

CARE

PRAYERS FOR THE OHC FAMILY

• Please pray for encouragement for our **Orchard Hill missionary and his family** during the holidays while it's his first season away.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you would like prayer, or are in need of pastoral care, contact the church office.

pastoralcare@orchardhill.org

Have an after-hours emergency? Contact the Pastoral Care Team at the 24-hour emergency number.

Pastoral Care Emergency Number: 616.649.2840

COMPASSIONATE CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Do not struggle alone. We are here to help!

cccoffice@cccounseling.net or 616.296.2130

NEED PRAYER?

We would love to pray for you! Please come forward before the Service if you are in need of prayer.

SERVE

USHER NEEDED

We are in need of one additional usher on our Frontlines team to help meet and greet people as they come into worship.

Ushers serve once every six weeks. If you are interested email Terri in the office or sign up on the Connection Card.

territ@orchardhill.org

RIDES MINISTRY

We have a handful of families and individuals that are in need of rides to and from church on Sundays, from the Orchard Apartments on 4 Mile and the ladies' group home on 3 Mile. We are looking for volunteers to drive the church bus for this purpose on a rotating basis. If you would be willing and interested to do this, please sign up for dates at the link below and further details will be sent to you! <https://tinyurl.com/sundaydrivers>

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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 Outreach table in the lobby!** We are looking for people to serve in the following capacities:

LIGHTING/DECORATING TEAM:

*November 24 & 25 we'll be running extension cords and lighting the "family trees" and pathway lights.

*December 8 & 9 we'll repair and place displays, add special lighting, and complete set up.

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).

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CONTACT US



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday– Thursday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Closed on Friday.

NURSING/QUIET ROOM

There is a nursing and quiet room available for families of infants that need a quiet place to feed or for their little one to nap.

It is located inside the nursery to the right.

Orchard Hill Church exists to see people in our surrounding neighborhoods and around the world become committed followers of Jesus Christ.



ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

orchardhill.org | 616.784.4060 | 1465 3 Mile Rd NW

Sunday, December 3, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ORCHARD HILL!

ADVENT WORSHIP

Join us as we begin our Advent series and explore *The Miracle of Christmas* from different viewpoints. Each week we will look at the Bible and see how the miracle of Christ's coming into the world affects each of us personally. Pastor Bob brings us the message *The Miracle of the Moment* taken from Galatians 4:4. The passage can be found on page 1813 in the pew Bible. We will also be celebrating the sacrament of Communion.

- **December 10:** The Miracle of the Message with Children's Program
- **December 17:** The Miracle of the Manger with Choir & Drama
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:30 PM. (No morning service)

GENEROSITY

During Advent, as stewards we must prepare for the Lord's coming by asking ourselves some difficult, reflective questions. Am I using my energy and time wisely to advance the purposes for which Jesus came? Am I offering my abilities and talents to help grow the Kingdom of God? Am I giving of my resources in a way that reflects the generous heart of our God who was willing to give His only Son for us? Let us get ready for the Lord's coming and prepare our hearts to receive Him as King.

With a generous heart, let's give back to God by placing our tithes and offerings for Him at the boxes on the doors to the sanctuary or online through Mogiv.



TITHES & OFFERINGS:

- Weekly Need: \$19,000
- Last week's offering: \$22,015 (+ \$3,015)
- YTD Budget: \$298,000
- YTD Received: \$322,891 (+ \$24,891 / 8%)

SALVATION CANDLE

We light the Salvation Candle when someone has placed their faith in Christ! Have you shared the Good News with someone who received it? Let the staff know so we can light the candle and celebrate what God has done!

CONNECT

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- **Tonight:** High School Youth Group at 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM
- **Wednesday:** Middle School Youth Group at 6:30 PM– 8:00 PM

MEN'S GROUP

- **December 6:** Bible Study at 6:30 PM
- **December 13:** Griffins Hockey Game at 7:00 PM
- **Holiday Break:** Bible Study resumes January 17, 2024

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.

gregs@orchardhill.org

GROUPS

Pick up our Group Up brochure in the Connection Corner to learn more about the groups that meet throughout the week, and to get connected!

