

November, 2024

Ministry Highlights

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES: LIKE HIM

In our "Year of God" we are considering those attributes of God that we, His creation, share with Him. As we are "Like Him" in these ways we will be challenged as His ambassadors to live these out in the world today.

WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir sings on Sunday, November 17 with rehearsal on November 13 at 7:00 PM. If you love to sing and worship with all your heart and are interested in joining the choir, email Wendy and she can send you a set list of songs to listen to for rehearsal.

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COUPLE'S DATE NIGHT: I DID, I DO, I WILL!

Join us November 1st 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM for an evening of fun and games! We'll be playing a couple's game and hear insights from some of our staff and spouses as we explore the good and sometimes difficult seasons of marriage. We will meet at Orchard Hill Church in Studio 1 (lower level). Bring a snack to share! Sign up at the CONNECT table in the lobby or by using the Church Center app under "Signups".

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THANKSGIVING OUTREACH:

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This thanksgiving let's show gratitude for who God is and all His blessings over us by blessing others in His name! As part of our ministry to Central Elementary school, we partner with Hand 2 Hand ministries to purchase and package meals for students facing hunger at home. You can help by donating food or packaging meals! Visit the Ministry Highlights table to see a list of needs, sign up to pack, and learn more about Hand 2 Hand. The school has also asked for any winter gear donations for students facing the cold without proper attire. New or very gently used donations can be placed in the marked bins by the West entry by Sunday, November 24.

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THANKSGIVING EVE PIES

The Congregational Care Team is looking for people to donate pies for our Thanksgiving Eve service. Sign up at the table in the lobby to bring a pie to the service! Please have your pies to church by 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 27.

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THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

We will have our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 27. Pies will be served that night starting at 6:45 PM. We will be meeting for worship around tables in the Gathering Space (lower level). Mark the date and set this time aside to thank God for His many blessings over the past year!

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SIGN UP FOR CHURCH CENTER GIVING

This is the most convenient way to give generously and faithfully to God's work at OHC. The best way to sign up if you want to select multiple funds is through the Church Center web app (use the QR code or go to <https://orchardhillreformed.churchcenter.com>). The other option is to download the mobile app and click the "Give" button. Options for payment are through ACH (least amount of fees), credit card, debit card, and Apple Pay. It's also easy to set up recurring giving so that your tithes and offerings are regularly received.

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OHC FAMILY CAMPOUT

We have 12 camp sites reserved at Cran-Hill Ranch for May 23-26, 2025. Cran-Hill Ranch is a Christian campground in Rodney, MI just outside of Big Rapids (1 Hour from Grand Rapids). The camp-grounds can accommodate anything from a tent to the largest of RVs. Each site is all natural, it has a picnic table and a fire pit. The campground offers 3 playgrounds, a barn store, a game room, horseback riding, crafts, fishing, and other seasonal activities. We are planning on sharing a meal together in the Pavilion on Saturday, May 24 between 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM.

You can register for any of the available campsites. Full payment is due at the time of the booking. If you wish to stay for more nights than we have pre-arranged for our group, you may contact the Cran-Hill office and they can modify the number of nights to what you wish to book

www.cranhillranch.com

Please use the QR Code to register. The deadline for registration is November 15th, 2024.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT OUTREACH

As we prepare to celebrate God's blessing of Jesus this Christmas, let's share His love by blessing local families in need of extra support. Beginning Sunday, November 24, take a tag off the tree in the entry ways, sign it out, and bring the corresponding gifts back for a local child. You can do this alone or with a friend/small group, but let's be generous! Keep the tag and pray for the child throughout the year. Gifts are due back by Sunday, December 8. Sign up on church center (or the Connect Card) to help deliver and sort gifts or meet and pray with parents during pick up.

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SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN OF THE HILL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 PM. Sign up is required so we know how many to plan for. Sign up in church center. More details coming in the bulletin.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be making the church beautiful for Christmas November 25 & 26 (Monday and Tuesday). Email Wendy if you are able to help (even for an hour) between 9:00 AM-5:00 PM on either day.

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BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Join us on Sunday evening, December 8 for a beautiful time of reflection, celebration, comfort and encouragement. The service is for anyone who has experienced loss. This could be the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, health, a dream, or anything else that makes life difficult. An optional light dinner will be served at 5:15 PM in the lobby coffee area, with worship beginning at 6:00 PM.

Please take a postcard invite from the information tables near the entrances to share with those in your life that need to be encouraged!

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LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PATH

All are invited to celebrate the season on the Orchard Hill Lighted Christmas Path! This ¼ mile path behind the East parking lot will be lit and hosted for anyone to walk on the weekend of December 13-15 from 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM. There will be many lights, hot chocolate, photos opps, music, and more as we celebrate Jesus! The path will remain lit for the community to walk through January 4, 2025.

LIGHTING/DECORATING TEAM: We need many hands to help light up the path. Set up will be November 9 & 10 and November 16 & 17, 10:00 AM- 12:00 noon.

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ADOPT A TREE: Individuals, families, or small groups are invited to decorate one of the pre-lit path trees as your creativity so leads you!

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SHUT-IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Send Christmas Cards to our shut-ins to help brighten their holiday season! This is a great ministry for families to do together. Pick up a list of our shut-ins near the Connect Table and bring back your written cards by the morning of December 8 (place in the marked boxes on the tables by the entry doors). *Please note, you do not need to add postage.*

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OHC PROPERTY TEAM

Our team is continuing to meet and working towards presenting the OHC Governing Board with a recommendation by the end of 2025 on how we believe God is calling us to best steward our church property. At this point a strong desire and consensus is emerging that we should use our property to address housing access, and specifically affordable housing. As a result, the team has had several fruitful meetings with potential non-profit ministry partners, along with three potential housing developers to explore ideas and partnerships. This work and exploration continues to progress and evolve in meaningful ways. The team is also evaluating what it would look like and mean for OHC to be invested in transitional housing of some sort to walk along side those who are struggling and in need of support.

Please continue to join us in prayer over this endeavor. We look to honor God by being missional in our intent and to be good stewards.

GRATITUDE

On behalf of DeColores Ministries of Grand Rapids, we would like to thank you for opening up your church to host the men's weekend. The DeColores community and the men on the weekend were very blessed by your open hearts and hospitality. God worked in a mighty way on this weekend and it is obvious Orchard Hill is no stranger to the work of the Lord and the Holy Spirit, and has a great heart for DeColores!

We pray for many blessings in the years to come for your staff, members, and all who visit your worship services.

- DeColores Ministries of Grand Rapids

Bob and Barb Valente have purchased a new home in Richland, MI and are leaving OHC to become members of Living Hope Community Church in Richland. They will be missed and we wish them well!

