

WORSHIP



COMING IN WORSHIP...



Christmas reveals the **WONDER OF GOD'S LOVE**. What is the wonder? God loved us more than we could imagine!

Have you picked up the advent devotional? This will follow along our series, and is only \$5 and is next to the Next Steps table.



JOIN US NEXT WEEK SUNDAY FOR TWO VERY SPECIAL SERVICES!

Christmas Eve Morning 10:00 AM

Will consist of traditional carols with bells, dancer Kelly Honderd, special music, and meditations shared by our Pastors.

Christmas Eve Night 5:30 PM *What Child Is This*

A special presentation by our drama team, beautiful music, readings, and candlelight. Don't forget to invite others to worship and share the Christ of Christmas!

BLUE CHRISTMAS

The Blue Christmas service is to honor the memories of those persons (mothers, fathers, sons, daughters) or things that might have been lost too soon. **TONIGHT** at 6:00 PM, we will bring our grieved hearts to the Lord. After worship, we will join together in a soup dinner.

BLOOD DRIVE

Support the mission team and help save local lives by signing up for the December blood drive in the Connection Corner. Michigan Blood will be here at OHC on Tuesday, December 19 from 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM. If we reach our goal of 40 units of blood collected, then the mission team gets \$10 for every person that donates! **We are still looking for lots of donors!**



GIVE BLOOD

SERVE



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH: This is the last week to take a cookie container and an invitation to our Christmas Eve service in the ministry highlights area, bake something delicious to share, then boldly go and invite someone you know to share in the good news of Jesus with Orchard Hill Church this Christmas season! Remember, it's not just some cookies and an invitation, it's an open door to invest in others by sharing God's love with those around you! Our challenge was to give out 300 and we still have 200 to go! We can still reach our goal! *Next week, share your outreach story by writing it down and putting it in our "Christmas Outreach Story" box next to the ministry highlights table. We want to hear about how God is using you to share His good news!*

STEPHEN MINISTRY: A new Stephen Ministry class will begin on January 18. This is a 40 hour class teaching you the skills needed to walk with others during difficult times. If you are interested in this ministry or have questions about the program, check out the table in the lobby or contact Pastor Kathy at kathyb@orchardhill.org

GET CONNECTED



POWER HOUR LUNCHEON: Any senior citizen at Orchard Hill is invited to our annual Christmas luncheon. Thursday, December 21 at 10:30 AM we will worship and eat together for the holidays. Owen is coming to play the organ! **THIS IS YOUR LAST WEEK TO PURCHASE TICKETS!** They are \$12 a person and are on sale now in the Connection Corner.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP: Looking for a way to get connected to community at Orchard Hill on a deeper level? Small groups are a great way to invest in relationships, serving, and growing deeper as a disciple, and the new year is a great time to join! Contact Pastor Laura for more info at laurac@orchardhill.org.
Women's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 PM
Men's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:45 PM

RE/ENGAGE: Is Orchard Hill's marriage ministry, and a new class will begin on January 22. If you would like to strengthen your marriage or start to work at putting your marriage back together mark this class on your calendar. Re/engage is fun, thought-provoking, and great at assisting married couples to communicate.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

House Church- Have you ever wondered how to pray, or if you are praying correctly? Why is it that some prayers aren't answered? Do you feel like God doesn't listen to you or that you are just praying to someone really far away? If you answered yes to any of those questions, join us tomorrow night at the Buck's home for House Church! We will be learning what prayer is, and how we are to pray. We will meet from 7:00 PM -9:00 PM. The Buck's address is 733 Country Ln. NW Grand Rapids MI, 49534

Youth Group programs will resume January 7 (high school) and January 10 (middle school). Enjoy your winter break!

Questions, concerns, or just want to chat, contact Greg Salmon @ gregs@orchardhill.org or 784.4060 ext 227.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS: All tithes and offering received in the offering Sunday, December 31, will be credited as 2017 contributions. All contributions received in the mail AND postmarked by December 31 or earlier will be credited toward 2017 contributions as well.

Your tithing envelopes for 2018 are located in your box! If you have tithing envelopes but no box, please expect those to come in the mail.

YEAR END SCHEDULE: The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26. The office will be open on the regular schedule the remainder of that week.