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NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE– 10:00 AM

Sunday, December 31, our service will be held in the Gathering Space at 10:00 AM This will be an informal and community focused time together where we will enjoy brunch, worship God, share with one another and celebrate communion.

Brunch food and help is needed! Please sign up on the Sign Up Post to be a part of our kitchen crew or to bring egg dishes or muffins.

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CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

HILLKIDS CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Rehearsals for preschool through 5th graders continue TODAY after the service until 1:00 PM.

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BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This service is for anyone who has experienced loss; a loved one, a relationship, a job, health, a dream, or anything else that makes life difficult. Join us this evening for an optional light dinner at 5:15 PM in the lobby coffee area, with worship following at 6:00 PM.

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HILLTOPPERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If you are 65+, come to our Hilltoppers Christmas Lunch & Worship event! We meet on Tuesday, December 19 at 10:30 AM for worship and devotions in the coffee area. We'll follow that up with a delicious, catered meal from Carole's Catering. **Make your reservations by signing up at the Sign Up Post by December 14.**
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SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Send Christmas Cards to our shut-ins to help brighten their holiday season! Pick up a list of our shut-ins at the Connection table and bring back your written cards by the morning of **December 10** (place in the marked boxes on the tables by the entry doors).

maureenmdk@gmail.com

COUPLES ADVENT PRAYER DEVOTIONAL

The Couple's Advent Devotional is available at the Connect table in the lobby. Day 1 begins today, so be sure to pick one up!
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ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Everyone is invited to stop by the Connect table in the lobby and pick up a free Advent Devotional as you walk with the Lord through the advent season.

WOMEN OF THE HILL CHRISTMAS EVENT

Join us for some Christmas fun & games, good food, and fellowship with awesome women as we center ourselves around the gift we have in Jesus this season. We'll meet on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 PM in Studio 1 (downstairs).

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WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir sings on Sunday, December 17 with rehearsals on Monday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM. Email Wendy and she can send you a playlist of songs.

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CHRISTMAS COOKIES NEEDED

Sunday, December 17, our Congregational Care team will be serving Wassail and Christmas cookies after the service. We need people to make and bring in *Christmas* cookies. Sign up on the Sign Up Post.

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CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: THE BAST FUND

The Bast Fund of Orchard Hill Church is a scholarship fund set up in the name of Dr. Henry Bast to assist those who are pursuing advanced theological studies or looking for training to enter the mission field. Please consider making a special offering to this fund on Christmas Eve so that we can continue to share the Good News of "Immanuel" with our world.

OUTREACH

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS OUTREACH

Orchard Hill is working with our local community and mission partners to provide Christmas presents for children whose parents are facing financial hardship. Share God's love with families in these ways:

1. Take a child's tag off the tree in the West or East entry, sign the tag out, and return the corresponding gifts by Sunday, December 10 (attach the tag number to the gifts).
2. Volunteer to meet with parents picking up gifts, give them their Christmas kits from OHC (designed to help families celebrate Jesus), and pray for them, on Wednesday, December 13 or Thursday, December 14, with time slots from 2:00 PM– 6:00 PM.

Sign up on the Sign Up Post. If you are a family from OHC and you would be blessed by this extra support this Christmas, please let us know!

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HAND 2 HAND AT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

60% of families in Walker don't qualify for assistance but don't make enough financially to get by without it. In light of this high need in our own backyard, Orchard Hill is partnership with Hand 2 Hand Ministries to provide weekend meals for hungry students from Central Elementary School. This will be an ongoing collection of food and opportunities to package meals. Visit the links to sign up and share the love of Christ through this ministry!

List of food supplies needed: tinyurl.com/ohcfoodneeds

Sign up to pack meals: tinyurl.com/ohcmealpacking

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Have a
BLESSED WEEK