

# ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

November, 2022

# Ministry Highlights

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## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Help local parents provide meals for their hungry families! Grab an Orchard Hill bag from the table in the entry ways and return it, filled with the items on the list inside of the bag, to the stairs to the sanctuary stage on Sunday, November 20. Know a family that could use a food bag? Come forward after the service on Sunday, November 20 to receive a food bag to bring them in the name of Jesus! All other food bags will go to local families via the Matthew's House Food Pantry, the Orchard Hill Preschool, or another OHC ministry partner.  
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## THANKSGIVING EVE PIES

We are looking for pie donations for the Thanksgiving Eve service. Sign up at the Sign Up Post.  
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## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving Eve service will take place in the Gathering Space on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM. We will gather together around tables for worship and a variety of pies!  
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## WORSHIP CHOIR

Worship Choir is singing Sunday, November 20 with rehearsal on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM. Choir is open to middle school age through adults of all skill levels. All are welcome to come. No sign up required.  
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## HILLKIDS CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The choir rehearsals are beginning this month! The Hill-Kids Choir is available for Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. There will be a snack provided during the rehearsal for the kids. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

November 13: after church until 12:30 PM

November 20: after church until 12:30 PM

November 27: after church until 1:00 PM

December 4: after church until 1:00 PM

December 11: HillKids Choir Performance  
**mirandah@orchardhill.org**

## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

This year we will be having a special online Christmas Day service! Everyone is invited to take a special "Christmas Day Worship Box" that will be packed with items to participate in the service. Each household from OHC is encouraged to take a box and share it with someone who might enjoy this interactive worship experience. The online service will launch at 8:00 AM and can be viewed anytime during Christmas Day!  
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## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Help get the church ready for the Christmas season! We will be decorating on Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22! Please sign up at the Sign Up Post or email the church office if you are able to help anytime between 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Many hands make light work for all!  
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## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Orchard Hill Church warmly invites you to join us for a Blue Christmas Service. The evening will be a time of reflection, celebration, comfort, hope and healing for those who have experienced loss. Loss could include the death of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of a friendship, or a loss of a marriage. Be sure to join us!

December 4, 2022

6:00 PM: Program- *Light in the Darkness*

5:15 PM: Soup & Sandwich Dinner (optional)

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## LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PATH

This Christmas season we will be celebrating an event on our new Lighted Christmas Path! (Behind the East Parking lot). The path will be lit up and our church family and community are invited to walk the path to *GOD WITH US* during the weekend of December 16,17,18, 6:00- 9:00 PM. There will be lights, hot chocolate, photos by the nativity, and Christmas Carolers as we celebrate Jesus! To get involved, sign up at the Ministry Table in the lobby!

We are looking for people to serve in the following capacities:

- **ADOPT A TREE:** Families or Small Groups decorate one of the path trees. The trees will be lit, you just have to decorate. You can pick a theme or just be creative!
- **LIGHTING/DECORATING TEAM:** We will need many hands to help light up the path
- **GREETER TEAM:** Sign up for one of the evenings and greet our guests who come to the event
- **HOSPITALITY TEAM:** Help serve hot chocolate and cookies one of the nights
- **DONATE COOKIES:** We need a lot of cookies for the event. Buy or bake 2 dozen cookies (have them to church by December 15)

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Mark your calendars for a very special night of worship, beginning at 5:30 PM on Christmas Eve.  
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## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP BOX STUFFING DAY

Sunday, November 20 following the service, we will be wrapping and stuffing Christmas Day Worship Boxes. It will be a fun time to hang out with the OHC family and get into the Christmas Spirit! We will need many hands that day! Sign up at the Sign Up Post or call the church office to help!

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## CHRISTMAS SENIOR GATHERING

Tuesday, December 13  
10:30 AM

Seniors young and old (65+) are invited to join us for a special worship service and catered lunch!

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## FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCE

This Advent season, help your family to understand the birth of Christ as the climactic event of a much larger story—a story about God's mission to redeem sinful people for his glory.

