

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

December, 2023

Ministry Highlights

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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. If you would like to join the choir this season, email Wendy and she will send you a playlist of songs to start working on!

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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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HILLTOPPERS 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. *Deadline to sign up is December 14.*

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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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ADVENT WORSHIP

Our Advent series begins on Sunday, December 3 as we 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.

- **December 3:** The Miracle of the Moment with 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)
- bobk@orchardhill.org

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 a calling to Gospel ministry. Dr. Bast was a professor of Bible at Hope College, served the Bethany Reformed Church as pastor twice, taught preaching at Western Seminary, and served as the speaker on the Words of Hope Broadcast. He was a man who loved the word and who loved preaching the word.

This fund is named after him and set up to walk alongside those who also have a great passion for the word and are pursuing advanced theological studies or looking for training to enter the mission field. Orchard Hill is raising up men and women who desire to serve God in His kingdom and advance the Gospel and we want to be able to help fund them in their calling.

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.



COUPLE'S ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

We will have a Couple's Advent Devotional available on Sunday, December 3. Pick up your copy at the Connect table and take the couple's challenge this month as we focus our attention on Jesus and growing closer as a couple during this Christmas season!

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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.

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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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BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by donating blood at the next Walker Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, January 9, 2:00 PM- 6:30 PM at Orchard Hill.

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HAND 2 HAND AT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

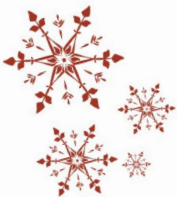
60% of families in Walker don't qualify for assistance but don't make enough financially to get by without it. In light of this high need in our own backyard, Orchard Hill is partnership with Hand 2 Hand Ministries to provide weekend meals for hungry students from Central Elementary School. This will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

1. Sign up to pack meals: tinyurl.com/ohcmealpacking
 2. Donate food supplies: tinyurl.com/ohcfoodneeds
 3. Sign up to deliver meals: tinyurl.com/centralmealdelivery
- cmkunst6@yahoo.com

STEPHEN MINISTERS EVENT

Come enjoy an evening out at Orchard Hill Church for a Stephen Ministry event on January 25 at 6:30 PM. Jennifer Prins from Oasis will be presenting on the transition we face in life as we walk through aging, independence, to senior living and needing care. There are many avenues to explore and she is here to help you do this for yourself or a loved one. This event will be about one hour for the presentation and if you choose to remain, there will be a time of Q&A after. Be sure to join our Stephen Ministers for this event.

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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:

*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 the 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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