# ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

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# Ainistry Highlights

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### WE HAD AN AMAZING WEEK AT ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL!

269 CAMPERS pre-registered and graced our doors spending the week learning how to live as children of God. We talked about what it looks like to be clothed in Christ and how we are CHOSEN, DEARLY LOVED, and SET APART for God's special purposes. It was an incredible week of SINGING, TEACHING, CREATING, and LOVING every child God blessed us with.

Over 100 VOLUNTEERS came out to help greet families, register kids, teach Bible classes, lead creative and performing art classes, perform skits, create films, lead worship, serve lunch, and fill in everywhere in between. Many students who have attended camp in the past are now serving as leaders and helpers. We are so blessed to have SO many dedicated volunteers!

We raised \$1,000 for MISSION INDIA'S BIBLE CLUB and celebrated meeting our goal at the end of the week with a pie in the face to our Youth Pastor Greg Salmon.

Our 2nd-6th grade students spent Tuesday doing GROUP ART projects. They made tie dye t-shirts, salvation bracelets for Mission India, and created a unique heart that was displayed in our lobby around our theme words: COM-PASSION, KINDNESS, GENTLENESS, HUMILITY & PATIENCE.

Our K-1st Grade BOOT CAMPERS spent the week in the children's wing rotating through Art, Music & Free Play stations and colored their own t-shirts on Tuesday.

We ended the week on Friday with a CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS where we viewed beautiful art displays and powerful performances by our students. We served close to 600 people LUNCH and said our goodbyes with laughter and tears.

GOD has been FAITHFULLY growing and sustaining this program for 15 years! What more is there to say than, "Thank you Lord"!!

#### **OUTREACH AT THE ORCHARDS**

Join us for the fun on Saturday, July 22, 12:00 PM- 2:00 PM, as we head to the Orchard Apartments to host a cookout for our neighbors! We will have free food and invite anyone there to be prayed for in Jesus' powerful name and receive free resources for faith! Sign up on the Sign Up Post. laurad@orchardhill.org

# OHC MEN

Our next Summer Campfire Hangout is Thursday, July 20 at 7:00pm at the DeWaal Home (4115 Shannon St NW). Hope to see you there!

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#### HILLKIDS FAMILY EVENT

Slip into Summer! Following church on Sunday, July 16, we will be having a kids ministry family event in the back parking lot. We will be providing food, a water slide, other water games, a baby and toddler water area, and more! We hope to see your family there to enjoy a little water fun this summer!

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#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Love your neighbor as yourself by donating blood at the next Walker Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 11, 1:30 PM-6:30 PM at Orchard Hill. Sign up at: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/149833 laurad@orchardhill.ora

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM

We are looking for people who are passionate about connecting to the Walker community and sharing God's love with them! This team volunteers to reach out by hosting a table or activities on behalf of Orchard Hill Church at events like the Walker summer concert series, Walker Winterfest, Kenowa Hills Night Out, and other similar events. If you are interested in joining this team, sign up on the Sign Up Post!

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#### **GUITAR SESSIONS**

Would you like to learn more about playing acoustic, electric or bass guitar? Then, please bring your instrument and join us on Sunday, July 16 following the service. This is a great place to start if you are thinking about playing in the church band! dsousa@gvainc.com

#### SUMMER ACOUSTIC WORSHIP

The OHC Worship Team is spending their Wednesday nights around dinner and worship and will be leading the next six Sunday services stripped down with an acoustic feel. If you are interested in joining us on a Wednesday night, please email Wendy and she will send you the info for the week.

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#### TEHILLAH NIGHTS

Tehillah is the Hebrew word for singing or praying a new song! This time together is set up for us to experience worship and encouragement in the Holy Spirit, perhaps in a different way than you have experienced before. This looks like spontaneous offerings of prayer, praise, and fellowship through wisdom, scripture, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit as each person gathered is moved to offer by the Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a place to gather in Christian community, as you seek breakthrough, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the renewing of mind or mending of heart, please come and worship with us as we abide in the Lord.

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#### HILLTOPPERS GATHERING

Our next Hilltoppers gathering is on Tuesday, July 18 at 10:30 AM (come a little early and get your coffee and baked goods). We will have sweet fellowship, worship, led by our summer interns! All seniors young and old (65+) are welcome to join us!

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# SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Pick up "The Essential One Hundred Bible Reading Plan" guide at the table in the lobby and start reading through the Essential 100 [E100] bible passages. Our next check-in will be Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 PM

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# ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE NEWS

Our summer program is off and running full speed ahead with many busy fun filled activities. Last week the children participated in Arts Camp and were not disappointed! We pray that the children "Put On" the 5 attributes of Jesus and radical change occurs in their hearts and lives. The latchkey kids hosted their first carwash, and the preschoolers enjoyed a beautiful day at the park! Of course, the bus ride is always the highlight! As always, we appreciate your continued support and prayers given to our families and staff at the center!







