



ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

July, 2022

Ministry Highlights

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ORCHARD HILL LEADERSHIP

In June we completed our process of bringing new people onto our leadership teams as the following people were selected to serve:

Shepherding Elders: Randy DeYoung, Jodie Koster

Shepherding Deacons: Mark Bauer, Jenni Lewis

Governing Board: Mary Broene

These individuals will be ordained and installed into their positions on Sunday, July 10.

BUILDING MAINTAINENCE

We have had to respond to an immediate need to upgrade the controls for our heating and cooling systems. Our present controls are outdated and as parts break replacing them is no longer an option. The Andy Egan Co. has been contracted to replace our control system at a very generous price of \$150,000. Work has begun and will take a few months to complete resulting in a more cost and energy efficient system.

DENOMINATIONAL CHANGE

The North Grand Rapids Classis Executive Committee received and began processing Orchard Hill's petition to withdraw from the RCA. There was a general agreement within the Executive Committee to complete this process in good order and within a shorter period of time than suggested by the BCO. It is the intent of the Executive Committee to vote on the petition at the September 20, 2022 meeting at the very latest. This means that Orchard Hill will gather for a Congregational Meeting and vote in mid-August.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

This month our middle and high school youth groups will be heading down to Kentucky for their summer mission trips! Our middle school students will be participating in a "mystery trip", while our high school students will be doing some home repair. Our middle school trip is July 10-16 and our high school trip is July 24-30. Please be praying for our students and leaders.

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RIVER TUBING

Mark your calendars and sign up on the Sign Up Post in the church lobby or the connection card to join us for a 2.5 hour float trip on Sunday, August 7. We will meet at Wisner's Canoes in Newaygo following our morning service and take off down the river at 1:00 PM. Cost for the trip is \$20 per tube. Pack a lunch to eat before you come.



EPHESIANS SERIES: ALIVE IN CHRIST!

God has orchestrated an amazing plan of salvation, to make us alive in Christ! In that plan, we uncover the true identity and calling of the Church! As we come together to study the book of Ephesians this summer, we will dig into the good news of salvation and God's purposes for the Church, as we gain practical insight on how we can live into those purposes today!

- July 3: *God's Plan and Purposes*-Greg Salmon
- July 10: *Unity in the Body*-Nate Huyck
- July 17: *Using Your Gifts in the Body*-Bryce Bennett
- July 24: *Living as Children of the Light*-Rev. Tim Vink
- July 31: *Godly Relationships*-Pastor Laura Dilley
- August 7: *Stand Firm and Preach the Word*-Pastor Laura Dilley

DILLEY BABY SHOWER

The congregation is invited to celebrate with Pastor Laura and Kurt Dilley, the upcoming birth of their sweet baby boy by attending a baby shower for them! It will be held in the Gathering Space following the worship service on July 17. Follow this link for their baby registry: <https://www.babylist.com/baby-dilley-2022>

JULY OUTREACH

Saturday, July 16, 12:00 PM- 2:00 PM, we are heading to the motel on 3 Mile and Alpine to pray for our neighbors and pass out ice cream! We will have a sun tent set up with ice cream to give away and an invite to anyone who sees us to come and be prayed for in Jesus' powerful name! Sign up on the Sign Up Post.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Donate blood at the next Walker Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 12, 1:30 PM-6:30 PM at Orchard Hill. Sign up at: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/139378

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SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

The next check-in gathering is Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30 PM. This will be a chance to reflect on our readings, ask questions, and get Biblical background regarding the Gospels.

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SENIOR PICNIC

Join us Tuesday, July 5 at 10:30 AM for a morning of community, worship, and fun sponsored by our interns! Afterwards, we'll have a picnic lunch in the coffee area of the lobby.

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ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL 2022 HIGHLIGHTS!



- 244 Campers graced our doors and spent the week learning about what it means to be **A Child of the King!**
- Over 100 volunteers came together to help greet families, register kids, teach Bible classes, lead creative and performing art classes, perform dramas, lead worship, keep our kids safe, and fill in everywhere in between.
- Every morning was spent worshipping God through energetic music and heart felt praise!
- King Art-thur invited us into the Arts Camp Kingdom where we learned that being a Child of the King means trusting, loving, obeying, believing, and receiving the one true King-Jesus!
- The talented Orchard Hill drama team brought God's word to life with "Tales from the Throne"!
- Anticipation built each morning for the "Joke of the Day" & "Song of the Day"!
- Tie dye t-shirts, cards for Foster Care children, and a beautiful crown of jewels made from each child's name were created on Tuesday's Group Art Day!
- K-1st Grade Boot campers had a blast in our children's wing rotating through Art & Music stations!
- Generosity poured out of our students & volunteers as we filled 75 backpacks with school supplies for local foster care children with Bethany Christian Services!
- Beautiful art displays in the lobby and powerful performances in the sanctuary were shared on Friday!
- Our Gathering Space housed over 500 people for lunch on Friday, as parents stayed and connected!
- 6th grade campers couldn't stop talking about moving into being a volunteer next year!
- The Holy Spirit continued to move and during our last morning of worship we heard child after child say, then sing, "Jesus you are my King"!
- God's people showed up and God faithfully moved among and through His people and the lives of many children were changed forever!

CHECK OUT THE ARTS CAMP 2022 VIDEO ON YOU TUBE!

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

- John 1:12

