




Orchard United Methodist Church

Color Me Faithful

Fall 2015 Ministry Catalog



Welcome to Orchard and our Fall 2015 *Color Me Faithful* catalog of programs and ministries. It is our hope that this resource will help you to find ways to grow *deeper* in your faith, *brighter* in your connections with others, *stronger* in your commitment to service, and *louder* in your discipleship.

You'll see that offerings are color-coded to help you find what you're looking for. If there's something particular that you're looking for and can't find, we encourage you to bring your ideas to any one of our program staff.

After you've had a chance to check this out for yourself, perhaps you'd consider passing it along to someone who may be looking for a church family—and of course, we're always happy to provide you with additional copies to give away!

May God bless you as the colors of your faith grow deeper, brighter, stronger, and louder!



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Rev. Amy Mayo-Moyle
Lead Pastor

Rev. Suzanne

Rev. Suzanne K. Goodwin
Pastor of Discipleship and Evangelism

All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27 (The Living Bible)



A NEW MINISTRY OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES!

*"When we give our hearts to each other you can feel His love inside
For there's nothing as sweet as fellowship as we share each other's hearts
... There's nothing as sweet as fellowship as we share each other's lives."*

from Sweet Fellowship by Acappella



- A delicious meal prepared by Chef Randy
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***WNT* begins on October 7th**
5:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.

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Deeper...

*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—
put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9*

In this section of our catalog, you'll find worship, classes, studies, and prayer ministries all to help you move more deeply into your spiritual life. No matter where you are in your faith journey, there's always room to go deeper!

Worship

Orchard strives to offer meaningful and vibrant worship each week. We offer two worship services on Sunday mornings, each with their own musical identity. We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome at Christ's table.

9:00 Worship Service – Our 9:00 worship service has a relaxed, contemporary feel with music provided by our praise band, *All About Soul*.

11:00 Worship Service – Our more traditional/blended worship service features classic hymns, organ music, and music provided by the Chancel Choir.

WOW – Worship our Way (*for children ages preschool through 4th grade*) is our children's worship experience offered during the main worship services. Children begin in the sanctuary with their families, and are dismissed following the Children's Message to go and participate in an experiential and age-appropriate worship service which prepares them to make the transition to adult worship.

Special Worship Services

There are many ways to worship, and different styles and formats may speak to us and facilitate our encounter with God in different ways. Periodically, we will offer special services and hope that you will find new ways of hearing and connecting with God through them. Watch for:

Advent By Candlelight – A special candlelight service for women (and teenage daughters) on Tuesday, December 8.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – Each of our Christmas Eve services has a unique format and musical identity, but all three services end with the traditional lighting of the candles and singing of *Silent Night*.

5:00 Family Service – designed for families with young children.

8:00 Service – This blended service features both traditional hymns and organ music as well as the season's finest contemporary music presented by *All About Soul*.

10:00 Traditional Communion Service – This quieter, more contemplative service features the Chancel Choir and a quiet time of Holy Communion.

Lenten Taizé Service – A service of musical prayer and contemplation in the tradition of Taizé worship.

Orchard Goes to the Movies – As Orchard moves into the new year, watch for a special preaching series on the latest movies out in theaters. Each week, Orchard members will be invited to attend a select showing of a current movie in theaters, and on the following Sunday, the message will be on the weekly movie!



Classes & Bible Studies

Sunday Mornings

Orchard offers classes for all ages during our Christian Education hour at 10:00 between our two worship services.

Adult Offerings

All New Christian Reality Show Dr. Mary Clark, Room 202

Join the disciples and early Christians in their post-resurrection reality. How do they move forward, spread the gospel, and meet the challenges of an inhospitable culture? Explore the culture, language, and the psychology of this *All New Christian Reality Show* with Dr. Mary Clark.

Finding Heaven Richard Lipka, Room 200

Where is it? What is it? What will you do when you get there? Join Richard Lipka for this video and discussion class exploring our beliefs regarding the after-life.

Other short term adult classes may be offered from time to time.

Please let us know if you have an idea for a class you'd like to take or lead!

