

# CARE

## PRAYERS FOR OUR OHC FAMILY

- **Yvonne Jasperse** is dealing with back pain. Pray for relief from pain.
- **Doris Trapani** is home with a bad case of shingles. Pray she gets relief from the pain.
- **Karen DeYoung** had wrist surgery on Friday. Pray this takes care of her pain.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## ETC.

## SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Send Christmas Cards to our shut-ins to help brighten their holiday season! This is a great ministry for families to do together. Pick up a list of our shut-ins in the Connection Corner and bring back your written cards by the morning of December 3 (place in the marked bins on the tables by the entry doors). *Please note, you do not need to add postage.*

[maureenmdk@gmail.com](mailto:maureenmdk@gmail.com)

## COUPLES ADVENT PRAYER DEVOTIONAL

We will be putting out a **Couple's Advent Prayer Devotional** to do the month of December leading up to Christmas. We will meet on **December 3** following the Sunday service to kick this off in Studio 1 (lower level). Be sure to join us on December 3 if you are interested.

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

## 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 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).

## 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.**



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Sunday, November 12, 2023

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ORCHARD HILL!

### TODAY'S SERVICE - IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today, we continue our series titled: *LEARNING TO LAMENT*. In this series we will explore Lament as God's gift to us. Lament is defined as "a passionate expression of grief or sorrow". Over and over again the language of the Bible is to pray through the difficult, sad, and painful times in a manner that ultimately leads us to a place of trust in God. Our goal in this series is to learn together how to lament well by focusing on the Prayers of Lament found in the Psalms. In Lament, we open ourselves up to God's healing and renewal. This week, Pastor Bob will be reading from Psalm 51 found on page 889 in your pew Bible.

### GENEROSITY

Think of someone you love with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. To develop such a deep love the relationship must come first when prioritizing your schedule. This is a stewardship of time question. How do you steward the gift of each 24-hour day? Do you set aside a generous portion of each day to develop your relationship with God? After all, it is God who gave you the day in the first place.

Let us also be good stewards with our finances and give back generously to God by placing our tithes and offerings for Him at the boxes on the doors to the sanctuary or online through Mogiv.



### OHC GIVING:

- Weekly Need: \$15,000
- Last week's offering: \$12,197 (-\$2,803)
- YTD Budget: \$251,000
- YTD Received: \$268,994 (+\$17,994 / +7%)

### 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

## 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](mailto: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!

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

## WRITING OUR PRAYERS OF LAMENT WORKSHOP

This morning and next Sunday, November 19, following the morning service, we will be offering a workshop in the Man Cave that will help you construct your own Psalm of Lament. Discover how you can take your grief and pain and bring it to God through prayer, finding hope to keep moving forward.

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

## LIFE LONG LEARNING-THIRD THURSDAY

This Thursday, November 16 we will be focusing on CONNECT as we meet from 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM for an "Agape" Meal. 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. An "Agape" Meal centers on community, sharing, prayer, praise, and fellowship. The meal is "Pot-luck" so plan to bring a dish of food to share as well as a Bible reading, prayer, testimony or some other way God has been working in your life.

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

## WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir sings on Sunday, November 19 with rehearsal this Wednesday 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.

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

## THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

We are gathering on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Space (lower level) to lift up our thanks to God our provider. Pie will be served at 6:45 PM. Thanksgiving is an important element of our Christian walk so we hope you will plan to attend.

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

## HILLKIDS CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We are starting the HillKids Christmas Choir rehearsals this month! Rehearsals for the Kindergarten through 5th graders will begin TODAY 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.

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

## 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!

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

# OUTREACH

## 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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SIGN UP TO PACK MEALS



FOOD SUPPLIES LIST

# SERVE

## BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by donating blood at the next Walker Community Blood Drive, THIS 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](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/149803)

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

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be making the church beautiful for Christmas the week of November 19 (Monday and Tuesday). Email Wendy if you are able to help (even for an hour) Monday and Tuesday between 9:00 PM- 5:00 PM.

**\*Please note the change of date from the Ministry Highlights\***

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## ACTORS NEEDED

We need actors to portray the key characters of the Christmas story along the lighted Christmas Path. You will learn a short paragraph and present it as you interact with people who are traveling the path. The Christmas Path will run December 15 and 16. If you are interested, contact Pastor Bob.

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

## 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.

[maureenmdk@gmail.com](mailto:maureenmdk@gmail.com)

## USHERS NEEDED

Additional ushers are needed 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](mailto:territ@orchardhill.org)