

CARE

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

Do not struggle alone. We are here to help!

cccoffice@cccounseling.net or 616.259.9220

NEED PRAYER?

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

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!

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 partnering 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 them. Visit the following links to share the love of Christ through this ministry!

1. Sign up to pack meals: www.tinyurl.com/ohcmealpacking

2. Donate food supplies: www.tinyurl.com/ohcfoodneeds.

This is a complete list of all we need, but right now we are highlighting our needs for Flour Tortillas (Grande, 6-count), Saltine Cracker Sleeves (13.6 oz box), Slim Jim Beef sticks (44 oz, 100ct box or any size box but .44 oz size), and Pudding Cups (chocolate or vanilla).

cmkunst6@yahoo.com

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BLOOD DRIVE

Love your neighbor as yourself by giving blood at our next Walker Community Blood Drive happening THIS 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

TITHES & OFFERINGS:

- Weekly Need: \$20,000
- Last week's offering: \$9,245 (-\$10,755)
- YTD Budget: \$395,000
- YTD Received: \$402,616 (+\$7,616 / +2%)

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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**

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Sunday, January 7, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ORCHARD HILL!

TODAY'S SERVICE - IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

YEAR OF GOD: Today marks the beginning of our year long focus on the character and nature of God. Our goal this year is to know God in a greater capacity as He reveals Himself to us through His word. As we increase in our knowledge and understanding of God, we will find solid footing for our faith as we trust Him confidently in all things. Pastor Bob brings us our Bible reading today from Psalm 9 which can be found on page 849 in your pew Bible.

- **January 7:** The Year of God: Introduction
- **January 14:** None like Him: Infinite
- **January 21:** None like Him: Omnipotent
- **January 28:** None like Him: Omniscient

STAR WORDS

Last Sunday as we considered the Wiseman who followed the star to find the light of the baby Jesus, we all selected at random a personal "star word." This "star word" is to be used as a tool to lead us in growing in a new way over this next year. Our challenge was to pray about, meditate on, and consider how this word might lead us to become more Christ like. We simply received this word at random and trusted our sovereign God to bring the right word into our lives. No exchanges, simply receiving what we were given. If you were not with us to receive your "star word" please stop by the table in the lobby and select one and begin your journey towards Jesus.

GENEROSITY

The New Year is a perfect opportunity to start anew and become the good steward that God desires each of us to become. In what ways can you give your time, talent, and treasure back to God in a manner that is worthy of who He is and what He has done for you?

As we begin a new year, 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.





In Him we live and move and have our being. – Acts 17:20

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.

Here is how you can be a part of this transformative journey:

• CELEBRATE & DISCOVER GOD IN WORSHIP EACH WEEK!

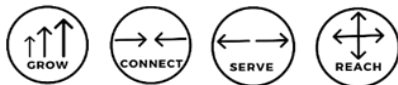
Make it a non-negotiable to attend our Sunday service as together we lift up God's name and open up His word to explore who God is and what that means for how we are to relate to Him.

Be sure to join us for three Sundays we have set aside this year for a new and different "Soul Fire" (Jeremiah 20:9) worship experience designed to connect us with God at a deeper level.

• CONTINUE TO PURSUE GOD THROUGH YOUR "NEXT STEPS"

This past October 2023 our church family prayerfully made commitments to take "Next Steps" in our walk with Jesus. This is a good time to ask, how are you doing on those commitments? Let's renew our energies in making it a priority to grow in our faith and to pursue God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength!

If you are new to Orchard Hill, please pick up a "Next Steps" Booklet from the Connection Corner and consider what your "Next Step" should be.



• WATCH YOUR BULLETIN FOR SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF WHO GOD IS.

Over the course of the next year several additional opportunities such as books to read, classes or events to attend, and activities to participate in will be offered as additional resources to help you grow in your knowledge and love of God.

"YEAR OF GOD" RESOURCES:

- Book: *Your God is too Small*- J.B. Phillips
- Book: *Not God Enough: Why Your Small God Leads to Big Problems*- J.D. Greer
- Bible Reading Plan– Be in God's word daily! www.ligonier.org/posts/bible-reading-plans

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

MENS BIBLE STUDY

We are resuming our study of 20 foundational Christian Beliefs on Wednesday, January 17 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Man Cave. bobk@orchardhill.org

LIFE LONG LEARNING

Join us the third Thursday of the month, January 18, at 6:30 PM. Our focus will be: SERVE. How do we serve in a way that is shaped by the cross into the shape of the cross? Explore how to serve each day in a way that reflects Jesus doing life in the place God has planted you. bobk@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

DINNERS FOR 8

We are kicking off a new season of Dinners for 8! Please sign up this month and you will be contacted sometime in February with a choice of dates for gathering! You can either sign up to attend a dinner or host one. Let's continue to meet so we can better get to know the family of God here at OHC! Visit our website with all the details and to sign up at: <https://orchardhill.org/dinners-for-8/> wendyh@orchardhill.org

NO REGRETS MENS CONFERENCE

All OHC Men (and friends) are invited to be a part of this half-day conference on Saturday, February 3 from 8:30AM to 2:00PM to be renewed, challenged and propelled to become the man of courage God intends you to be. We will be live streaming the event here at OHC. The day includes 2 general sessions, 3 seminars of your choice, and lunch. Cost is \$20. bobk@orchardhill.org

GROUP UP!

It's GROUP UP month and we are excited to grow deeper in community and the Lord this winter/spring. There is a group for everyone to connect in at Orchard Hill. Check out the GROUP UP table in the lobby, the Church Center app, or visit www.orchardhill.org/groups to see the variety of groups offered and to sign up! Groups will begin kicking off mid-January. laurad@orchardhill.org

NEW GROUP HIGHLIGHTS:

Present Over Perfect

Calling all OHC women who need a space to slow down and be real! We will be reading *Present Over Perfect*, as we learn to thrive in Christ in today's fast paced world, with all the pressures and responsibilities of being the best woman we can be.

Every other Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the West Overflow, February 6- April 30.

Another Gospel

The progressive Christianity movement is a false gospel that has swept many away. Learn to recognize it and fight it with the true, life-saving gospel of Jesus!

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Group Leader's home, February 13-March 19.

Equipping Intentional Grandparents

Equipping Intentional Grandparents curriculum from Legacy Coalition has a mission to help grandparents be intentional about passing on their legacy of faith to their grandchildren. Using a webinar series, we will cover a range of topics with the goal of helping grandparents have a greater spiritual impact on their families and grandchildren, as we gather together to watch, discuss, and pray!

4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Bumblebee Room, January 23- May 28.

Stephen Ministry Training

Stephen Minister training is an engaging, energizing experience that teaches principles and skills to equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others in crisis. After training, Stephen Ministers are available to be matched with someone in need of encouragement in Christ.

Mondays at 6:30 PM, February 12- June, in the Coffee Area.