THANK YOU: To Meijer for their donation of apple cider to our church.

IN OUR PRAYERS



- Lynne VanHouten has pneumonia in both lungs and is on antibiotics.
- Jan Arendsen was recently hospitalized for a mini-stroke. There is one medication she is on that is causing her troublesome side effects.
- Prayer Spotlight for the week of December 17, 2017: Homebound/Caregiver: Phylis Felix, OHCPCC Teacher: Jessica Force, Mission: Orphans Heart International, College Student: Brendan Long

IN NEED OF PRAYER TODAY? Please come forward following the service for prayer with one of our prayer partners.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN? Call the front office at 784.4060, and we will be happy to include your request on the prayer line, which is

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OHC STOP BY THE CONNECTION CORNER.

NEW TO OHC? LET'S GET CONNECTED

Name:

Email:

Phone:

1st Time 2-5 Times 5 Plus

How did you hear about Orchard Hill?

Friend/Family Website I live nearby Other

How can we pray for you?

Other Feedback?

THIS WEEK: December 17 - 22, 2017

S 10:00 AM Worship Service - On the Hill
 11:00 AM M & M's Small Group - Conference Room
 6:00 PM Blue Christmas - Prayer Room

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T 2:00 PM Blood Drive - Narthex

W 6:30 PM Worship Band - Sanctuary
 6:30 PM Youth Leaders Party - Youth Area
 6:45 PM Dancin' on the Hill - Choir Room
 7:00 PM Worship Singers - Sanctuary

T 10:30 AM Power Hour Luncheon - Sanctuary
 6:00 PM OHCPCC Christmas Program - Sanctuary

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HOW ARE YOU GROWING IN YOUR FAITH AND WALK?
 Take a "Connect 4" Assessment and make a Growth Plan

-  Engage in our Christmas Cookie Outreach
-  Read through the Advent Devotional
-  Spend some time in the Prayer Room - Advent Theme
-  Become a Stephen's Minister
-  Join a Small Group in the New Year

GO DEEPER

REGULAR TO OHC? STAY CONNECTED

Name:

Email:

I would like more information about:

SMALL GROUPS

How can we pray for you?

Other Feedback?

WHILE YOU'RE HERE....GET CONNECTED



Grab a coffee and a cookie.



Stop by the Connection Corner to ask questions.



Looking to move forward in your faith? Visit the Next Steps Table.

WHEN YOU'RE NOT....STAY CONNECTED



Facebook:
Orchard Hill Church Fellowship Group



Instagram:
ohcgr



Web:
orchardhill.org



Email:
allyssap@orchardhill.org

If you are new or visiting with us today, please stop by the Connection Corner to get any information you need about the goings-on here at Orchard Hill. We would love to get to know you. Make sure to take home a small gift from us.

Mission Statement:

Orchard Hill Church exists to see hundreds of families and individuals in our surrounding neighborhoods become committed followers of Jesus Christ.



The staff enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the Karel abode. Frank received a stuffed animal mouse for the white elephant gift exchange, and we have a new champion for "Reindeer Races", Jennifer Gray!



Welcome to Our Gathering!

It's Advent once again! Advent is the season prior to Christmas where we prepare our hearts to get ready for the coming of the Christ Child. This advent we will be looking at four elements of the Christmas story that teach us about the wonder of God's great love for us: a star, a name, a manger, and a promise. As we look to these wonder-filled aspects of the Christmas story, we will rediscover the great love God has for each of us.

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

We do not seek to be traditional • We do not seek to be contemporary • We seek to be authentic!

- Gathering Music
- Call to Worship
Born Is the King
- Carols & Praise
- Welcome and Greeting
- Carols & Praise
- Prayer
- Children's Blessing & Dismissal
- Media Ministry-Christmas Invite!
- Prayer
- Offering
Mary Did You Know
- Scripture Reading-Laura Claus
- Message: The Wonder of a Manger - Pastor Bob Karel
Bible Reading: Luke 2:4-12 (pg. 1590)
- Closing Response
The First Noel
A Christmas Alleluia
- Parting Blessing

A huge thank you to all of our musicians and singers participating in worship today! Thanks for rearranging your schedules around the weather and sharing your beautiful gifts through music! - Wendy