Youth Offerings

Breakfast Club for Senior High Kyle Heffelbower, Café

Breakfast Club is our new high school Sunday School concept, encouraging students to participate in worship and to gain a more mature understanding of biblical ideas and applications. Students are encouraged to attend worship – even sit together – and then gather in the café with Kyle Heffelbower to discuss the day's topics.

Confirmation – All 7th and 8th graders will be preparing to be confirmed this year. Sunday School will be the primary lesson time for this essential journey of discernment. Some sessions will jointly include families and/or mentors. A complete schedule for the course of the year will be mailed directly to students and their parents.



Classes & Bible Studies

Children's Offerings

Sunday School for Children – Featuring our new *Deep Blue* interactive Bible-based curriculum, children from toddler through 4th grade will enjoy biblical lessons and stories as they gain proficiency using their own Bibles. Our 5th and 6th graders will also be using the *Deep Blue* curriculum in their own class called **Club 56**.

Other Classes & Studies

Other classes offered during the week include:

Tuesdays With Amy – Our Pastor-led discussion-based Bible study begins the first Tuesday in October and uses a variety of book and topic perspectives to delve a little deeper into the Bible. This class meets weekly in the Parlor from 9:30 to 11:00.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study – This women's Bible study seeks to understand biblical stories and passages in light of the challenges that women face in their lives. Meets Wednesdays at 9:15 in the Parlor.

Current Events in the Café – Led by David Alberty who is a retired teacher of government and social studies at West Bloomfield High School, this discussion group meets once a month in the café to discuss news topics and events in light of our Christian faith and relevant biblical passages such as Matthew 25:34-40. This class meets the 2nd Monday of each month in the café. Bring your Bible, news topics, and your favorite coffee mug.

Wednesday Nights Together Classes – As part of our new Wednesday Nights Together fellowship program, Pastor Amy and Rev. Suzanne will both be teaching classes. Our fall session of WNT will run from October 7 – November 18 excluding October 28.

Why? (Making Sense of God's Will) – this book study by Adam Hamilton will be led by Pastor Amy as part of our new Wednesday Nights Together program.



Classes & Bible Studies

Being Methodist – Who are Methodists? Where did they come from? What do they believe? Join Rev. Suzanne and friends for a fun and informative look at the heritage and beliefs of our denomination. Prospective members and confirmands are encouraged to attend!

WWJD (for children through 6th grade) – *What Would Jesus Do?* is the children's element of our Wednesday Nights Together program. Children will explore through games and other experiential activities what it means to think like Jesus.

Homework & Hangout (7th-12th grades) – Youth are encouraged to bring and complete any homework they may have and then spend time in quiet fellowship with friends.



Prayer Ministries

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At Orchard we say that one of the most important things you can do is pray, and we take our duty to be in prayer for one another seriously!

Intercessory Prayer Group (IPG) – Each and every single Monday morning, a small group gathers in the chapel to pray for the prayer concerns of our church, for the members of the staff, for our community, and for the world. They also send cards of encouragement to members in need. You are invited to be a part of this very important and dedicated ministry!

Sisters4Christ – Busy women with not enough hours in the day remember that prayer is still an essential part of keeping balance. This community of women meets at a local Panera at 7 a.m. every other Saturday to share a devotion, their prayer concerns, and their encouragement in faith.





Brighter

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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

Connection—it makes us stronger, helps us to share encouragement, and just seems to make our lives brighter! After all, everything—even faith and discipleship—is easier when you share the journey with others! The offerings in this section are meant to help you find ways to get connected—to be blessed and to be a blessing to others!

Life Groups

Each of the offerings below is a group that shares fellowship based on stages of life. The boundaries are not necessarily defined by age limitations, but more by the common ground of life experiences. Fellowship may be centered around social activities, educational or missional opportunities, or faith-based discussion—each group sets its own calendar and agenda. All of our life groups are open and very welcoming!

Funtastiks – Our active Seniors group is going strong and meets once a month to share lunch and enjoy a field trip, program, or guest speaker. But you don't have to be a Senior to join in the fun! Upcoming Funtastik events are regularly advertised in the weekly bulletin. See Jo Ann Cline for more information.

