

December 1, 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:

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'." John 14:6

Advent Week 1: HOPE Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

### Christmas Celebrations:

Children's Christmas Pageant: Sunday, **December 15th** during 10am service  
Christmas Eve Service: Tuesday, **December 24th** at 4pm

### Ministry Highlight...

#### Worship Team:

The *Worship-Through-Music Ministry* at The Orchard Church leads our congregation in worship of God through music. We do this primarily by singing and playing songs that glorify and worship God during our worship services, and by providing an atmosphere that encourages and inspires others to worship God as well.

We have openings for musicians and singers as well as for audio and visual technicians. We are a welcoming and encouraging group of people who love to welcome new team members! Previous formal training is not required, but a passion for God and for serving His people is a must! This includes practicing and working on your own, as well as attending our Wednesday night rehearsals during the weeks you are scheduled to serve.

If you have interest in joining, please contact Aaron Netsell at [onadime@aaronnetsell.com](mailto:onadime@aaronnetsell.com) or (815) 529-0660.

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

**SUNDAY - 1**  
**Advent: HOPE**  
**Communion**  
Adult Sunday School 8:45am  
Worship Service 10am  
Children's Pageant Practice 12 pm  
Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm

**MONDAY - 2**  
Care Calling  
REAL Cookie Exchange

**TUESDAY - 3**  
Women's Connections Group 7pm

**WEDNESDAY - 4**  
The Chosen CG 6pm  
OYM meeting 6:30pm  
Worship Practice 7pm

**THURSDAY - 5**  
CDV Food Pantry  
Men's CG 6:30pm

**FRIDAY - 6**

**SATURDAY - 7**  
Unbreakable: Cocoa,  
Caroling Connection 3pm

**SUNDAY - 8**  
**Advent: PEACE**  
Adult Sunday School 8:45am  
Worship Service 10am  
Members Annual mtg 11:45am  
Children's Pageant Practice 12:30pm  
Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm

### You Won't Want To Miss....

#### Communion-Benevolence

Be prepared **today** to worship and celebrate with communion. Our communion crackers and pre-packaged sets are *gluten-free*. If you would like to contribute to the benevolent fund that helps people in our church and in our community, a basket will be at the entrance to the sanctuary for your gift.

#### Home of the Sparrow - Giving Tree

We have an opportunity to partner with Home of the Sparrow again this year to help provide hope, opportunity and support to local families struggling with homelessness. The Giving Tree will be set up in the FMC *starting this Sunday, **December 1st**. All gifts need to be returned unwrapped by December 29th.*

#### REAL Cookie Exchange & Secret Sister **Event Registration Code: R**

This Monday, **December 2nd**, from 6-8:30pm in the Family Ministry Center. Ladies we will get together for some holiday cheer & fellowship. Please bring a dessert/appetizer to share & 2 dozen cookies if you plan to participate in the cookie exchange. This is a great event to invite family & friends. Let us know you'll be joining us by circling "R" on your communication card.

#### Unbreakable: Cocoa, Caroling & Connection **Event Registration Code: U**

Unbreakable Marriage Ministry is inviting all married couples to join us for our annual Christmas party this Saturday, **December 7th**. We will be meeting at Alden Terrace for some caroling & then heading back to church for our potluck dinner and some fun & games! Childcare will be provided. Please sign up on your communication card by circling "U".

#### Church Potluck **Event Registration Code: P**

Join us for our next great meal together on Sunday, **December 15th**, following the service. Please let us know you will be joining us by circling "P" on your communication card. After signing up, you will receive an email with a link to let us know what you will be bringing.

#### Parent-Child Dedication **Event Registration Code: D**

Sunday, **December 22nd**: Parent-Child Dedication is a ceremony where parents publicly declare their personal commitment to Christ and whole-hearted commitment to raising their children in the instruction of the Lord. If you are interested in being part of this dedication with your child, please circle event code "D" on your communication card.

#### Celebration Banquet 2025 - Planning Team

Interested in being apart of the banquet planning team (Banquet is Sunday, **January 19th** at 5:30pm), see or contact Pastor Scott ([scott@orchardmchenry.org](mailto:scott@orchardmchenry.org)).

### 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)

**D P R U**

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

Community Outreach Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

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