

# ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

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# Ministry Highlights

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## HOLY SPIRIT SERMON SERIES

Join us for the month of May as we kick off a new sermon series on the Holy Spirit! We will learn about the Spirit's power and presence in our lives, as we celebrate Pentecost together- the day the Spirit was given to the Church!

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**June 19-23**

## SUPPORT THIS ORCHARD HILL OUTREACH!

### REGISTER:

Registration is open! To register and choose elective classes, go to: <https://orchardhill.org/arts-camp-on-the-hill/>. Each OHC child is encouraged to ask an unchurched friend to join them!

### VOLUNTEER & SERVE:

Volunteer sign ups are at the Connect table in the lobby. Sign up early and choose where you would like to serve this summer. If you are Interested in helping out in Arts camp this year follow the link <https://tinyurl.com/artscampvolunteers> to fill out the volunteer form. Beth will be in contact with you!

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### DONATE SNACKS:

The quantity of snacks needed for the week are listed below. Examples are on the Connect Table.

- **Mini** water bottles- 775 needed
- Goldfish crackers- 137 needed
- Pretzels- 373 needed
- Cheez-its- 150 needed
- Fruit snacks- 65 needed
- Animal crackers- 361 needed

\*Snacks must all be individually wrapped

Donations may be brought to church anytime and dropped off in the bin by the church office.

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## MOTHER'S DAY KIDS CHOIR

The kids will be singing a special song in worship on Sunday, May 14 for Mother's Day! All kids K-5th grade are invited. We will have two Sunday rehearsals on April 30 and May 7, immediately following the service until 12:00 noon. The kids will be brought into the sanctuary right from Hillkids Worship. If your child is not participating, you may pick them up from the children's wing as usual.

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## ORCHARD HILL 5K RUN FOR THE UNREACHED:

Save the date of Saturday, May 20 at 9:30 AM for our annual 5K for missions! This year, we are excited to be running to support a missionary from Orchard Hill who is going to bring the gospel to a people group in Eurasia that has never heard the name of Jesus! Join us in walking/running/crawling/pushing a stroller as we raise funds to send out our brother in Christ with the good news of Jesus! Sign up at the Ministry Highlights table in the lobby or online at:

[www.orchardhill.org/5K](http://www.orchardhill.org/5K). Challenge a friend to join you for this Kingdom endeavor!

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## ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL STAFF MEETING

We will be having an important meeting on Monday, June 12 at 6:30 PM (you will get a specific time according to your position). It's very important that all those serving at camp in any capacity are in attendance. Thanks in advance for serving this summer!

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## GRADUATE SUNDAY

Do you have a senior that is graduating high school or college this year? If so, make sure you let Greg Salmon know by May 2! A special service will be planned for Sunday, June 4 to celebrate the graduating class of 2023. Save the date!

[gregs@orchardhill.org](mailto:gregs@orchardhill.org)

## HILLTOPPERS

Our next Hilltoppers gathering is on Tuesday, May 16 at 10:30 AM (come a little early and get your coffee and baked goods). We will have sweet fellowship, worship, and learn the joy of sharing our faith and being a light! All seniors young and old (65+) are welcome to join us!

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## BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by donating blood at the next Walker Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 9, 1:30 PM-6:30 PM at Orchard Hill. Sign up at: [https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/145200](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/145200)

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## MENTAL WELLNESS DISCUSSION

Do you struggle with anxiety? With worry? At times all humans experience these emotions, but for some individuals it can feel as though their life is ruled by anxiety or worry. Join Rebekah Karel, licensed clinical therapist, to learn more about anxiety and how our Christian faith intersects with mental wellness. Walk away with some practical ideas of coping tools, community resources, and ways to help yourself or someone you know who struggles with anxiety. You are not alone!

We will meet in the coffee area on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 PM. The event is sponsored by Stephen Ministry and is open to all interested persons.

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## WORSHIP CHOIR

Our last Worship Choir for the season will be on Sunday, May 21. Rehearsal for Sunday worship is on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM. New singers welcome!

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## GUITAR SESSIONS

If you are interested in learning or brushing up your guitar skills, join us Sunday, May 21 following the service, for our Guitar Session. The group meets 11:30 AM-12:15 PM. Beginning acoustic, electric, and bass guitarists welcome.

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## GRATITUDE

Dear Orchard Hill Family,

I do not even know where to begin to say thank you to all of you who have sent cards, offered rides, visited, prayed for us for, and attended visitation and the memorial service to honor my dear husband.

Thank you to our wonderful staff and to Bart who all did such a great job of honoring Mort's life. I am sure he is looking down smiling on all of you. I was blessed to be his caretaker and would give anything to still be doing that. He was always so grateful. I am blessed to have an awesome support group of family, friends, neighbors and church family. We could not have done this without our faith, family, and friends. Please continue to pray for me as I walk through the next chapter of this journey of life without him. Thanks again.

- Love & hugs, Ruthie Zylstra

## ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE NEWS

Spring has sprung here at the Learning Center! The themes of butterflies, flowers, baby animals, and spring rain are felt all around! The children went on a field trip to see the butterflies and were able to pretend for a bit that summer had arrived! We are looking forward to our trip to the zoo next week and begin preparing for our graduation program in May. We continue to covet your prayers for our staff, families, and mission as we serve our community!

