

# 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](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.

# NOTES:

## CONTACT US



**Facebook**

Orchard Hill Church  
Orchard Hill Church Fellowship Group



**Instagram**

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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](http://orchardhill.org) | 616.784.4060 | 1465 3 Mile Rd NW

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ORCHARD HILL!

### ADVENT WORSHIP

Join us as we continue 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 Greg brings us the message *The Miracle of the Message* taken from Hebrews 1:1-3. The passage can be found on page 1862 in the pew Bible. This morning, we also have the opportunity to hear our Hillkids Christmas 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

*"And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."* - Luke 2:12

As the Apostle Paul says, "He who was rich for our sakes became poor." (2 Corinthians 8:9) Jesus - Immanuel, "God with us", was laid in a manger, no crib for His bed! There in the manger is the very picture of self-giving generosity. Let us give of ourselves in the same way!

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.



### 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!

Have a  
**BLESSED WEEK**

# 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
- **Thursday:** Flock (18-25 year olds) at 7:00 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! New groups will be forming in January, 2024.

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

## MEN'S GROUP

- **Holiday Break:** Bible Study resumes January 17, 2024

## 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.*

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

# OUTREACH

## 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](https://tinyurl.com/ohcfoodneeds)

Sign up to pack meals: [tinyurl.com/ohcmealpacking](https://tinyurl.com/ohcmealpacking)

[cmkunst6@yahoo.com](mailto:cmkunst6@yahoo.com)

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS OUTREACH

If you took a child's tag off the tree in the West or East entry, please return the corresponding gifts TODAY, December 10 (attach the tag number to the gifts).

# CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

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

## COUPLES ADVENT PRAYER DEVOTIONAL

The Couple's Advent Devotional is available at the Connect table in the lobby. It's not too late to pick one up!

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

## 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.

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

## WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir sings NEXT Sunday, December 17 and will rehearse TOMORROW, December 11 and Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM.

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

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE DONATIONS!

Sign up at the Outreach table if you are able to bring in some Christmas cookies to use on our Lighted Christmas Path as well as for after church on Sunday December 17! It's always fun to enjoy the varieties of cookies that are shared, as we bless our congregation and community this Christmas season!

[maureenmdk@gmail.com](mailto:maureenmdk@gmail.com) / [wendyh@orchardhill.org](mailto:wendyh@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 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.

# LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PATH

Friday-Sunday • December 15-17

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for some free fun in celebration of Christmas. Enjoy a ¼ mile stroll through a beautiful woodland path of Christmas lights on the church property (prayer path behind the labyrinth). Sip hot chocolate, eat cookies, enjoy photo ops, and listen to carolers! This is a great chance to invite a friend to experience the joy of Jesus this Christmas (postcards are on the tables by the entrances)!  
[laurad@orchardhill.org](mailto:laurad@orchardhill.org)

# 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](mailto: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>. Joe, a wonderful young man from our congregation who has Down syndrome and doesn't drive, lives in Kentwood and you would pick up/drop off with your own vehicle! <https://tinyurl.com/ridesforjoe2024>

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