

September 29, 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

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

This Week At The Orchard

SUNDAY - 29 Marriage Retreat return Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Sermon Based Connections Group 6:30pm	MONDAY - 30 Care Calling REAL Connections Group 7pm	TUESDAY - 10/1 Tactics Connections Group 6:30pm Women's Connections Group 7pm	WEDNESDAY - 10/2 Chosen Connections Group 6pm OYM Meeting 6:30pm Worship Practice 7pm	THURSDAY - 10/3 CDV Food Pantry REAL Connections Group 2pm Men's Connections Group 6:30pm	FRIDAY - 10/4	SATURDAY - 10/5	SUNDAY - 10/6 Communion Adult Sunday School 8:45am Worship Service 10am Pageant Meeting 11:45am 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.

Communion-Benevolence

Be prepared next Sunday, **October 6th** 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.

Children's Christmas Pageant Meeting

Event Registration Code: C

Next 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**.

Fall Family Night & Great Pie Bake-Off

Event Registration Code: F

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.

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.

Church Potluck

Event Registration Code: P

Join us for our next great meal together on Sunday, **October 20th**, 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.

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)

C F P

How many adults? _____ children? _____

Connections Group # _____

Name: _____