LAF – (Life after Fifty) is our group of pre- and newly retireds, empty nesters, Boomers... and they love to LAF! Join them for a trip to the theater, Sunday brunch, or a lively game of Feather Bowling! Activities and specifics are regularly posted on our website. John and Donna Young serve as coordinators for this group.

Parents of Teens and College Students – OK, it's not a catchy name, but this newly forming group has just scheduled its introductory event and it's a **Road Rally** which will lead you to dinner and an evening of making plans for this group – including selecting a name! *The Road Rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 24.* Contact Julie Wright or Kelly Sheckell for more information.

Soul Connection – This group is transitioning from formerly being our “young adults” group to becoming our “young families” group as many are starting or have started families and now have children up into elementary school. This is an active group which plans events for couples, families, spiritual growth, and social awareness. These movers and shakers are the future of Orchard! See Lesley and Nick Bonsky for more information.

Life Groups



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Young Adults – Another new life group getting ready to form has yet to meet for the first time and establish a name. These are our recently graduated from college and newly employed in the “real world.” Many have come up through the ranks of our youth program, but some are new to Orchard. Stay tuned for further details about this new fellowship ministry!

Roots is our online connection among students who have graduated out of our youth group and moved on to college or military service. They stay connected via social media offering encouragement and getting together whenever school breaks align and time permits. Roots have been known to organize mission projects early in the spring, serving at Cass Community Center and with the Urban Farming Initiative.

Fusion (Senior High Youth Fellowship) – Fusion is our Sunday night youth fellowship ministry which works to build trust-based relationships among our high school students, and encourages them to explore what it means to be a Christian living out faith in challenging situations. Meets Sunday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. and includes a snack supper. Fusion Leader is Erin Bianco.

JAM (Jesus and Me) is our Middle School youth fellowship group for 7th and 8th graders which also meets Sunday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. This group navigates the murky waters at the confluence of early teen-hood and faith formation. JAM is considered to be another critical element in preparing for Confirmation into membership. JAM Leader is Kelly Sheckell.



Other Brighter Opportunities for Connection

Congregational Life – This committee works to provide special events which bring the congregation together and provide opportunities to extend invitation to the community. Past events include Living Nativity, the Church Picnic, Fall Fast, Movies at the Drive-In, Soup and Salad Biathalon, and many more. Many new ideas are in the hopper – if you enjoy event planning, please see Julie Wright to join the fun and festivities!

Exercise/Senior Workout – Led by Jeanette Domol, Orchard hosts exercise classes for mature adults who want to keep fit. These classes meet in the MAC on Mondays and Wednesdays. Strength Training at 9:30 and 50+ Aerobics at 10:30. Fee.

Fellowship Bridge – It's just what it says – friends who meet to play Bridge and enjoy some time together. Open to all, this group meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Linda Paulson.

Men's Hotdog Lunch Gang – Just the guys hanging out and having a little lunch. Join us for a dog on at Great Lakes Coney Island on Grand River on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. Contact Dave Brown for more information.

Independent Women & WoW & Eve's Girls – Small groups are very important communities of trust and encouragement. The three women's groups listed above have built their groups over time, and have established a network of support for one another. If you would like to be a part of starting a new covenant group, please contact Rev. Suzanne or Pastor Amy and we will try to connect you with others seeking to do the same.

Knit and Crochet – This dedicated group enjoys meeting to handcraft items for people in need, such as Scarves for Homeless Men, and Mitten Tree items for Baldwin Center. They share patterns, knowledge, encouragement and a desire to help others. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the parlor at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Ellen Cogsdill.

Opportunities for Connection



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Men's Basketball – Men are invited to drop in and shoot some hoops with others who enjoy the game Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the MAC. Contact Nick Bonsky for more information.

Men's Mall Walkers – All men are invited to join this group of seniors who walk at Twelve Oaks Mall for a little exercise on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:00 a.m. Meet on the lower level. Contact Dan Harmon for more information.

MOO (Men of Orchard) – For men of all ages, this fellowship group has a strong sense of missional purpose. Although they work diligently to support Rebuilding Together and other mission projects in the church, they also plan a variety of activities for spiritual growth, support of men and families, and just plain fun and fellowship. Contact John Young for more information.

