

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

February, 2024

Ministry Highlights

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WORSHIP CHOIR

If you have an ear for music and love to sing, join us for Worship Choir! We kick off the year on Wednesday, February 7, singing in worship on Sunday, February 11. Email Wendy for a playlist of songs for that morning!

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COUPLE'S NIGHT OUT

Enjoy a night out with your spouse on Friday, February 16. Dinner will start at 6:30 PM with a catered meal of chicken and beef and fixings. The night will consist of fun, fellowship and connecting with your spouse. Make your reservation for 2, 4, or 6 at the Connect table or email Wendy Huizinga. Feel free to invite a couple from outside of OHC to sit with you! Only \$30.00 a couple!

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DINNERS FOR 8

Last chance to sign up is Wednesday February 1st! Sign up to join others at a home for dinner or to host a meal at your house. Sign up at orchardhill.org (under Events)

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WORSHIP SERIES

Our focus for the year of 2024 will be on understanding and knowing God at a deeper level. Our desire, hope, and prayer is that this year-long focus will enlarge our knowledge of God creating a firm foundation from which all of life and faith can stand upon. Our series continues as follows

- **February 4:** None like Him: Omniscient
- **February 11:** None like Him: Eternal
- **February 18:** None like Him: Immutable
- **February 25:** None like Him: Transcendent/Imminent

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ADULT MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING

Save the date for the spring adult disaster relief mission trip with World Renew: April 28- May 4 in Mayfield, KY (tornado repairs and new home builds). If you have a heart to serve, and willing and able hands to learn, sign up on the sign up post or register at www.orchardhill.org/rebuild. Join us for an information meeting on Sunday, February 18 in the Mancave, at 11:30 AM.

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EASTER CELEBRATION MEALS

This Easter season we are living into our identity as good news people as we open up our homes to those in our lives in need of the good news of Jesus! We are inviting all of OHC to practice Biblical hospitality, as you, or you and a friend from OHC, invite someone in your life to hear what Easter means to you over a meal in your home (during the Easter season)! This will be a celebration of Easter around a delicious meal, and a chance to naturally share why you celebrate! We know this can feel scary, but we also believe this is God's call on our lives and the example we have in scripture of Christians living into Biblical hospitality and sharing the good news! This will give each of us the opportunity to love on those God has already put in our lives, and see how He might open a door to a deeper relationship with them! We will have two opportunities to come and learn how to do this in a natural and exciting way (Thursday, February 29 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, March 17 at 11:30 AM- same content offered at different times, both in the East Overflow)! We will also put this meal into practice together at our Lifelong Learning Group's feast on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 PM in the Man Cave, as we experience what this can look like to host in your own home! Sign up to host a meal and come for the trainings/feast at the Outreach table in the lobby. Let's light up our neighborhoods with the good news this Easter season!

EASTER OFFERING

In line with this, our annual Easter offering will be going towards Casa David's 10 year anniversary, as they continue to share Biblical hospitality and the good news of Jesus to those in need in Guatemala. They want to move their office space to a small rental, allowing them to convert that office space in the home to spots for up to TEN MORE guests to stay while their family receives urgent medical care at the local hospital. You can give at www.orchardhill.org/give using Mogiv (click the Casa David option), or using the special Easter Offering giving envelopes at the black boxes on the sanctuary doors.

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BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by giving blood at our next Walker Community Blood Drive happening Tuesday, February 13, 2:00 PM-6:30 PM in the Orchard Hill lobby. Sign up at: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/159140.

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WOMEN OF THE HILL EVENT

Join us on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 PM in the Coffee area for a night of fun and connecting together! We will have snacks, hear a message on the heart from Barb Valente, and enjoy some Valentine's fun! No sign up required. If you are willing and able, we will be collecting items to donate to Hand 2 Hand at Central Elementary. See the link for food needs: www.tinyurl.com/ohcfoodneeds.

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HILLTOPPERS GATHERING

65+ are welcome to join us for good snacks, coffee/tea and worship! This month we will hear from Terri Blanch and Karen Seitz about drawing from Reservoirs of Faith (part 1). We will follow our worship time by packing meals for Hand 2 Hand Ministries.

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WOMEN OF THE HILL RETREAT

Don't miss our annual retreat happening Friday-Saturday, April 12-13 at the beautiful Shack Christian Retreat Center in Whitecloud, MI. Come for community with great women, fun, and digging into our freedom in Christ! Details and registration will be available at the Connect table in the lobby February 4! Register by March 19. Payment due at time of registration.

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ARTS CAMP ON THE HILL

Summer Arts Camp on the Hill will be the week of June 17-21. Mark your calendars. Registration opens April 1st!

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PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

We are scheduling two informational meetings on February 25 and March 10 following the morning service. Please plan to attend one of these meetings and hear how you can be a part of pursuing God's direction for our property. A letter is being sent in the mail with more details.

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PARKING LOT REPAIR FUND

The next major items on our building maintenance plan is the replacement of our aged and crumbling upper parking lots. The cost to replace these 2 parking lots is around \$130,000 each. This is a cost not included in our regular budget. We are asking, therefore, that all of our church members consider giving above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings so we can address this need as soon as possible. The way this need gets addressed is not through equal giving, but through equal sacrifice. Let's get this project done!

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NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISM

If you are interested in exploring more about Orchard Hill Church or becoming a member, please fill out a Connection Card and place it in the sanctuary door boxes. The class will meet on February 25 in the Man-cave. Also, if you are interested in baptism for your child or yourself please let us know by filling out a Connection Card. Our next Party Popper Sunday (when we celebrate new life in Jesus!) is scheduled for March 17.

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MARCH MADNESS YOUTH AUCTION

Our Youth Group needs you! Winter is still here, yet our youth group "Spring" Auction is going to be upon us very quickly! Our middle and high school students will be heading back on their trips this summer, to worship God and grow in their love for Him. Please consider how you might help us make this event a SLAM DUNK success!

Donate an item to be auctioned off at the auction on Sunday, March 3 after the worship service. We are in need of auction items. Examples: event tickets, vacation package, cottage rental, new electronics, gift cards (even unused ones you know you won't use), spa packages, special services, or a themed gift basket! Feel free to think outside the box! Please note that due to the earlier event date, items are due to Greg no later than FEBRUARY 18.

Save the date! Come for the food and stay for the silent and live auctions. Hoop to see you there!

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