

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

March, 2023



Ministry Highlights

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ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL

Arts Camp is scheduled for June 19-23. Registration opens April 1! We are in the process of establishing our Elective Classes for this year. If you have an idea for a class or would like to volunteer for a specific position, please let us know!

artscamponthehill.org

WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir will meet on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary to sing in worship on Sunday the 19th. If you are new and interested in joining, sign the Connection Card and we will send you a song set list for the week! New members welcome!

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GUITAR SESSIONS

If you are interested in learning or brushing up your guitar skills, please join us Sunday, March 15 following the service for our Guitar Session. The group meets 11:30 AM-12:15 PM. Beginning acoustic, electric, and bass guitarists welcome. Please sign up on the Connection Card if you plan to attend.

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SPRING MISSION TRIP

Join the Orchard Hill Adult Mission Team, April 23-29, as we head to Madisonville, KY to repair homes struck by a devastating tornado. This is a great opportunity for anyone willing to use their hands and heart for the Lord, even if you are not an experienced builder. Register by March 19 on the Sign Up Post in the lobby.

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EASTER OUTREACH

Be a part of sharing the good news this Easter season with Orchard Hill! There are several ways to get involved:

1. Join the Neighborhood Invite Team on Saturday, April 1, as we go door to door in the neighborhoods around OHC and invite our neighbors to come and celebrate Easter, and ask how we can lift them up in prayer. Register on the Sign Up Post in the lobby.
2. Join the egg stuffing party after the service on Sunday, April 2, as we prep eggs for the Jellybean Trail!
3. Volunteer to help set up for the jellybean trail the week of April 2. Register on the Sign Up Post in the lobby.
4. Volunteer at the Jellybean Trail on Saturday, April 8, as we host our neighbors for a day of gospel fun! Register on the Sign Up Post in the lobby.

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SECRET CHURCH

Save the date for Secret Church 2023: Friday, April 21. This night of Biblical teaching and prayer is modeled after the underground Church's gatherings around the world and runs from 6:45 PM- 1:00 AM. Pastor David Platt will be leading us through the book of Jonah, inviting us to be disciple makers to all peoples, and we will watch together via simulcast at Orchard Hill. Cost is \$15.00.

Register at the Sign Up Post in the lobby!

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MARCH MADNESS YOUTH AUCTION

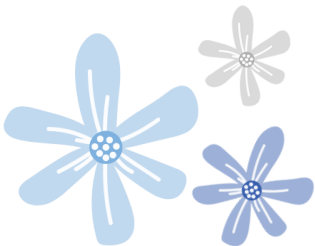
Come CHEER on your youth group teams and ASSIST them with their expenses, Sunday, March 19 right after the service, and help make their summer trips to NTS Camp a SLAM DUNK success!

Wear your favorite team gear and join us after the service for lunch, a silent auction, concluding with a live auction! NCAA Games will be streaming as well! Suggested meal donation is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.

****To pre-register, and bypass the registration line, email Cori at cori.kahler@gmail.com with your name and phone number****

HOOP to see you there!

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KIDS HOPE MENTORS NEEDED

We are in search of 5 mentors for children in need of extra support from Central Elementary School. All it takes is one hour, one time each week to meet with the student at the school and show the love of Jesus by offering homework help, playing games, and being a listening ear. Contact our Kids Hope Director, Stacy Salmon, to volunteer.

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ALPHA SPRING LAUNCH

After Easter, OHC will be offering a 6-week Alpha community! Alpha is a video and discussion series that meets around a delicious meal to explore the Christian faith in a safe, welcoming environment. The group launches Tuesday, April 18th and is open to any adult – regardless of background or current beliefs. Register to join by emailing Julie Lough/Alpha Group Leader at julie@rationalorder.com.

END OF LIFE CARE

Come and hear about hospice care and how it can help you or your loved one to live their best life. Pastor Kathy Bartels, a hospice chaplain, and Cara Hamstra, a hospice nurse, will team up to answer all your questions about end of life care. "Hospice" can be a difficult word to hear. For many it means "giving up" or "there is nothing more we can do." Both of these ideas are not true. Hospice can be a helpful service, empowering people to live their best life. Some day, in everyone's life, decisions will need to be made. We want to help you make them with truth and wisdom.

We will meet in the coffee area on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 PM. The event is sponsored by Stephen Ministry and is open to all interested persons.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by donating blood at the next Walker Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 14, 1:30 PM-6:30 PM at Orchard Hill. Sign up at: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/144926

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GRATITUDE

I would like to thank everyone involved in Orchard Hill Church's "prayer shawl" mission. I was recently diagnosed with cancer, and was blessed with a gift of one of these shawls. I was in the hospital and still reeling with the shock of learning I had cancer. My mom brought in a beautiful shawl from your group that had a card attached explaining that it had been made with prayers. That night, as I lay in bed, trying to absorb it all, I pulled the shawl up alongside my face. I'm used to sleeping on my side, but with my condition, I was forced to stay on my back. I thought having the blanket next to my face would help me feel more like I was on my side. Well, it did that and more. As soon as I settled in I could feel the love and the prayer that was crocheted into that shawl wash over me. I felt God's comfort and just knew that no matter what happened, I would be alright. God was with me and I fell asleep in peace. I have continued to use the blanket every night and it gives me great comfort. Please thank all those involved and know that your mission really does make a difference.

- With gratitude, Linda Klein (Helen Westveer's daughter)

Thank you to my Orchard Hill Family for all the concerns, cards, and prayers! I am doing well and will be back to church soon.

- Norma Smitter

Thank you to everyone who prayed and sent cards to me. It'll take time for my breathing to recover but every day is a gift and I appreciate all the love and support you have given me. God is good!!

- Jewel Borgeld

ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE NEWS

At that time, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven".

- Matthew 18: 2-4

Since this was the month of Love, we thought we'd ask the children why they love Jesus!

From our 4-year-old kids. I love Jesus because...

He died on the cross for our sins;; He gives us burgers; He makes the pets; He makes the food; Jesus loves me because I do good choices for Him!

From our 3-year-old kids. I love Jesus because...

He was a baby who grew big and is alive; because I like him; because I have my mommy; I am thankful God made the world!