

# ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

January, 2024

# Ministry Highlights

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## 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/>  
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## WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir will Kick-off on Wednesday, February 7. We will sing in worship on Sunday, February 11. Email Wendy for the list of songs to start practicing!  
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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](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/157650)  
**[laurad@orchardhill.org](mailto:laurad@orchardhill.org)**

## 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.

- **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
- [bobk@orchardhill.org](mailto: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](http://www.orchardhill.org/groups) to see the variety of groups offered and to sign up! Groups will begin kicking off mid-January.  
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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!  
**[gregs@orchardhill.org](mailto:gregs@orchardhill.org)**

## 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/ohcmealpacking)
2. Donate food supplies:  
[www.tinyurl.com/ohcfoodneeds](http://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](mailto:cmkunst6@yahoo.com)

## STEPHEN MINISTERS EVENT

Come enjoy an evening out at Orchard Hill Church for a Stephen Ministry event on January 25 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. There are many avenues to explore and she is here to help you do this for yourself or a loved one. This event will be about one hour for the presentation and if you choose to remain, there will be a time of Q&A after. Be sure to join our Stephen Ministers for this event.

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## 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.

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## COUPLE'S NIGHT OUT

Mark your calendars for our Couple's Night Out on Friday, February 23. More Details to come!

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## HILLTOPPERS GATHERING

Our Hilltoppers (65+) will kick-off the new year on Tuesday, February 20. Join us for worship and a meaningful teaching from Terri Blanch and Karen Seitz.

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## 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.

## GRATITUDE

A BIG thank you to those of you who made sure our shut-ins received a Christmas card this year and to the children who made them. So many of them voiced how much that meant to them. To Maureen DeKruif and the committee who sorted and delivered, to Miranda Huyck and the children's leaders, the children, and members of Orchard Hill, THANK OU! You made their day!  
- Bev Buikema

Thank you everyone for the cards sent to Ray Bacon. It touched his heart to see so many people care! We read each one to him and hung them all in his room. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family!  
- The De Bruine family

To our friends at Orchard Hill,  
Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts. The socks will really keep us warm this winter. All the beautiful cards warmed our hearts. Thank you again and God bless you all!  
- Love, Bob & Nettie Karel

Thank you to everyone who donated cookies for all of the Christmas events - we couldn't have done it without you!  
- Sue Graybill

**\*\*Please be sure to pick up your containers in the kitchen. All containers left after January 14 will be disposed of\*\***