

# CARE

## PRAYERS FOR OUR OHC FAMILY

**Bennet Veltma** will have brain surgery Wednesday, August 31 to place the second electrode.

**Judy Vander Zwart** is scheduled for biopsies on two thyroid nodules August 29.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Seth and Kelsey Vostad** were married at OHC Saturday, August 20. Pray for them as they begin their married life together.

## NEED PRAYER?

We would love to pray for you! Please come forward after the service if you are in need of prayer.

## PRAYERS FOR DISCERNMENT

Please continue to use your Prayer Guide to pray for OHC throughout the week as we strive to be faithful to God's leading. Copies are available in the Connection Corner and on the tables by the entrances.

## PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you would like prayer, or are in need of pastoral care, contact the church office.

[pastoralcare@orchardhill.org](mailto:pastoralcare@orchardhill.org)

Have an after-hours emergency? Contact the Pastoral Care Team at the 24-hour emergency number.

**Pastoral Care Emergency Number: 616.649.2840**

## COMPASSIONATE CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Do not struggle alone. We are here to help!

[cccoffice@cccounseling.net](mailto:cccoffice@cccounseling.net) or **616.296.2130**

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Why does Orchard Hill have a Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry works in so many different situations because two factors are constant for every congregation:

- There are always many more people in need of care, both in the congregation and in the community, than a pastor alone can care for.
- There are always gifted laypeople capable of providing high, quality Christian care, if they're trained and organized to do so.

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# ETC.

## GIT 'ER DONE CAMPAIGN

Git 'Er Done is our 3-year campaign to eliminate our building debt. This campaign started in November 2019 and will end this November. The good news is that \$824,265 has been given towards reaching our goal of \$910,000! The generosity of our OHC family has been great! We want to encourage everyone to finish strong, honor their pledges, and continue to give generously over these last four months. If everyone follows through on their pledges, we will exceed our goal and raise \$966,371! How awesome would that be! The outlook currently, however, is that we are on pace to finish the campaign with \$872,285. This would be a \$37,735 shortfall. The end is in sight OHC! Let's Git 'Er Done, so that our eager willingness to do it may be matched by our completion of it, according to our means (2 Corinthians 8:11).

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## CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

On August 14, the North Grand Rapids Classis conducted a meeting of the Orchard Hill Church membership in response to our request to leave the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and join the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC). Two hundred eleven (211) OHC members were present at that meeting and the motion passed with 187 voting in favor (89%) while 23 members voted against the motion. The next step is for the North Grand Rapids Classis to respond to our request at their September 27 meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in this important decision in the life of our church.

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# ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

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**Sunday, August 28, 2022**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ORCHARD HILL!

### SERMON SERIES: LESSONS FROM THE LAND

Pastor Bob takes us on a trip to Israel and teaches us some amazing lessons from God's Word and the land. Today, he will be speaking about *A Fig Tree on the Road to Jerusalem*. Our scripture is from Mark 11 and can be found on page 1572 in the pew Bible.

### MESSAGE FOLLOW UP

Have a question or a desire to discuss what God spoke to you through the message with the preaching Pastor? Make your way to the West Overflow through the sanctuary and they will be there to answer questions, pray, and help you respond to the Spirit's leading.

### NEXT WEEK: LABOR DAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP

We will worship out on the front lawn in God's creation on Sunday, September 4, at 10:00 AM. Bring your chairs/blankets and a picnic lunch for after the service. Bring money and enjoy a cold treat with the Kona Ice Truck.

### GENEROSITY

Our offering bowl up front reminds us that our worship includes bringing our tithes and gifts as an offering to God. Please give generously today either online through our website or in person on the sanctuary doors.



### SALVATION CANDLE

We light the Salvation Candle when someone in has placed their faith in Christ! Have you shared the Good News with someone who received it? Let the staff know so we can light the candle and celebrate what God has done!

