

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

November, 2023

Ministry Highlights

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WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir sings on Sunday, November 19 with rehearsal on November 15 at 7:00 PM. If you love to sing and worship with all your heart and are interested in joining the choir, email Wendy and she can send you a set list of songs to listen to for rehearsal.

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THANKSGIVING EVE PIES

The Congregational Care Team is looking for people to donate pies for our Thanksgiving Eve service. Please sign up at the Sign Up Post to bring a pie to the service! Please have your pies to church by 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 22.

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THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

We will have our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service on **Wednesday, November 22**. Pies will be served that night starting at 6:45 PM. We will be meeting for worship around tables in the Gathering Space (lower level). Mark the date and set this time aside to thank God for His many blessings over the past year!

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THANKSGIVING OUTREACH:

NEW FOOD MINISTRY

This thanksgiving, let's show gratitude for who God is and all His blessings over us by blessing others in His name! We are kicking off a new ministry with Central Elementary school, purchasing and packaging meals for students facing hunger at home. The need is increasing in our area and you can help by donating food or packaging meals! Visit the Ministry Highlights table to sign up and learn more about Hand 2 Hand food ministries. The school has also asked for any winter gear donations for students facing the cold without proper attire. New or gently used donations can be placed in the marked bins by the West entry.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be making the church beautiful for Christmas the week of November 27 (Monday and Tuesday). Email Wendy if you are able to help (even for an hour) Monday and Tuesday between 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM.

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HILLKIDS CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We are starting the HillKids Christmas Choir rehearsals this month! The presentation will be during the Sunday worship service on December 10 at 10:00 AM. This year, we are planning on having the preschoolers participate in their own shorter program, and having the Kindergarten through 5th graders participate in their own program.

Rehearsals for the Kindergarten through 5th graders will begin November 12 after the service until 1:00 PM in the Resource Room. The preschoolers will rehearse beginning November 19 following the service. Lunch will be provided for the kids.

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BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Join us on Sunday evening, December 3 for a beautiful time of reflection, celebration, comfort and encouragement. The service is for anyone who has experienced loss. This could be the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, health, a dream, or anything else that makes life difficult. An optional light dinner will be served at 5:15 PM in the lobby coffee area, with worship beginning at 6:00 PM.

Please take a postcard invite from the information tables near the entrances to share with those in your life that need to be encouraged!

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CHRISTMAS GIFT OUTREACH

As we prepare to celebrate God's blessing of Jesus this Christmas, let's share His love by blessing families in need of extra support. Beginning Sunday, November 26, take a tag off the tree in the entry ways, sign it out, and bring the corresponding gifts back for a local child. Keep the tag and pray for the child throughout the year! Gifts are due back by Sunday, December 10. Sign up on the sign up post to help deliver and sort gifts, or meet and pray with parents during pick up.

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OHC MISSIONARY CARE PACKAGES

We are putting together a plan for regular care packages for our missionary to the unreached in Eurasia. We are looking for different individuals or small groups to put these together, beginning this Thanksgiving. If you or your group are interested, sign up for a month on the Sign Up Post.

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WHO'S YOUR 1?

Next Sunday, November 1, everyone is welcome to join the Who's Your 1? Group as we pray for one person in our lives to come to know Christ this year! Come, be encouraged, share how God is moving, and learn how to reach out with God's love! Sunday at 11:30 AM in the Grower's Room (Kids' Wing).

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LIFE LONG LEARNING

If you are a mature believer looking to grow deeper in your faith and to be challenged in your walk, then plan to join us on Thursday, November 16. This month we will be focusing on CONNECT as we meet from 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM for an "Agape" Meal. An "Agape" Meal centers on community, sharing, prayer, praise, and fellowship. Plan to bring a dish of food for to share. If you are planning to attend please RSVP using a Connection Card or by emailing Terri at the church office.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by donating blood at the next Walker Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, November 14, 2:00 PM-6:30 PM at Orchard Hill. Follow this link to sign up: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/149803

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Come join our middle and high school students at CranHill Ranch for a great weekend of worship, fellowship, and winter fun, January 12-14, 2024. Cost is \$100. Sign up and pay by December 10.

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CROSS CONFERENCE

Are you 18-25 years old with a passion for using your life for the glory of God? Then don't miss the CROSS 2024 Conference! Orchard Hill is taking a group of young adults on January 3-5 to Louisville, KY to worship, learn, and be equipped by Pastors like John Piper and David Platt, and artists like Trip Lee, as we seek to use our lives to make His name know! Visit www.crosscon.com to learn more. Email Pastor Laura to register.

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LIGHTED Christmas Path

Friday-Sunday, December 15-17, 6:00-9:00 PM

We will be celebrating the Christmas season on our Lighted Christmas Path again this year! Our church family and community are invited to walk the path (located behind the East parking lot) as you enjoy lights, hot chocolate and goodies, photos by the nativity, and Christmas carolers, all in celebration of Jesus! There are many ways to get involved! Please sign up at the Connect table in the lobby! We are looking for people to serve in the following capacities:

LIGHTING/DECORATING TEAM: We will need many hands to help light the path.

ADOPT A TREE: Individuals, families or small groups can sign up to decorate one of the path trees. The trees will be lit, you just have to pick a theme and decorate!

GREETER TEAM: Sign up for one of the evenings and greet our guests who come to the event.

HOSPITALITY TEAM: Help serve hot chocolate and cookies one of the nights.

DONATE COOKIES: We need lots of cookies for the event. Buy or bake 2 dozen (please have them at church by December 14).