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) – This is an organization which connects mothers of preschool age children (newborn through kindergarten) for support and encouragement as well as tips for parenting, marriage, and self-care.

Orchard's Fine Arts Committee presents its upcoming Concert Series – Invite your friends and come and enjoy a concert presented by our Fine Arts Committee! Coming this fall:
September 27 – The Michigan Flute Orchestra at 4:00 p.m.;
October 25 at 4:00 p.m. – *A Tribute to Judy Garland* with Linda Freeze and John Young.

Tai Chi – Meditate in motion as you move deliberately through a series of defensive martial arts positions. This practice is said to relieve stress and anxiety. Tai Chi meets Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Contact Marcia Harmon for more information. Fee.

Women's Mall Walkers – Make friends as you burn calories! Join the women who walk at Twelve Oaks Mall on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the Food Court. Contact Frances Childress for more information.

Yoga – Beginners welcome at this yoga class led by instructor Kavitha Subrimani. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Fee.



Stranger

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Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:37-40

Ask any of the youth who have been on mission trip and they'll tell you that serving makes you stronger. The expression of our faith through mission and service has incredible impact as we seek to bless others. And somehow, when we serve others, we are connecting with Jesus in powerful ways.

Mission and Service

Missions

Men of Orchard (MOO) – The Men of Orchard financially support a variety of missions, most notably Rebuilding Together. They also prepare an annual pancake breakfast for the community called *Breakfast with Santa*. This group meets on an “as needed” basis for purposes determined by their steering committee. For more information, contact John Young.

Missions Committee – Our Missions committee manages the portion of our missional giving that supports local relief efforts through several local agencies. In addition, they coordinate food collections for local food banks, Christmas gifts for families in need, and host an annual picnic for the developmentally disabled from Cass Community Services each summer. This committee meets once a month under the leadership of Cathy Alberty. If you have a heart for missions and want to be a part of this team, Cathy would love to hear from you.

Rebuilding Together – Orchard has long been a supporter of Rebuilding Together, a service which works with the local community to provide home rehab for those who cannot afford it or unable to do the work themselves. In addition to financial support, we provide leadership, and labor for the annual work day in late April. If you have a flare for home repair and maintenance and would like to lend a helping hand, please contact Gale Frazee.

South Oakland Shelter (SOS) – Once a year, Orchard hosts and provides shelter and hospitality for South Oakland Shelter, a moving shelter for those who are working to regain their independence. Many hands are needed to provide all manner of care and services. This fall, our guests will arrive on October 25. Visit the SOS display in the narthex or contact Sara Ganser to see how you can be a part of this vital ministry.



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CROP Walk – Each spring Orchard walks as part of the global effort to relieve hunger through the CROP Walk. You can participate by walking and finding sponsors, or by sponsoring a walker. Watch for details about this all-inclusive mission opportunity coming in May 2016.

Youth Mission Trip – Orchard youth have a long-running tradition of taking their enthusiasm out into the world to help rehab homes for people in need. Each year the group plans a trip to a different part of the country so that the youth can learn something about the varying needs that exist in our nation. If you are a high school student this year, you are eligible to go on the 2016 trip if you meet the requirements. Contact Erin Bianco for more information.

F.R.O.G. Week - Friends Reaching Out for God is our Junior High summer mission project. Students spend a week serving at a wide variety of local missions so as to understand the needs around them and the many opportunities we have to serve. All students having completed grades 6-8 are invited to participate. The 2016 schedule will be posted later in the spring.

Service

I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together. While Christ is the heart and soul of the church, we are the hands and feet that move it forward and take care of it. Each of us is essential to upholding the ministry that happens here. Here are some of the ways you can help be the church as you serve the church.

Building Care and Repair – Our Trustees are charged with caring for the building – from doorstops to lightbulbs, from yard work to plumbing. If you're handy and have a hand to lend, please contact Barbara DeGrazia, or Betsy Stanis if outdoor work is your passion.