# CONNECT

## SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE CELEBRATION

Our last gathering will be a celebration THIS WEEK Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 PM. We will enjoy a potluck picnic, share our take-aways from the readings, and give awards for all those who completed the challenge!

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## NEW TO ORCHARD HILL?

Fill out a Connection Card found in the pews and place it in the offering box on the sanctuary doors. Stop by the Connection Corner for a free gift and more info about Orchard Hill.

## GROUP UP

Starting next week, September 4, get connected to community this fall with GROUP UP! Take a look at the GROUP UP display in the lobby and check out all the options. We have groups for all ages and stages of life from larger community groups to small groups, as well as discipleship groups and equip groups. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and in community with your OHC family!

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## FALL KICKOFF & PICNIC

Don't miss the fun at our fall kickoff on Sunday, September 11! Start with a great morning of worship at 10:00 AM as we gather in community around our new series, *Come Together*, getting to the heart of why connecting with one another is so important! Then stick around for a front yard picnic, catered by *Bonhomie's Food Truck*, games for all ages, ministry booths, prizes, and more!

## FALL DINNERS FOR 8

We had a great kick-off this summer for our new ministry, Dinners for 8! We are starting a new round this fall for anyone who is interested in meeting others from the church! It's an opportunity for groups of eight people from Orchard Hill to connect in a casual, relaxed atmosphere around dinner. And, when you come to Orchard Hill on Sunday morning, you'll have a few more people whose faces light up when they see you! For more information, to sign up to participate, or to host a dinner at your house, go to: <https://orchardhill.org/dinners-for-8/> or visit the table in the lobby. Deadline for fall sign up is Sept 25.

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# SERVE

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM

Orchard Hill is looking to put together a team of people who are passionate about getting to know our local community and sharing God's love. This team would go to events throughout the year (ex: Kenowa Hills Knight Out, the Comstock Park Community Celebration, the Walker Pumpkin Bash, etc.) to represent OHC and connect with the community. Sign up on the Sign Up Post or the Connection Card.

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## USHERS AND SUBS NEEDED

We are looking for a couple more ushers to meet and greet people as they come into worship. Ushers serve once every six weeks. We also need a few substitute ushers to fill in as needed. If you would like to usher or sub, sign up on the connection card or on the Sign Up Post.

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## HOSPITALITY NEED

If you love to bake, would you be willing to make some cookies and bring them to church for the coffee hour on Sunday? Donations can be dropped off in the kitchen.

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## BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by donating blood at the next Walker Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 13, 1:30 PM-6:30 PM at Orchard Hill. Sign up at: [https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/140112](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/140112).

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

# OUTREACH

## BACK TO SCHOOL OUTREACH

We are excited to reach out with God's love to our mission partners as they go back to school! Bless them in these ways: CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

- Donate supplies for the Central Elementary teachers from their Amazon wish lists at: <https://tinyurl.com/centralteacherwishlist>.
- Volunteer as a Kids' Hope mentor or prayer partner for a student in need. Sign up on the Sign Up Post.

ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL:

- Donate school supplies (lists can be found on the Ministry Highlights table). Adopt a classroom for the school year, blessing the students and teachers with prayer and service! Sign up on the Sign Up Post.

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## CENTRAL ELEMENTARY CARNIVAL

For the first time since Covid, Central Elementary is able to throw their annual fall carnival! Sign up for a shift on Friday evening, September 9, to run a game, face paint, or pass out prizes via <https://tinyurl.com/centralcarnival>. This is a great way for OHC to invest in our Kids Hope school and local families!

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## NEIGHBORHOOD INVITE TEAM

Join a team from Orchard Hill on Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 AM, as we go door to door in our surrounding neighborhoods to invite our neighbors to the kickoff picnic celebration and to hear the good news at OHC this fall! Sign up on the Sign Up Post.

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## TO DO:

○ CHECK OUT THE NEEDS FOR THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL OUTREACH

○ SIGN UP TO SERVE

○ MEET SOMEONE NEW!