and be stretched in new ways!



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH



We need superheroes to help make this neighborhood outreach happen!

Come help us build Center City and offer a magical Christmas experience to our neighbors! Center City has a lot to offer, but we need YOU to help make that magic a reality! We will need decorators, performers, hosts, family fun directors, crowd control, and more! Come help us share the real reason we celebrate the Christmas season- Jesus!

Sign up on the Connection Card or visit the Connection Corner to be a part of this special Christmas outreach!

The event is Saturday, December 9, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, but we will need lots of help the week leading up to the event as well.

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Lower Level Youth Area

Men of Orchard Hill, join us the 2nd 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 SPEAKER 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

Remember our Shut-ins this Christmas Season With Cards!

Pick up a name label sheet at the Connection Corner starting November 19 and return your cards by December 10 to church and we will deliver them for you. No postage necessary. It's a great way for children and adults to bring a smile to someone's holiday!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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 or see the Connection Corner.

COUNSELING MINISTRY
GUIDANCE FOR LIFE'S CHALLENGES

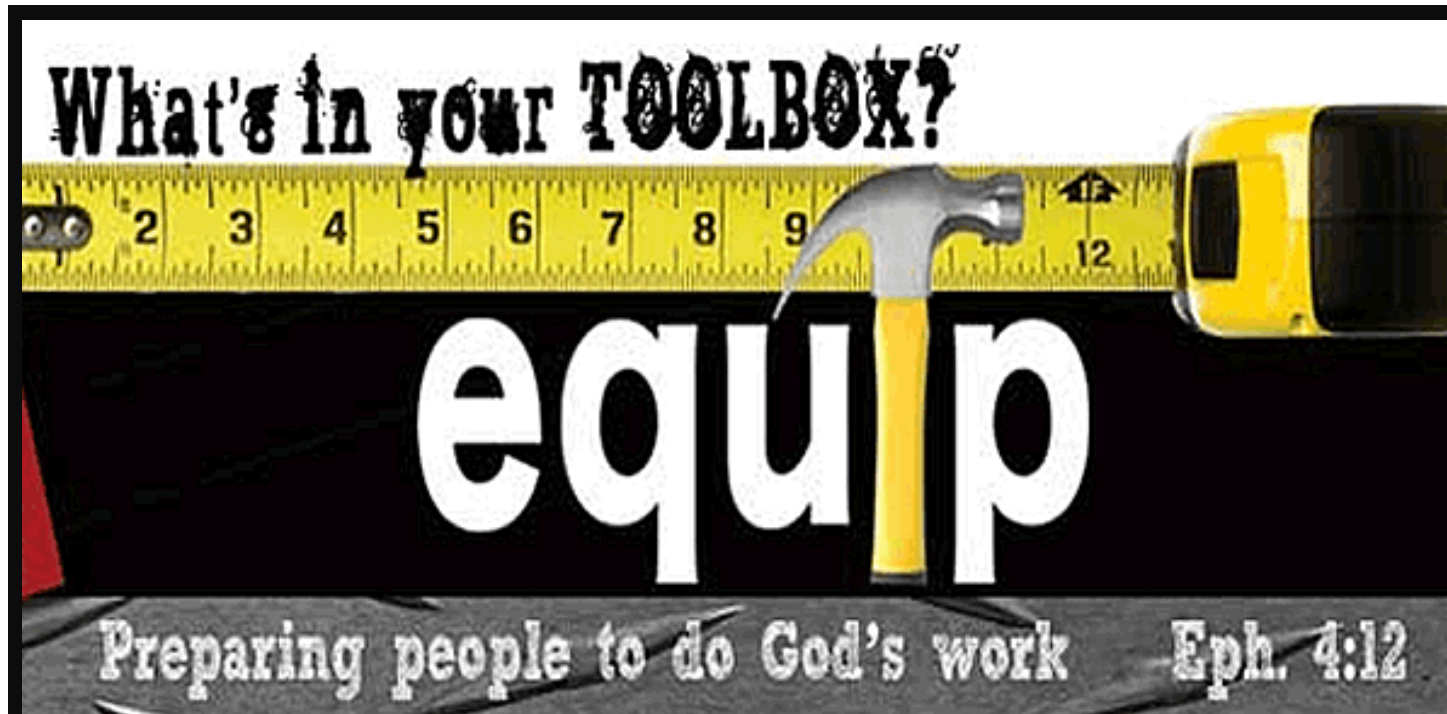
WELCOME JOHN OTSTOTT TO OUR STAFF!