Child Care – There is no more special and significant job than taking care of our youngest members – the future of our faith. We *always* need volunteers to provide safe and loving care – on Sunday mornings, and during the week while programs and ministries are running. To volunteer a little time and love, please contact Meghann Snyder.

Committee Service

Each September our Lay Leadership Committee works to match the right people and their gifts and graces with the needs of our various committees. Finance, Trustees, Missions, Church Council, Staff Parish, Congregational Life, Lay Leadership... these are just some of the opportunities available to help serve and guide the work and future of the church. Contact Pastor Amy if you would like to serve.

Office Support

Office assistance is regularly needed and such a wonderful way to help the staff! Here are some of the ways you can help. Please contact Deanna Kohl for more information.

Answer Phones – This important job means you sit at the front desk and greet people as they come in, offer directions for those who need it, and answer the phone when it rings. Spread a little Orchard cheer!

Harvester Mailing – Once a month we need volunteers to help assemble and prepare the Harvester newsletter for mailing. This is typically a 1-2 hour task.

Special Projects and Mailings – If you are generally available to help out on an as-needed basis, please let Deanna know!



Mission and Service

Teaching/Leading/Assisting

There are always opportunities to assist with teaching or assisting other leaders as they provide leadership for children and youth. If you have the time and a desire for teaching or spending time with kids, please contact Meghann Snyder to volunteer to work with children, or Kelly Sheckell and Erin Bianco if you'd prefer to work with youth!

Visitation Team

This team makes regular visits to our homebound members to share the valuable gift of time and care, as well as a prayer. If you would like to be a part of this significant ministry, please contact Marcia Harmon or Suzanne Reddy.



Hospitality

Hospitality is such a vital part of the identity and ministry of a church that cares about people. There are so many ways to serve in the area of hospitality! Here are just a few! Many of these opportunities are accessible via the sign-up board in the narthex, however, DyAnn St. Clair will gladly answer questions you may have about any of these opportunities to serve.

Welcomers & Greeters warmly welcome members and visitors and help people to connect and find their way around.

Connection Point Desk Host serves to answer questions for people who are looking for more information about Orchard, its programs, and ministries.

Cookie Bakers provide cookies and treats for the hospitality hour between worship services.

Visitor Response – Take a fresh loaf of bread and a packet of information about Orchard to folks who have visited for the first time.

Funeral Luncheon Support – When a funeral is held here at Orchard, we usually assist the family with providing a luncheon to the guests who have come. There are many ways to assist with this ministry. Although the meal itself is often provided, we still have need for assistance with set-up, hostessing, serving, cleanup and even sometimes baking or bringing side-dishes. [Please note that although our Randy Hall often agrees to provide the meal, he is not compensated for these additional areas of service, and they remain an opportunity for us to serve the family.]

Hospitality



Service in Worship



Worship

Worship is one of the most important things we do here at Orchard, and it takes *lots* of people to make it happen! We are currently looking for helpers in *all* of the following areas!

Acolytes and Acolyte Coordinators – It has long been a tradition that the youth of Orchard assist in worship by bringing in the light of Christ to the candles on the altar, and assist with elements of worship such as offertory. Students 7th grade and up are eligible and encouraged to serve as acolytes. If you would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact Lisa Jackson or Alyson Gay.

Altar Flowers – Flowers are a lovely way to honor or remember someone. Please consider signing up to provide flowers for the altar on the Sign-up board in the narthex. You may take your flowers home following the 2nd worship service.

Children's Message – Are you comfortable with children, speaking in front of a crowd, telling stories, sound effects, and improvisation? Then you may be ready to volunteer to lead a children's message. Please see Pastor Amy if you feel called to this ministry.

Communion Stewards – Help to prepare the Communion elements and place them on the altar on the first Sunday of each month and for special services.

Liturgist – Liturgists assist in leading elements of worship such as the call to worship, prayers, invitation to offering, and scripture. If you are comfortable with public speaking and would enjoy assisting with worship, please contact Barbara DeGrazia or Deanna Kohl.

Media Tech – Enjoy a seat with a view as you press the magic button that brings up the screens we use in worship. Linda Hall designs the screens and puts them in order. All you need is a little training, and a button-pushing finger! Please see Linda Hall for reassurance about the ease of this important job!

