

December, 2024

# Ministry Highlights

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH

## 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 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.

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## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Decorating our church starts tomorrow! We will get our church ready for the season on Monday and Tuesday of this coming week. Even if you have an hour to give, it would be greatly appreciated! Please email Wendy and let her know if you can come and help. Anytime between 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM on either of those days.

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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 next Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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## WOMEN OF THE HILL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Don't miss this special event hosted for the Women of Orchard Hill Church and their friends (18+), 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. Deadline to register is NEXT Sunday, December 1!

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## LIL' WORSHIPPERS CHRISTMAS DANCERS

Calling all dancers ages 4-14. Lil' Worshippers will be preparing a dance for our Sunday service on December 8 with rehearsal in the sanctuary on 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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## 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 or by the Outreach table in the lobby to share with those in your life that need to be encouraged!

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## THE MAGIC CHRISTMAS BUS

The Magic Christmas Bus is coming to Orchard Hill Church on **Sunday, December 15 at 10:30 AM!** You will experience a magical musical adventure with our OHC Hill kids, Ms. Carol and all her bus friends. Grab an invite card from the Connect table to share with the kids in your life!

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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 week-end 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.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 24 at 5:30 PM for a beautiful candlelight service. It will be a special night of moving musical moments and spoken word as we center our hearts on the Christ of Christmas.

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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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## CHRISTMAS INVITES

Make sure you take the opportunity to invite someone to experience the good news of Christmas this year! You can do this in 3 ways:

- 1) Take an invite to our Christmas services and the Lighted Path from the glass tables by the entrances.
- 2) Take a business card from the invite card station next to the main exits!
- 3) Take a gospel of John book off the Outreach Table and share it with someone who needs the hope of Jesus!

Let's share the love of God with others this Christmas!

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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. 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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## WORSHIP CHOIR

The Worship Choir will lead us in Christmas worship on Sunday, December 22 with rehearsal on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM. If you love to worship and can sing, please join us! Email Wendy for a playlist for that day!

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## ORCHARD HILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & CHILD CARE NEWS

What a beautiful fall season we've had this year! The children savored the sunshine and unseasonably warm temperatures playing on the playground. We have enjoyed the partnership formed last year with the Walker Senior Neighbors and were invited to participate in their trunk or treat event in October. The children decorated masks and paraded through the parking lot, providing countless smiles and joy to our senior community. The Senior neighbors spoiled the children with all kinds of yummy treats and fun decorations too! A bonus surprise was the Walker fire department participated as well and even gave the children a tour of the fire garage! God continues to show up in big and small ways each day here at the center. We thank him for His goodness and mercy and pouring his unending love over us. He blesses us so we can be a blessing to the children and families we serve each day!

*God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. - 2 Corinthians 9:8*

*Gratefully, The Childcare Center*

