

## 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](mailto: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**

### STEPHEN'S MINISTRY

If you are in a difficult season and need support, let us know so we can connect you to a Stephen's Minister who will listen, pray, and encourage, offering emotional and spiritual support. [pastoralcare@orchardhill.org](mailto:pastoralcare@orchardhill.org)

### COMPASSIONATE CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Do not struggle alone. We are here to help!  
[cccoffice@cccounseling.net](mailto: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!

## THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Thanksgiving outreach impactful with the love of Jesus! Central Elementary school now has warm winter gear for students without and we have food to provide for their students facing hunger through our ministry with Hand 2 Hand!

- Pastor Laura Dilley

Thanks to all those who helped decorate our church and worship space for the Christmas season.

- The Orchard Hill Staff

## NOTES:

## CONTACT US

[orchardhill.org](http://orchardhill.org) | 616.784.4060 | 1465 3 Mile Rd NW GR 49544



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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 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



**Sunday • December 1, 2024 • 10:00 AM**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

### TODAY'S SERVICE: IN-PERSON & ONLINE

We open up our Advent worship (the four week season where we anticipate the arrival of Jesus at Christmas) by considering the theme of "God To Us." Pastor Laura will be bringing us the message taken from John 1:1-18. We will also be celebrating the sacrament of communion by passing the elements during the service.

**NEXT WEEK:** "God For Us". Our Lil' Worshippers will be sharing a dance with us.

### GENEROSITY

In this busy season, our most important preparations happen in our hearts when we make a way for God to come into our lives, when we "prepare the way of the Lord." One of the ways we prepare our hearts is to give generously as God gave to us so that God's love will shine brightly through the ministry of this church and in our own lives as well. You may give your gift today by placing your tithes and offerings for Him at the boxes on the doors to the sanctuary, using the Church Center app, or online through Church Center Give.



### "GIVING TUESDAY"

Tuesday, December 3, is marked as a global day of generosity. As you choose to give on this day please consider making a gift to the Orchard Hill Preschool and Child Care Center. Each year over 300 families are touched by this ministry of our church as we provide a safe and Christ-centered caring environment for those in our community. Go to [www.orchardhill.org/giving](http://www.orchardhill.org/giving) to give and select "Giving Tuesday – Learning Center."

### TITHES & OFFERINGS:

- Weekly Need: \$16,970
- Last Week: \$21,689 (\$4,719)
- YTD Budget: \$356,370
- YTD Giving: \$325,304 (-\$31,066 / -9%)

# CONNECT

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- **Tonight:** Middle School at 4:00- 5:30 PM
- **Tonight:** High School at 6:00- 8:00 PM
- **Thursday:** Flock (18-25 year olds) at 7:00- 9:00 PM

## MENS WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We will meet on December 4 & 11 and then take a holiday break.

## WOMEN OF THE HILL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Don't miss this special event hosted for the Women of Orchard Hill Church and their friends, this Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 PM! Cost is \$10 for the catered meal. RSVP required and can be done on Church Center at <https://tinyurl.com/WOHchristmas24> or scan the QR code. The deadline to register is TODAY! All women 18+ are encouraged to attend.



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

## 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. 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 or by the Outreach table in the lobby to share with those in your life that need to be encouraged!

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

## LIL' WORSHIPPERS CHRISTMAS DANCERS

Calling all dancers ages 4-14. Lil' Worshipers will be preparing a dance for our Sunday service on December 8 with rehearsal in The sanctuary this Saturday, December 7 from 9:30 AM- 11:00 AM. If your child would like to participate, please contact Kelly Honderd at 616.723.3406.

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## HILLTOPPERS

All 65+ are invited for worship, a catered lunch, and Christmas fun on Tuesday, December 17 at 10:30 AM. Bill Crawford will be bringing a special message that day. To reserve your spot, please call or email the church office by Thursday, December 12. This event is FREE and a gift to our seasoned members for all they mean to our community here at OHC!

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## COUPLE'S MINISTRY FOR ADVENT

All couples are invited to pick up a four-week devotional for the Advent season which STARTS THIS WEEK. Each week will focus on one of the "Good Gifts" God gives us. There are only 4 sessions in this booklet. We encourage all OHC couples to set aside some intentional time once a week during this busy season to connect around these good gifts. Pick up a copy for you and share one with a friend as well. Located in the lobby at the Ministry table.

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## SERVE

### 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 add *Julia Gibbs to your list!*

[maureenmdk@gmail.com](mailto:maureenmdk@gmail.com)

### CHRISTMAS COOKIES NEEDED

Sunday, December 22, our Congregational Care team will be serving Wassail and Christmas cookies after the service. We need people to make and bring in Christmas cookies (*may be store bought*). Drop them off in the upstairs kitchen.

[maureenmdk@gmail.com](mailto:maureenmdk@gmail.com)

## ETC.

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

The two air handlers that service The Gathering Space have stopped working. These units were installed in 1996 and can no longer be repaired. We need to replace both of them, and it will cost approximately \$40,000. Please consider making an extra gift today to help with this expense. Go to: [www.orchardhillreformed.churchcenter.com/giving](http://www.orchardhillreformed.churchcenter.com/giving) "Building Fund". This week, 128 burned out bulbs were replaced in our sanctuary ring lighting system.

# OUTREACH

## 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. Take a tag off the tree in the East entryway, sign it out, and bring the corresponding gifts back (unwrapped) for a local child. You can do this alone or with a friend/small group, but let's be generous! If all tags are gone and you would like to contribute, email Deacon Beth DeWaal at [bethdewaal@yahoo.com](mailto:bethdewaal@yahoo.com). Gifts are due back by Sunday, December 8.

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## CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS

Christmas is an opportune time to invite someone to experience the hope of Jesus! Take an invite off the outreach table in the lobby and invite a friend to join you on the Lighted Christmas path, an OHC Sunday service, Blue Christmas, the Christmas Eve service, or share the gospel of John with them (available for free on the outreach table). Let's share the reason for the season this Christmas!

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## LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PATH - DECEMBER 13-15

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 3, 2025.

[kbenchich@hotmail.com](mailto:kbenchich@hotmail.com)

Have a  
BLESSED WEEK