# CARE

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR OHC FAMILY

- Connor Van Putten is home recovering after having surgery for appendicitis. Pray for his recovery.
- John Otstott received the results of his most recent scans which showed some bleeding in the lesions in his brain. He has been taken off his blood thinners and has since developed blood clots in his lungs and near his heart. Pray for the doctors as they figure this out and prayers for John as he waits for a treatment plan.

#### **NEED PRAYER?**

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

#### 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

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 or 616.296.2130

## SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Send Christmas Cards to our shut-ins to help brighten their holiday season! This is a great ministry for families to do together. Pick up a list of our shut-ins in the Connection Corner and bring back your written cards by NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, December 11 (place in the marked bins on the tables by the entry doors). Please note, you do not need to add postage.

maureenmdk@gmail.com

# **CONTACT US**



NOTES:



For more information visit us online at www.orchardhill.org



# ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

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Sunday, December 4, 2022

# **WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ORCHARD HILL!**

#### **ADVENT**

This morning we continue our worship during this season of Advent (from the Latin word meaning "coming"). This is a season of reflective preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas and His expected return in the Second Coming.

#### **SERMON SERIES: GLORY**

The angels sang "Glory to God" at Jesus birth. Glory is a word used to describe the greatness of God. Throughout this Christmas Season, we are going to consider the life changing implications of God's glory coming to earth to live and dwell among us. Pastor Bob brings us the message *Glory Enthroned* from Luke 1:46-55. Our scripture reading can be found on page 1589.

#### **GENEROSITY**

To God be the Glory, great things he has done! Take a moment now to consider all the great ways God has blessed you. In response, bring to Him your gratitude through your offerings of financial gifts and your worship. Your financial offering can be given through our website (use the QR code) or the boxes at the sanctuary doors.

#### **SALVATION CANDLE**

We light the Salvation Candle when someone 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!

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

# CONNECT

#### STUDENT AND YOUNG ADULTS

- Sunday: High School Youth Group at 6:00 PM
- Wednesday: Middle School Youth Group at 6:30 PM
- Thursday: Flock at 7:00 PM

## **GROUPS**

Pick up our Group Up brochure in the Connection Corner to learn more about the groups that meet throughout the week, and to get connected!

All are invited to these community and discipleship groups!

#### CHRISTMAS SENIOR GATHERING

Tuesday, December 13
10:30 AM Worship– Lunch following
Seniors, young and old, are invited to join us for a special worship service and catered lunch! RSVP to the church office if you will be attending no later than Thursday, December 8.

## **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CHOIR**

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Join us for two special singing opportunities!

- 1. Christmas Day Video Taping Night–THIS Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. Be part of our online service as we sing Christmas carols for the Christmas Day sing video! Wear something festive and be ready for fun and fellowship!
- 2. Christmas Worship Choir practice—Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 PM to sing in worship on Sunday, December 18! **wendyh@orchardhill.org**

# **WOMEN OF THE HILL- SAVE THE DATE!**

Bunco Night, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Flock Room downstairs.

# **OUTREACH**

# **CHRISTMAS INVITES**

Take an invitation from the table by the entrances to use as conversation starters to share the good news and to invite others to celebrate Christmas with you at Orchard Hill.

wendyh@orchardhill.org

#### CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS OUTREACH

Orchard Hill is working with our local community and mission partners to provide Christmas presents for children whose parents are facing financial hardship. All of the tags for the Christmas gifts have been taken. However, there are a couple of ways you can still help out:

- 1. Volunteer to help sort gifts as they come in or fill out tags for the children to hang on the trees.
- 2. Volunteer to meet with parents picking up gifts, give them their Christmas kits from OHC (designed to help families celebrate Jesus), and pray for them, on Wednesday, December 14, or Thursday, December 15, with time slots from 2:00 PM– 6:00 PM. Sign up on the connection card or the Sign Up Post.

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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 PM–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! We have 3 trees left! Last day to adopt a tree is TODAY!
- 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 quests 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) **wendyh@orchardhill.org**

# ETC.

# **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Join us TONIGHT, at 6:00 PM, with an optional soup dinner at 5:15 PM. The program, titled *Light in the Darkness*, will follow dinner. The evening will be a time of reflection, celebration, comfort, hope, and healing for those who have experienced loss.

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#### CHRISTMAS COOKIES NEEDED

Sunday, December 18, our Congregational Care team will be serving Wassail and Christmas cookies after the service. We are in need of people to make and bring in *Christmas cookies*. Sign up on the Sign Up Post.

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#### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us for a very special night of worship, beginning at 5:30 PM on Christmas Eve.

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#### CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Our Christmas Eve offering will be used to fuel the spread of the good news of Jesus as we support the training and development of future ministers and missionaries. All gifts received in this special offering will be used to build up our fund dedicated to providing financial assistance to those who are furthering their theological and ministry education, as well as those who are following a call to church planting both locally and overseas. The fund is call *The Bast Fund* and is named in honor of Dr. Henry Bast who served Bethany Reformed Church, taught preaching at Western Theological Seminary, and was the featured speaker of the Words of Hope broadcast. Let's give generously and help those who feel called to pursue full-time ministry!

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## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Please take a special "Christmas Day Worship Box" found near each entryway and plan to gather your family or friends to view our online Christmas service. You will be directed how to use the items found in the box (one box per family). The service will launch at 8:00 AM and can be viewed anytime on Christmas day.

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# **NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE**

Sunday, January 1, our service will be held in the Gathering Space at 11:00 AM. This will be an informal and community focused time together where we will enjoy brunch, worship God, and celebrate communion.

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# KITCHEN CREW NEEDED

If you would be willing to be a part of our kitchen crew to help prepare and serve brunch on New Year's morning, sign up on the Sign Up Post.

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