

# ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

September, 2022

# Ministry Highlights

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## MUSIC & WORSHIP MINISTRIES COMMISSIONING SERVICE

We will have a commissioning service for all those involved in our Music and Worship Ministries on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 PM in the West Overflow (Prayer Room). Rehearsal following at 7:30 PM.

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## GROUP UP

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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## 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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## 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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## 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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## 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.

## 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 September 25.

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## YOUTH KICK OFF!

Come join us as we start a new youth group year! We will introduce our spiritual theme for the year and compete in Survivor: Orchard Hill! Wear your Hawaiian clothes and come ready to see if your tribe can be the ones to outwit, outplay, and outlast.

High School: Sunday, September 11, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Middle School: Wednesday, September 14, 6:30PM-8:00 PM

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## SENIOR GATHERING

Our senior gathering will meet again on Tuesday, September 20 at 10:30 AM. We'll have a great morning of worship and experimenting with a variety of ways to pray to God. For example: Breathing Prayer, Listening Prayer, and a lesson in Praying in Color, taught by Judy Vander Zwart.

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## TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

We are happy to announce that we have hired a part time Technical Director who will be working with our amazing tech teams and helping us oversee the production of live and recorded worship services, including sound, computer, camera, lighting, and livestream systems. Brian Criner has accepted the position and will start in September. Please introduce yourself to him and make him feel welcome as he will be assisting and worshipping with us every Sunday!

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## THANK YOU

Orchard Hill Church, thank you so much for opening the doors of OHC to our congregation and for the time that you guys rented the space to us. It was of great blessings for us to have a church of the same faith and beliefs to provide us room and space to continue to praise our God and to keep our faith alive while we were patiently waiting for our God to open doors so that we could buy a place to continue to worship our God. Thanks to our loving Father we were able to get our own space.

Thanks again for all that you guys did for us!  
*Iglesia De Jesu Christo Palabra Miel*

## 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 CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE NEWS

The Center wrapped up the summer with our annual Big Adventure Day! The latchkey kids worked hard throughout the summer hosting weekly car washes and collecting can donations to help fund their chosen location. This year they divided into two groups; the older group chose Craig's Cruisers, and the younger age group picked Deer Track Junction. The children are encouraged to tithe a portion of their earnings, and they chose to support Miss Sydnee's mission trip (Sydnee is a former teacher at OHCPCC). The preschoolers explored Dutch Village where they were able to have a picnic lunch, pet goats, ride on an amusement park swing, and a carousel. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather, safety, and wonderful summer memories!

We are currently in the process of transitioning from our summer program into the fall program. As always, we covet your prayers and support as we prepare for this transition. We strive each day to pour God's unconditional love into each child and family that walks through our doors.

