

## WORSHIP



### COMING IN WORSHIP...



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

**December 10** - The Wonder of a Name  
Hill Kids Singing

**December 17** - The Wonder of a Manger

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

**HILLKIDS CHOIR: LAST REHEARSAL!** We will be singing on December 10. The kids will get a snack in the resource room and then head to the sanctuary to practice until 12:15. Christmas is right around the corner and we hope you will be a part of this special service!

**LIL WORSHIPPERS:** This is a free class through Orchard Hill. No need to sign up for this one! There are two rehearsals on Saturdays December 9 & 16. Girls ages 4-10 years old will practice from 12:30-1:30 PM (note time change) to dance in worship on **December 17**. Questions contact Wendy Huizinga [wendyh@orchardhill.org](mailto:wendyh@orchardhill.org).



### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

**10:00 AM Worship** - *The Wonder of A Promise*

**5:30 PM** - Candlelight Service  
*"What Child is this?"*

*Pick up an invite card and ask a friend to join you!*

### 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. On December 17th 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 host 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!



## SERVE



**CHRISTMAS INSTRUMENTALISTS:** Please email Denise Ford at [dford@orchardhill.org](mailto:dford@orchardhill.org) if you are interested in playing in worship on December 17 or sign the Connection Card. All ages welcome!

**CHRISTMAS OUTREACH:** Take a cookie container and an invitation to our Christmas services 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! 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 the good work you all do!

**SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Grab a sheet of mailing labels from the Connection Corner and buy a pack of Christmas cards to shower our shut-ins with love this Christmas season. Bring the cards back to church by Sunday, December 10.

**SHARE A TREAT:** On Sunday, December 17, bring a special holiday treat to share with your Orchard Hill family at coffee time. It's a great way to say Merry Christmas to your family of faith!

**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](mailto:kathyb@orchardhill.org)

## GET CONNECTED



**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](mailto:laurac@orchardhill.org).

**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! Tickets are \$12 a person and are on sale now in the Connection Corner.

**HOPE/JOY LUNCHEON:** The senior ladies will be having their annual Christmas luncheon at Russ' Restaurant on 4 Mile and Alpine on Tuesday, December 5 at 1:00 PM.



**High School TONIGHT At 6:00 PM & Middle School WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM**

We meet downstairs around the back. Use the youth entry doors.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Are you being a glory thief? Come discuss what it looks like to give God all the glory! Don't forget to bring money for our Zambia Christmas Mission Project! Girls: \$13.69 Boys: \$4.68.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** We will be discussing how God should be the center of all things, not us! Also, reminder to bring in money for our Christmas Gifts that we will be giving away!

Questions, concerns, or just want to chat, contact Greg Salmon @ [gregs@orchardhill.org](mailto:gregs@orchardhill.org) or 784.4060 ext 227.

Thank you to everyone who helped pull decorations from the garage last Sunday and came in to decorate during the week for Christmas. The church looks beautiful! - Wendy

## IN OUR PRAYERS



- Arlene DeBoer is home recovering from pneumonia.
- Prayer Spotlight for the week of December 3, 2017: Homebound/Caregiver: Amaryllis Buurstra, OHCPCC Teacher: Emily Dykstra, Mission: Strong Tower Ministries, College Student: Mackenzie Kunst

**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 emailed to those who have subscribed to receive prayer concerns.

## LET'S GET CONNECTED December 3, 2017

Name:

Email:

Phone:

**STOP BY THE CONNECTION CORNER FOR YOUR FREE GIFT!**

## THIS WEEK: December 3 - 8, 2017

**S** 10:00 AM Worship Service - On the Hill  
 11:30 AM M & M's Small Group - Conference Room  
 6:00 PM High School Youth Group - Youth Area

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**T** 11:00 AM Women's Prayer Group- Music Lounge  
 1:00 PM Hope/Joy Circle Luncheon - Russ' Restaurant

**W** 6:30 PM Worship Band - Sanctuary  
 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study - Music Lounge  
 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group - Youth Area  
 6:45 PM Dancin' on the Hill - Choir Room  
 7:00 PM Worship Singers - Sanctuary

**T** 7:00 PM The Flock - Studio 1

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## 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.**



**Our November Arts Camp Remix saw a number of families from the surrounding neighborhood come through Orchard Hill's doors! Above are the families working on their turkey wreath craft in celebration of Thanksgiving.**



## 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-O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
 Candles and Praise-Orchard Hill Youth/Allyssa Packer & Sam Harpst  
 Noel (Soloist-Amy Hobbie)  
 Reading-Isaiah 9:5-7  
 Praise and Worship  
 Children's Blessing & Dismissal  
 Prayer  
 Offering/Worship Team  
 Star of Wonder  
 Message: The Wonder of a Star - Pastor Bob Karel  
 Bible Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 1497)  
 Communion - *The elements will be served to you in your rows. If you believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior you are invited to partake in The Lord's Supper.*  
 Music Ministry-Maria Gillette  
 Closing Response  
 Parting Blessing

Please take the opportunity following worship to pray with someone, discover places for you to become more involved, or make a new friend over coffee and a snack. We are so glad you came, and we hope you will feel part of the family of God here at Orchard Hill.

## SIGN ME UP!

Name:

Email:

SMALL GROUPS

CHRISTMAS INSTRUMENTALISTS

STOP BY THE CONNECTION CORNER FOR INFO ABOUT OTHER PROGRAMS