

# September 22, 2024

## Welcome to The Orchard!

We're glad you're here, and we're excited about the journey we're on together at the Orchard. Our mission is to become fully-functioning followers of Jesus who are rooted in hope and branching out to the world. We are a group of people from all sorts of backgrounds seeking to sink our lives deep into Jesus Christ, our Everlasting Hope...to experience that hope with a growing desire to express it to the world around us. Questions/Contact us: [info@orchardmchenry.org](mailto:info@orchardmchenry.org)

### This Month's Memory Verse:

"He must increase, but I must decrease."  
John 3:30

**PARKING on Sundays:** Please do NOT park in the entrances/exits of our parking lot. These are not parking spaces. We need to keep them clear to allow for safe maneuvering into and out of our parking lots. We appreciate your cooperation with this. On Sunday, if you arrive early to serve or attend Adult Sunday School, please consider parking in the back and using our back entrance to free up spaces on the front and side of our building for those arriving closer to the start of the service and using our main entrance. Thank you.

### Ministry Highlight...

#### GREETERS MINISTRY:

The greeters are the first people to welcome those who enter our doors. We strive to make everyone - visitors and current church family members alike feel welcomed and encouraged when they attend our church. As a way of showing our appreciation, we distribute "Welcome Bags" for first time visitors.

This ministry also serves in other ways - taking count of the children in the classrooms, and attendees in the sanctuary, collecting the offerings & communication cards and assisting with any questions or concerns.

We appreciate your prayers for this ministry as we serve and glorify God.

We would love for you to join our team. Please feel free to reach out to Tracy Winter with any questions. (815)703-7095. [traywin2003@yahoo.com](mailto:traywin2003@yahoo.com)

### This Week .... At The Orchard

<b>SUNDAY - 22</b> <i>First Day of Autumn</i> Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm	<b>MONDAY - 23</b> Care Calling	<b>TUESDAY - 24</b> Elder meeting 6pm Tactics Connections Group 6:30pm Women's Connections Group 7pm	<b>WEDNESDAY - 25</b> Chosen Connections Group 6pm OYM Meeting 6:30pm Worship Practice 7pm	<b>THURSDAY - 26</b> CDV Food Pantry REAL Connections Group 2pm Men's Connections Group 6:30pm	<b>FRIDAY - 27</b> Marriage Retreat leave	<b>SATURDAY - 28</b> Marriage Retreat Men's Breakfast 7am	<b>SUNDAY - 29</b> Marriage Retreat return Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm
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### You Won't Want To Miss....

#### Fall Connections Groups

Don't forget to sign up **today** for a Connections Group (small group studies) for the Fall. See the brochure of offerings on the back table by the Family Ministry Center. Sign up on your communication card with the respective code.

#### Men's Breakfast

Come join us for breakfast & some fellowship this Saturday, **September 28th**. We will meet at Green Street Café, 1219 N Green Street, McHenry, at 7am. Please sign-up by circling "M" on your communication card Invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker. Questions? See John Helmich.

**Event Registration Code: M**

#### Children's Christmas Pageant Meeting

On Sunday, **October 6th** at 11:45am in Room 300: Parent(s) of the children interested in participating in this year's pageant, please attend this meeting. The children are welcome to join the meeting. Let us know you'll be attending by circling "C". *Pageant will be on Sunday, December 15th.*

**Event Registration Code: P**

#### Pastor Appreciation

October is traditionally Pastor Appreciation month. We are truly blessed to have Pastor Scott and Pastor Jeremy shepherding our congregation. We would like to encourage you to continue praying for our pastors and their families. We will be recognizing and praying over them on Sunday, **October 13th**, with a time of fellowship and treats following the service. You are welcome to drop a card/note in the offering basket or the box on the back table by our sanctuary entrance...we will present them on the 13th.

#### Fall Family Night & Great Pie Bake-Off

Join us on Saturday, **October 12th**, 6:30-9:30pm, at Royal Oak Farm, 15908 Hebron Road, Harvard. We'll enjoy a great evening of fellowship by a toasty bonfire, roast some hot dogs, take a hayride through the orchard with a stop to pick 2 apples each. The church will supply the dogs, buns, chips, condiments and paper products. Please bring your own beverages, lawn chairs, blankets, roasting sticks and flashlights... PLUS don't forget to bring your favorite homemade pie to share after we return from the hayride. Invite a friend. *This event is free.* Please circle "F" on your communication card to sign up.

**Event Registration Code: F**

### Save The Date:

*Parenting Conference:* Saturday, **November 9th** from 9am to 2pm (See flier on back table)  
*Unbreakable Cocoa Caroling Connection:* Saturday, **December 7th** from 3pm to 6:30pm

### Communication Card

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*We're glad you're here!*

Please fill this out & place it in one of the baskets in the back of the sanctuary after the service. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Total attending today's service:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have children, ages:**

\_\_\_ 0-5                      \_\_\_ Elementary

\_\_\_ Jr High                      \_\_\_ High School

**Are you a...**

\_\_\_ 1st Time Guest?                      \_\_\_ 2nd Time Guest?

\_\_\_ 3rd Time Guest?                      \_\_\_ Regular Attender?

**How did you hear about us?**

\_\_\_ Mailing                      \_\_\_ Family/Friend

Friend/Family: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Website                      \_\_\_ Facebook

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EVENT REGISTRATION CODES

I would like to sign up for the following events:

(Circle the appropriate letter)

**F                      M                      P**

How many adults? \_\_\_\_\_ children? \_\_\_\_\_

**Connections Group #** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_