

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

January, 2023

Ministry Highlights

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NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE – 11:00 AM

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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GREAT COMMISSION CELEBRATION

This month (January 8, 15, & 22) we are celebrating our role in the Great Commission that Jesus has given to His people; our call to share the good news of Jesus with the world, making disciples! Come to be encouraged and equipped through the message series as we seek to faithfully live this out together!

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NEW SERIES: Seven – A Study of the Book of Revelation

This 8 week series, beginning January 30, explores the vision from Jesus given to John in the last book of the Bible. The book of Revelation is filled with details of this vision, but what does it all mean? Join us as we unpack this book and discover how this vision is actually a beacon of unshakable hope for believers today as we await Christ's return.

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GROUP UP

Get connected to community this winter via GROUP UP! 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. Take a look at the GROUP UP display in the lobby during the month of January and check out all the options. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and in community with your OHC family!

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HOPE JOY GROUP

This women's group meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM.

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MEN'S MINISTRY

Join us Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 PM, as we resume men's Bible study.

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WORSHIP CHOIR

No Worship Choir in January! We will start back up on Wednesday, February 15 to sing on Sunday the 19th!

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WOMEN OF THE HILL

Save Tuesday, January 10 to gather with other women from Orchard Hill in Studio 1 (lower level) at 7:00 PM! This night will be a fun night playing BUNCO and interacting together. All women, ages 18+ and life-stages are welcome to attend. Sign up on the Sign Up Post. We will also be having a bath towel drive for Degage' Ministries. They welcome slightly worn to new bath towels for their patrons.

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MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men, save February 4 to attend the No Regrets men's conference. This one day event is designed to encourage and empower men to walk in step with Jesus. We will be streaming this event at Orchard Hill Church. The day will start with breakfast at 8:00 AM and include two large group sessions featuring worship and relevant teaching, 3 practical seminars, and a Grab-n-Go lunch. We'll wrap up at 2:00 PM. Invite a friend and join other Orchard Hill Church men for an inspiring day!

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ALPHA MINISTRY

Join the Alpha group, beginning Tuesday, January 17 at 6:15 pm in Studio 1. Alpha is a free 10-week video and discussion series designed for non-believers, seekers, or Christians wanting to consider different elements of the Christian faith as they gather in community around a home cooked meal, watch a video, and discuss faith and life questions. We are challenging our church family to pray for God to show you one person to invite and to join for this experience! It's a great opportunity to introduce the good news of Jesus to those in need of His grace!

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BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by donating blood at the next Walker Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 10, 1:30 PM-6:30 PM at Orchard Hill. Sign up at: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/144675.

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YOUTH GROUP

January 6-8, 71 people from our student ministry will be up north at CranHill Ranch for a winter retreat! They will be spending the weekend enjoying everything winter has to offer, while studying the book of 1 John. They will be challenged to live as people of light. Please be praying that God will move powerfully before, during, and after their retreat!

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GRATITUDE

Thank you to everyone for your continued prayers for us. Thanks for your cards and for the meals brought in for Mort when I was in Florida closing on the sale of our beloved home. Thanks to Leigh for her visits and Bev for all of her calls and prayers. We love our church family!

Love and hugs, Mort & Ruthie Zylstra

Thank you everyone, for thinking of me with all of the Christmas cards. I miss you all!

- Cathy VanMarkenstein

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the *Lighted Christmas Path* through volunteering, adopting a tree, donating cookies, and serving! We had hundreds of people come through and enjoy it.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who came to help set up and light the path prior to the event and to Jon and Karen Benchich for the many hours spent lighting, relighting, and coordinating to make it spectacular. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to use this special part of our property to bless the community in the future!

- Wendy Huizinga

ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE NEWS

Thank you so much for letting us be a part of the Christmas path and providing us a tree to decorate. The kids made beaded candy canes and melted plastic cup ornaments which were super fun to make! When asked what *God with Us* means to them, they responded with "He is always with us even when we feel scared. He never leaves us, and it means to praise Him through singing, helping others, and giving to others!"

Last week Thursday, we filled the church with the dingling of bells, and sweet sounds of little children singing at our Christmas Program. So many families and friends filled the church pews eager to watch their preschooler entertain the crowd with Christmas cheer! Many people commented on how beautiful the church looked with all of the Christmas decorations! It was a blessing being together again celebrating Christ's birth!