Service in Worship

Singers & Musicians – Do you sing? Play an instrument? From ringing to singing to playing an instrument, there are many ways to serve in our Music Ministry. Please look for more information about our music ministry in the discipleship section of our catalog.

Sound Techs – Orchard now has a new digital sound board to help us provide highest quality worship sound in an easy and manageable way. Now, we need folks with good ears to help us operate it. Justin and Chris are happy to provide training – all you have to do is volunteer! See Justin Hamilton or Chris Striffler.

Ushers – Help seat people, offer hospitality and directions, assist with worship needs. Ushers serve one Sunday a month. Contact Scott Adamowski for more information.

Worship Drama – Have you been waiting for the role of a lifetime? Every now and then, we have need for a skit or drama that illustrates a point in worship. Are you the actor we've been waiting for? Let Cathy Albery know if you're looking for your big break!



Notes



Louder

Louder...

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus calls us to witness to our faith. The offerings in this section are opportunities to answer the call to discipleship through the very specific act of sharing faith.

Discipleship

Discipleship is the act of witnessing to our faith in a way that helps people to encounter the loving and grace-filled presence of God. Many of the opportunities below have been listed in the Stronger section of the catalog under opportunities to serve. However, these particular opportunities are not just about a task, but about sharing faith and encouraging it in others.

Hospitality Team

Greeting, visiting new members, and providing support for our Funeral luncheons are just some of the ways you can be a caring and assuring presence to others. See DyAnn St Clair to find out how you can extend hospitality!

Teaching/Leading

Whether you volunteer to teach Sunday School to toddlers or lead a men's Bible study, teaching and leading are one of the most significant ways you can witness to your faith and to help others to find theirs. Prayerfully consider what God is asking of you!

Visitation Team

After years of active membership at Orchard many of our older members struggle with limitations of health and aging that isolate them from the faith community that means so much to them. If you have time and compassion for visiting, please contact Marcia Harmon or Suzanne Reddy and volunteer to minister to our seniors, shut-in members, and those experiencing temporary health issues.

Discipleship and Evangelism



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Evangelism

Evangelism is the church word for what we know of as “marketing” – it is a dedicated intent to share the *good news* and to make sure that our light has not been hidden under the busy-ness of the world around us.

Marketing – Getting the word out there into the community that Orchard is a great church with wonderful programs and ministries, and a hospitable, welcoming church takes some effort. If you have a passion and interest in working on the challenges of publicizing all the good that Orchard has to offer, please see Rev. Suzanne!

Website Assistance – Our website is one of our most valuable tools for offering information about the happenings at Orchard. If you are interested in helping us maintain the most up-to-date presence on our website, please contact Rev. Suzanne.

Music Ministry

Ring, sing, strum, beat – share your gifts of music as you share your faith *in* music. Here are some of the ways you can make a joyful sound to the Lord! See Jamie Reed if any of these ways make your heart sing, ring, strum, or beat!

Chancel Choir – provides music leadership for the 11:00 worship service. They rehearse at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings.

All About Soul – provides music leadership for our contemporary service at 9:00. If you play an instrument or are a confident singer who enjoys praise music, this group may be for you. They rehearse at 6:15 on Wednesday evenings.

Chancel Ringers – This handbell group is always looking for folks who have some music reading experience and have always wanted to shake those bells! This group has openings right now and so is not currently on the schedule.

Lighthouse Rock – This is our youth music group, working on a new concept of taking secular and praise music and discovering what it has to say to our faith today. Lighthouse Rock meets at 5:00 on Sunday just before JAM & Fusion.

Children's and Cherub Choir – Our children's choir will be meeting as part of our Wednesday Nights Together program starting in October. Children ages Pre-K to 6th grade are eligible to participate.

Music Ministry



Notes



*Children's
Ministry*

Children's Ministry...

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

Orchard has made a commitment to providing a loving and nurturing children's ministry, where children can know Jesus through story and experience.

