

## 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

Compassionate Christian Counseling provides counseling services right here at Orchard Hill Church for individuals, couples, and teens. If you are interested in meeting with a therapist, call our office at 616.259.9220. We accept many types of health insurance, or you can also pay out-of-pocket. Find us online at [cccounseling.net](http://cccounseling.net) and on Facebook as Compassionate Christian Counseling.

### NEED PRAYER?

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

## GRATITUDE

Thank you so much Orchard Hill family for blessing those around us with Christmas outreach! We were able to bless 33 families and a total of 78 kids!! Being able to sit and pray with these families was not only a blessing for them, but us also. This is what Orchard Hill is all about; we exist to see 100's of individuals and families, in our surrounding neighborhoods and around the world, become committed followers of Jesus Christ. Thank you for living out our mission statement!  
- *Deacons Beth DeWaal & Mark Bauer*

On behalf of my sister, Bonnie Brouwer, thank you for all the Christmas cards that were given to her. I read them to her and she loved them all!  
- *Les & Carol Quillin*

## 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.

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**ORCHARD HILL  
CHURCH**

**orchardhill.org | 616.784.4060 | 1465 3 Mile Rd NW**

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ORCHARD HILL!

### ADVENT WORSHIP

Today we will focus on *The Miracle of the Manger* through an enactment of the Christmas story as found in Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-11 with music from our praise choir!

After the service, our Congregational Care team will be serving Wassail and cookies. Thank you to all those from the congregation who brought in cookies.

### GENEROSITY

*“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.”*  
- Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to use the time, talent, and treasure he has entrusted to you to help build His kingdom on earth.

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!

# CONNECT

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- High School Youth Group will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2024.
- Middle School Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.
- Flock resumes on January 11, 2024.

## 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)

## STEPHEN MINISTERS EVENT

SAVE THE DATE! Come enjoy an evening out at Orchard Hill Church for a Stephen Ministry event on January 25, 2024 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.

[bev.buikema@gmail.com](mailto:bev.buikema@gmail.com)

# 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)

# ETC.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

*Holiday hours:*

- Closed December 25 & 26
- Wednesday & Thursday, December 27 & 28 limited hours. Call the church office
- Closed January 1

*Regular office hours beginning January 2:*

- Monday– Thursday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

## BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by giving blood at our next Walker Community Blood Drive happening Tuesday, January 9, 2:00 PM–6:30 PM in the Orchard Hill lobby. Sign up at: [https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/157650](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/157650)

# SERVE

## 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 on the Sign Up Post in the lobby.

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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# CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

## INVITE SOMEONE!

Take an invite card from the glass tables by the entrances and invite someone to hear the good news of Christmas! Invite them to the Lighted Christmas Path or the Christmas Eve Service. Don't keep the good news for yourself this year!

## LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PATH

TONIGHT, December 17, 6:00– 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)!

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## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us at 5:30 PM for a beautiful candlelight celebration of our Savior coming into the world, with heart felt worship, music, and spoken word. **Please note there is no 10:00 AM service.**

[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.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

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. **Sign up on the Sign Up Post to bring an egg dish.**

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

## BEGINNING JANUARY 7, 2024:



Have a  
BLESSED WEEK