

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!

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

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

COMPASSIONATE CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Do not struggle alone. We are here to help! 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!

TITHES & OFFERINGS:

- Weekly Need: \$16,970
- Last Week: \$11,063 (-\$5,907)
- YTD Budget: \$373,340
- YTD Giving: \$336,367 (-\$36,973 / -10%)

NOTES:

CONTACT US

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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 8, 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 For Us." Pastor Greg will be bringing us the message taken from Romans 8:28-34. Thank you to Kelly Honderd and our Lil' Worshipers for sharing their gifts and talents with us through dance.

GENEROSITY

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
- Luke 2:11

We give gifts at Christmas time because God gave the greatest gift at Christmas. That's how it always works: God acts, and we imitate. That's what it means to grow in faith — to grow more into the image of God in what we think, say and do. May we be found to be as generous as our God. 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.



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.

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 & 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
- **Thursday:** Flock (18-25 year olds) at 7:00- 9:00 PM

MENS WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We will meet THIS WEDNESDAY, December 11 and then take a holiday break until January 15.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Join us TONIGHT 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.

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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. 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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HOLIDAY BRUNCH WORSHIP: Sunday, December 29

We will meet in the Gathering Space for brunch and worship sharing insights from our "Year of God" and also how we lived into our "Star Words" for the year. Egg Dishes are needed to make this event happen! Please sign up on the Connect Card and place in the black boxes on the doors as you exit the sanctuary.

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SERVE

CHRISTMAS COOKIES NEEDED

Next Sunday, December 15, our kids will be performing *The Magic Christmas Bus* for us during the worship service. Afterwards, during our coffee time, we will have Christmas cookies for everyone. If you are willing to make Christmas cookies we would appreciate it! You can just drop them off in the upstairs kitchen anytime this coming week or before the service next Sunday.

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Also, 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.

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OHC SHEPHERDING TEAM

We are happy to let you know that Jake Cammenga and Amy Karel are stepping into the position of Deacon to fill two open positions. OHC Shepherding Deacons are Jake Cammenga, Beth DeWaal, Rhonda Heitzman, Amy Karel, Julie Lough, and Gene Veltema.

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!

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CHRISTMAS GIFT OUTREACH

Thank you for blessing 21 families with the love of Jesus this Christmas! Gifts are due back (unwrapped) THIS Sunday, Dec. 8, in the bin by the West entry! If you didn't get a tag and you would like to contribute, email Deacon Beth DeWaal at bethdewaal@yahoo.com.

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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 for the Lighted Christmas path, a Sunday service, Blue Christmas, or the Christmas Eve service. 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 now through January 3, 2025.

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Have a
BLESSED WEEK
