

## CARE

### PRAYERS FOR OUR OHC FAMILY

· Please keep **our OHC missionary serving in Eurasia** in your prayers this season! Being away from family and friends, especially at Christmas, can be hard. Feel free to reach out with an email (can be found on the prayer card in the Connection Corner) to him for encouragement and prayer!

· Please pray over the opportunity to share the hope of Jesus we have this week as our church volunteers meet with the **21 families** who will be receiving the Christmas presents for their children.

### 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!

## NOTES:

## CONTACT US

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



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Orchard Hill Church  
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#### Instagram

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Group

#### 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 8, 2024 • 10:00 AM**

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

### TODAY'S SERVICE: In-Person & Online

This morning, we continue to celebrate "God with Us" through the ministry of our children and the presentation of "The Magic Christmas Bus!" As you reflect on the stops the bus makes today, to whom and how might God be asking you to be His presence in the world today?

### GENEROSITY

When "God with Us" is in us, we will be generous with all things, towards all people because that is His nature. Together, let's be generous by supporting God's work through OHC 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.



### UPCOMING SERVICES AT OHC:

**Sunday, December 22:** "God With Us"– Christmas worship with our choir, a telling of the Christmas story, and a look at why the manger was the sign given by God to announce His arrival.

**Tuesday, December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:30 PM.

**Sunday, December 29:** Worship/Brunch in the Gathering Space. Please use the Connect Card if you are willing to bring an egg dish to share and place in the black boxes on the sanctuary doors.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL OFFERING: The Bast Fund

The Bast Fund of Orchard Hill Church is a scholarship fund set up in the name of Dr. Henry Bast (Pastor of Bethany Reformed Church and Words of Hope) to assist those who are pursuing advanced theological studies or looking for training to enter the mission field. Please consider making a special offering to this fund on Christmas Eve so that we can continue to raise up and support those in our church family who are called to share the Good News of "Immanuel" with our world.

## CONNECT

### YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

- **Tonight:** Middle School at 4:00- 5:30 PM
- **Tonight:** High School at 6:00- 8:00 PM

### COUPLE'S MINISTRY FOR ADVENT

All couples are invited to pick up a four-week devotional for the Advent season. Located in the lobby at the Ministry table.

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

### HILLTOPPERS

For all 65+ who reserved a spot at the Christmas lunch, we will meet THIS Tuesday, December 17 at 10:30 AM.

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

### PARENTING MINISTRY

Want to be better equipped to raise your children to follow Jesus as they grow up into adulthood? Do you desire to see your child live a life faithful to Jesus? Then make sure you are a part of this group! Parents of children of all ages (0-18) are welcome to attend! We will meet THIS Wednesday, December 18, at 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM.

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

## SERVE

### CHRISTMAS COOKIES NEEDED

Next 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.

### SUNDAY MATTERS

This coming year, we will be using the once-a-week devotional book *Sunday Matters* to get our hearts ready to worship God on Sundays. Check out this awesome family-friendly resource on the Connect table in the lobby to get a feel for what it is like. Order yours for the 2025 year online and read along with the greater OHC family!

### GIVING ENVELOPES

For those who use giving envelopes, they have been placed in your member mailbox. If you currently do not use them, but would like to, please email me in the church office at:

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

### TITHES & OFFERINGS:

- Weekly Need: \$16,970
- Last Week: \$18,395 (+\$1,425)
- YTD Budget: \$390,310
- YTD Giving: \$354,962 (-\$35,348 / -9%)

## OUTREACH

### SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

We are challenging all to take a special Christmas edition of the Gospel of John to carry with you and then prayerfully give it away to someone during this Holiday season. The Good News is for sharing!

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

### CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS

Christmas is an opportune time to invite someone to experience the hope of Jesus! Take an invite off the tall tables by the entrances and invite a friend to join you for the Lighted Christmas path, a Sunday service, or the Christmas Eve service, Let's share the reason for the season this Christmas!

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

### 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 now through January 3, 2025.

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

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated on Giving Tuesday by participating in this Global Day of Generosity. \$2,800 was given to the ministry of the Orchard Hill Child Care & Preschool.

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Have a  
BLESSED WEEK

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