*Tracing Glory: The Christmas Story Through the Bible* is a twenty-four day Advent devotional. It begins by looking back at the creation of the world in the book of Genesis and ends by looking forward to the new creation in the book of Revelation, tracing the glory of Jesus Christ from start to finish. It can be used with children and students of all ages. You can pick your book up at church on Sunday, November 27 or earlier by contacting Greg Salmon. Cost is \$10.

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## ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

We use the Church Center App for our Online Church Directory. Your information (any contact info you choose to share) will be available for others to see (others, being those who have also accepted joined). Church Center is based on each individual, not each family, so encourage everyone in your family to access it!

Download the app today! If you need help, stop in the office and we can help you out or pick up instructions located in the Connection Corner.

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## ALPHA: GET INVOLVED!

Orchard Hill is excited to launch our first ever Alpha group this January! Alpha is a safe, free, and authentic space to ask questions about life, meaning, and faith. We will gather for ten weeks around a free meal in community with others, watch a short Alpha talk about life and faith, and then discuss our opinion/questions on the talk with others! While Alpha is a community designed mostly for unchurched people who want a safe place to learn more about the Christian faith, we want to invite our Orchard Hill family to register as well. This will be a great opportunity to walk through the basics of the faith for yourself or invite a friend who doesn't know Jesus to join you in exploring what life is all about.

WE NEED YOU! The plan is run this first Alpha from January 17-March 21, with Orchard Hill Church (and friends) and the OHC Preschool families being invited. We are looking for volunteers who would like to serve a meal to this group at least once over the 10 weeks, or who would like to join the group as a volunteer to host, greet, help, or walk alongside those seeking to know about Jesus. For more info or to get involved, sign up on the Connection Card.

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## BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by giving blood at our next Walker Community Blood Drive happening on Tuesday, November 8, 1:30 PM-6:30 PM in the Orchard Hill lobby.

Sign up at: [https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/132725](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/132725).



## SPRING ADULT MISSION TRIP

Save the date for this year's Spring Adult Mission trip, April 23-29. We will be heading back to Madisonville, KY to help rebuild homes after an F4 tornado struck in December of 2021. Half of the homes in the area we will be serving were affected by the tornado, so the need is great! Sign up to help serve, whether skilled with building or a novice, and come and see how God moves in and through you as you do! This is open to any adult, ages 18+, from Orchard Hill and is a great opportunity to build deep relationships with others from OHC! Sign up on the Connection Card.

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## ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL IS HIRING!

We're looking for energetic, fun, and hardworking people to join our fall staff! Our Center serves children ages 2 1/2-12, as we teach, lead, and love our students. Staff responsibilities include supervising groups of students, positively interacting with students and other team members, facilitating learning opportunities and conversations, and more! We are looking for part-time fall staff to work afternoons, any days between Monday and Friday. If you are interested, email Center Director Jennifer Gray.

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## GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers during my recent shoulder surgery. I'm so blessed to be part of the Orchard Hill family.  
- Jewel Borgeld

A sincere thank you again for the prayers, cards, and calls after my surgery and my brother's unexpected death. What comfort to me you always are.  
- Karen Porter

Thank you to all of our church family who blessed us in a variety of ways through this month aimed at Staff Appreciation. Your cards, notes, gifts, and prayers were a true blessing. We love our Orchard Hill Church family and it is a delight to serve alongside you.  
- The Orchard Hill Staff

Thanks to all who offered a prayer, sent a card, or cooked a meal to help me make it through my back surgery. You are a blessing to Amy and I.  
- Pastor Bob



## ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE NEWS



The school year is off and running packed with many fun events. Last week was fire prevention and we had the privilege to host a visit from the Walker Fire Department. The children always look forward to this visit with great anticipation and excitement. We practiced a fire drill, the children learned how a smoke detector has a special nose that can smell smoke, and they watched how a firefighter uses their gear to stay safe in a fire. Building these lifelong connections with our community helpers is so vital to their development.



As always, we covet your prayers for our staff, families, and children as we travel through the rest of the year and move towards the holiday season. We are so blessed by the church community and are thankful for your support!