We are thrilled to welcome John Otstott to the staff as our new Church Custodian. John and his wife, Sandy, have attended Orchard Hill for over eight years, are involved in a small group ministry, and support the mission of the church in a variety of ways. John is the former Head of Housekeeping at the Holiday Inn on 29th Street and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise on what it means to have a "clean room". John is also able to do minor repairs, so we will keep him busy in this part-time position. John has been on board for two weeks, so when you see him let him know you appreciate his work and the effort he puts forth to ensure the church is clean and welcoming.



UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY!

Bruce and Dee Beimers
Lincoln Square
3121 Lake Michigan Drive NW
Apartment 148
Grand Rapids, MI 49504



Super Saturday
November 11, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Three choices to choose from:

How to Live on Mission
Led by Pastor Laura

TOGETHER
ON A MISSION

Life is busy and living on mission often seems like one more thing to add to our "to do" list. But this just isn't true! Come find out what it truly means to be the church on mission and learn organic ways of reaching out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ!



How to Feed Yourself on God's Word
Led by Pastor Bob

Come and discover easy ways to study the Word on your own and how to get more out of your quiet time.

Sexuality and the Bible
Led by Pastor Kathy

grace + mercy

Sexuality today is a hot topic right now in the RCA. Come and discover what the Bible says on the topic and how as Christians we are to respond.

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

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Preschool and Child Care Center News

The first few months of preschool have been amazing this year. We are making connections with many new families and their children and showing God's love to these children daily. The preschool children took their first field trip of the school year to Dunneback Farms in October. The Dunneback children were former students at the center so that made this visit even more special. The children learned about how pumpkins and apples grow, got to pick a bag of apples and enjoy extra play time at the farm's amazing playground. October was also Fire Safety month so the children were visited by the Walker Fire Department. During this visit the firemen take the children through a fire drill evacuation, talk about fire safety in their homes and give the children an opportunity to check out a real working fire engine. This is always a special time for our preschool groups as they connect with these community helpers and heroes! Looking forward, the month of November will include a classroom Thanksgiving celebration and a trip to the Grand Rapids Children's Museum. Our families will also be collecting canned goods for the Northwest Food Pantry during the month.



- Jennifer Gray, Center Director



Children's Corner

We will be hosting our first Arts Camp remix on November 11 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 with any questions!

ARTS CAMP REMIX!

Music & Worship

MINISTRIES



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

WE WILL START TRANSFORMING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS ON MONDAY.

NOVEMBER 27, 28 & 29

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 26** AFTER WORSHIP SO WE ARE READY FOR DECORATING ON MONDAY MORNING!

MARK YOUR WORSHIP CALENDARS!

THANKSGIVING EVE DINNER & SERVICE

Wednesday, November 22

FIRST ADVENT SERVICE CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

December 3

LIL' WORSHIPPERS

We will start two new sessions

December 2 & 9 to

dance in worship on

December 10.

Check the bulletin soon for details and to register!

THANKSGIVING EVE

JOIN US ON **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22** FOR OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE. DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 6:15 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, BREAD, 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!**

GOD'S GOODNESS WITH SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO BE ENCOURAGED.

THANKSGIVING

When: Wednesday, November 22
Where: Gathering Space
Dinner Served: Between 6:15-7:00 PM
Worship Around the Tables: 7:00-8:00 PM

Will you share a testimony of God's faithfulness this past year?
 Contact Wendy- wendyh@orchardhill.org

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH PRESENTS

GUARDIANS OF CHRISTMAS

AN INTERACTIVE WALKTHROUGH EXPERIENCE

Come and walk through Center City, the delightfully festive home of the Guardians of Christmas! See the sights of the city and meet your favorite Guardian up close! Best of all, come and discover the reason we celebrate Christmas: Jesus!

Captain Christmas
Tinsel Man

Winter Woman
The Cane

A SUPER HEROIC CHRISTMAS EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Saturday, December 9
1 pm - 4 pm



Free Tickets!
616-784-4060

tickets@orchardhill.org

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