Children's Ministry

WOW – Worship our Way (for children ages preschool through 4th grade) is our children's worship experience offered during the main worship services. Children begin in the sanctuary with their families, and are dismissed following the Children's Message to go and participate in an experiential and age-appropriate worship service which prepares them to make the transition to adult worship.

Sunday School for Children – Featuring our new *Deep Blue* interactive Bible-based curriculum, children from toddler through 4th grade will enjoy biblical lessons and stories as they gain proficiency using their own Bibles. Our 5th and 6th graders will also be using the *Deep Blue* curriculum in their own class called **Club 56**.

WWJD (for children through 6th grade) – *What Would Jesus Do?* is the children's element of our Wednesday Nights Together program. Children will explore through games and other experiential activities what it means to think and act like Jesus.

Family Fun – Our children's ministry also regularly plans family-oriented events such as movie nights, a swim day in February, and this October, our very special Touch-a-Truck event!

Safe Sanctuaries

Safe Sanctuaries is a policy designed to ensure that our church is a safe and welcome place for all children. It includes factors such as background checks for all leaders and volunteers, policies for student/teacher ratios, and strict check-in and check-out policies. We have also made our children's wing a peanut restricted zone to keep our children with allergies safe.

Children's Ministry



Vacation Bible School

One of the most vibrant pieces of our children's ministry is our summer Vacation Bible School. It's a week of joy and laughter and discovery as children hear and experience essential bible stories even as they begin to figure out what those stories mean for their own lives. Details about VBS are released in late spring.

Staff

The success of this ministry is dependent on the many volunteers and the devoted leaders who share their faith, their time, their energy, and their love for children. If you would like to join this enthusiastic team, please contact any of our dedicated staff:

Meghann Snyder, Director of Children's Ministry

Mari Anne Wilks, Preschool Coordinator

Kessiah Ray, Nursery Care Provider





Youth
Ministry

Youth Ministry...

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young,
but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love,
in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12*

Components of our youth program include Christian Education, faith and fellowship, and opportunities to put faith into action through planned mission and service activities. Youth are also encouraged to serve as acolytes, ushers, child care helpers, liturgists and musicians.

Youth Ministry

For Middle School (Students in grades 7-8)

Leader: Kelly Sheckell

Confirmation – All 7th and 8th graders will be preparing to be confirmed this year. Sunday School will be the primary lesson time for this essential journey of discernment. Some sessions will jointly include families and/or mentors. A complete schedule for the course of the year will be mailed directly to students and their parents.

JAM (Jesus and Me) is our Junior High youth fellowship group which also meets Sunday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. This group navigates the murky waters at the confluence of early teen-hood and faith formation. JAM is considered to be another critical element in preparing for Confirmation into membership.

F.R.O.G. Week - Friends Reaching Out for God is our Junior High summer mission project. Students spend a week serving at a wide variety of local missions so as to understand the needs around them and the many opportunities we have to serve. All students having complete grades 6-8 are invited to participate. The 2016 schedule will be posted later in the spring.

Lighthouse Rock (for all youth, grades 7-12)

Lighthouse Rock is our dynamic new youth music program which uses both praise and pop music to help students to find their voice and share their faith through music. Lighthouse Rock meets at 5:00 on Sunday evenings in the choir room.

Youth Ministry



For Senior High (Students in grades 9-12)

Leader: Erin Bianco

Breakfast Club for Senior High – Breakfast Club is our new high school Sunday School concept, encouraging students to participate in worship and to gain a more mature understanding of biblical ideas and applications. Students are encouraged to attend worship – even sit together – and then gather in the café with Kyle Heffebower to discuss the day's topics.

Fusion (Senior High Youth Fellowship) – Fusion is our Sunday night youth fellowship ministry which works to build trust-based relationships among our high school students, and encourages them to explore what it means to be a Christian living out faith in challenging situations. Meets Sunday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. and includes a snack supper.

Youth Mission Trip – Orchard youth have a long-running tradition of taking their enthusiasm out into the world to help rehab homes for people in need. Each year the group plans a trip to a different part of the country so that the youth can learn something about the varying needs that exist in our nation. If you are a high school student this year, you are eligible to go on the 2016 trip if you meet the requirements.





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