

Ministry Highlights

July 2019

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WE HAD AN AMAZING TIME AT ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL!

374 Campers graced our doors and spent the week learning how to Soar through reading God's word, prayer, serving others, and trusting God with their lives! It was an incredible week of singing, teaching, creating and loving on every child God blessed us with.

165 Volunteers came out to help greet families, register kids, teach Bible Classes, lead creative and performing art classes, perform puppet shows and films, lead worship and fill in everywhere in between. Many students who attended camp in past years are now serving as leaders and helpers. We are so blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers!

We raised \$3,770.26 for Mission India's Bible Club and celebrated at the end of the week with fanfare and ice-cream!

Our 2nd-6th grade students spent all day Tuesday doing group art projects. They made tie dye tee-shirts, colored bookmarks for children in India, and they also created the colorful tail of the large kite you see hanging in the sanctuary

Our K-1st Grade Boot Campers spent the week rotating through art & music stations and colored their own tee-shirts on Tuesday

We ended the week with beautiful art displays and powerful performances during our closing tour. We served close to 1,000 people for lunch and every child went home with their very own Bible donated by a couple generous donors!

THANK YOU GOD FOR AN INCREDIBLE WEEK!



ORCHARD HILL ISRAEL BIBLICAL STUDY TRIP

Please pick-up a prayer card in the lobby of church and pray for our group of 46 that will be in Israel July 14-25.



SUNDAY WORSHIP ON THE HILL • 10:00AM

July 7, 14, & 21 : "Soar" – We are continuing our series focused on engaging in spiritual practices that will lead us towards Christ-likeness. Check out the blog on the Orchard Hill web-site to dig deeper into a **new weekly practice**.

July 28 : "Lessons from the Land" series begins! Guest speaker Lois Tverberg will be with us to kick this series off. She is the author of three books that share insights from Jesus' Jewish culture to equip Christians to read the Bible from a Hebraic perspective. She also oversees the En Gedi Resource Center which is an educational ministry devoted to teaching Christians about their faith in light of its original Jewish context. This will be a rich morning! We will also welcome back and hear from our Biblical Tour team who just returned from Israel.

JULY OUTREACH FOCUS

This summer, Bethany Christian Services is helping to resettle over 450 refugees in Grand Rapids. Orchard Hill is partnering with Bethany to help meet the needs of these refugee families by collecting the following throughout the month of July (you may place items in the marked bin by the West entrance):

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Silverware
- Cleaning supplies: Toilet bowl cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, Lysol wipes, etc.
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Twin/full/queen size sheets and blankets (can be gently used but must be clean with no holes/stains)

REMINDER: FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Hunger is a reality for many- even in our own backyard! Did you know that Orchard Hill collects items for a local food pantry year-round? Next time you go grocery shopping, consider buying a few extra groceries or personal care items for our neighbors in need and drop them in the marked bin by the West entrance.

MEET OUR 2019 SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP INTERNS!



Jace Kooiker

-Senior at Hudsonville High School
 -Fun fact: I love to fish and wakeboard
 -Jace wanted to do the internship because he wants to grow closer to God and have consistent time with Him. He's planning on going into the ministry field and wants a background and feel for what it is all about.



Holly Koster

-Junior at Kent Innovation High School
 -Fun fact: I like cooking and baking
 -Holly wanted to do the internship this summer because she wanted to work at the place she loves and work for the Lord.



Brody Ralston

-Sophomore at Kenowa Hills High School
 -Fun fact: I play soccer
 -Brody wanted to do the internship so he could grow in his faith and have a fun first job.



Bradley Huizinga

-Senior at Hudsonville High School
 -Fun fact: I love hunting, fishing, and water sports/skiing
 -Bradley wanted to do the internship because he wants to get closer to God as a disciple.

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Hannah Cockrill

-Senior at Calvin College
 -Fun Fact: 93% of females my age are taller than me
 -Hannah wanted to do this internship, hoping that through this internship, she may be challenged in her faith and deepen her understanding of where God is calling her within a ministry context.



Connor Van Putten

-Junior at Kenowa Hills High School
 -Fun fact: I have a dog named Gladys
 -Connor wanted to do the internship, so he could learn how the church works.



YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

Our middle school students will be traveling to NTS Camp in New York and our high school students are going on a service trip to Kentucky! Please be praying for God to move in big ways!
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THE FLOCK BEACH DAY

The Flock is going to the beach on Sunday, July 28, after the morning service. We will carpool from church to North Shore Beach Park for a picnic lunch and beach fun! Sign up on the Connection Card (\$5 a person).
laurad@orchardhill.org

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE NEWS

The center is in the middle of a fantastic summer camp experience together with our families! During the first month of the program our children have experienced Arts Camp on the Hill, swimming lessons, trips to the park and library and even a visit by the Book Mobile! Our older groups have had monthly "Mystery Days" which have been a big hit with the children too. The school-age children are working hard toward fund raising enough money to go on a Big Adventure trip in August. They've planned car washes, bake sales, pie in a teacher's face events and bottle returns all through the summer months. All our groups have been diving into the Word of God daily, sharing prayer requests and spending time discussing daily struggles and triumphs.



COMPASSIONATE CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Do not struggle alone. We are there to help! To set up an appointment, call 616.296.2130.
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NEW STAFF MEMBER

Samantha Wesseldyke has accepted the position of Nursery Nanny for Orchard Hill. Please welcome her to the team!