

# Orchard Harvester

Orchard United Methodist Church  
Farmington Hills MI  
September, 2010

## Upcoming Orchard Events...

Mon. Sept. 6 - Office Closed (Labor Day)  
Fri. Sept. 10 - Baldwin Kitchen Volunteers  
Sat. Sept. 11 - Scrapbooking  
Sun. Sept. 12 - Regular Worship Hours Resume  
Wed. Sept 15 - BLAST / Club 56 Fall Programs begin  
Fri. Sept. 17 - Kids' Movie Night  
Sun. Sept. 19 - Annual All-Church Picnic  
Tues. Sept. 21 - Funtastiks (Chelsea Retirement Community)  
Fri. Sept. 24 - Sun. Sept. 26 - Men's Retreat in Oscoda  
Thurs. Sept. 30 - Sat. Oct. 2 - Orchard's Annual Rummage Sale



### Sunday, September 19th

12:15 - 2:30 p.m.

#### Old-fashioned All-Church Picnic



Dress casually for worship at Orchard, then bring your picnic supplies downstairs to the MAC for a time of fellowship, food and fun. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. **Please sign up on the Opportunities Board to bring a salad, side dish or dessert that serves 12.** Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, beverages and table service provided.

After lunch, there will be a candy toss for the kids, the annual pie-eating contest, and lots of fellowship time. Guests welcome!



**\*\* The ponies are coming back!! Pony rides will be available for kids. \*\***



### START TIME FOR FALL WORSHIP, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

We begin our fall season on Sunday, September 12th with these times:

- 9:00 A.M.** - Casual, contemporary style of service, usually with Average Methodist Band. Child care available for infants - three year olds. *Kids' Own Worship* for 4 year olds - third graders after Children's Message.
- 10:00/10:45 A.M.** - Christian Education classes for all ages.
- 11:00 A.M.** - Traditional service with Chancel Choir singing most Sundays. Child care available for infants - three year olds. *Kids' Own Worship* for 4 year olds - third graders after Children's Message.

### BLAST and Club 56

#### MID-WEEK KIDS' PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15TH

**BLAST!** Belonging Learning And Serving Together (1st to 4th grade): Our *Orbit Crew* rotations include creative dramatics, crafts, singing, computers, sports, dinner, Bible memorization and more!

**Club 56** (5th and 6th grades): This energy-filled program focuses on character building and developing a strong sense of self by learning Christian values in a fun atmosphere. Activities include Bible discussion, service, games, music, dinner, and more!

*Wednesdays from 4:45-7:00 p.m. \$35 fee required\* (includes dinner). Registration forms in the church office.*  
*\*scholarships available*

**MOPS STARTS SEPTEMBER 16TH!** Are you a mom of a young child(ren) not yet in school? Do you routinely pull your hair out at the mundane and crazy shenanigans of your household? Are you in search of other moms in a similar situation? Do you have Thursday mornings available? If you answered yes to these questions, then we have the group for you. Call Kelly Sheckell at 248-594-1980 for information about MOPS. Our first meeting is Thursday, September 16 at 9:30. Childcare lovingly provided by women of Orchard.

# Between Sundays...

It's almost September! **Where has summer gone?** Life continues to move whether I want it to or not. I can hear the marching band practicing in the athletic fields behind the parsonage while Orchard families are preparing for their end of summer camp out weekend at Meyer's Lake.

September will bring **a series of hello's and good-bye's** to Orchard. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to welcome to our staff **Jessica Stone as the new Junior High Youth Leader**. Jessica is a bright vivacious young woman, who has a love for middle school youth and a growing faith. She is a graduate of Purdue University, was recently married to Andrew at Orchard, and hopes to begin graduate school in January.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is also pleased to announce that our **children's ministry will be co-directed by Julie Wright and Mary Ann Wilkes**. Julie proposed the idea of a co-leadership team and we are excited to try it. Our children have been touched by Julie's leadership and we appreciate her willingness to continue. Please welcome Mary Ann to this new responsibility. Mary Ann and Jack are part of a wonderful longtime Orchard family. She has a warm spirit and generous heart, is mom to Marisa and Haley, and teaches at North Farmington High School.

Unfortunately life is full of goodbye's as well as hello's. **Paul and Isabelle Davis are moving to Connecticut** to be closer to their family (especially the grandkids ☺). For six years Paul was our lay leader who helped us "imagine the possibilities" and turn them into a reality. Together their support and leadership have been essential to Orchard. We will say goodbye and extend God's blessing to them on Sunday, August 29th. Please greet them between services, or share in a special coffee hour after the 10:30 service.

In mid September **we will also bid goodbye to Rev. Vivian C. and Brother Bill Bryant**. They will be moving to Tennessee to be closer to their daughter, Darmetta, and her husband, Chester Drew. Rev. Vivian C's bible class and pastoral ministry have been a gift to Orchard. We have loved their faithfulness, spirit and joy. We will say goodbye and extend God's blessing to them on Sunday, Sept. 19th. Please greet them at a special coffee hour at 10:00 a.m. between services.

**The face of our Orchard family is constantly changing**, yet the heart of our shared faith in Jesus Christ remains the same. With a seed of faith and the blessing of hope, we send the Bryants and Davis's forth. Yet with God's love and commitment we shall grow together here with Jessica and Mary Ann. **Wherever we are, in God we trust!**

Blessings,

*Caul ☺*



## Financial Resources Program Starts in October

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University program will begin again on Sunday, October 3rd from 6-8 p.m. These two-hour classes provide tools that use biblically-based accountability and a realistic means to help you manage your financial resources. The cost for all materials for this 13 week program is \$95 per family unit. Register in the office; payment is required at that time. Questions? Contact Rev. Margo (248 626-3620, x 27).

### YOUTH MINISTRY FIRES UP FOR FALL

If you are entering 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades, please don't miss the kick-off party for another great year of youth ministry! We'll open the year with a party on Sunday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8:00 p.m. Friends are welcome! Watch the mail for your invitation!

### CLEAN THOSE CLOSETS!

The Orchard United Methodist Women's Annual Fall Rummage Sale is back and scheduled for September 30th - October 2nd. It's time to get those closets, basements, attics, and garages cleaned out!!!



Donations will be accepted in the MAC **no earlier than Sunday, September 26th** from 4 - 6 p.m. *Other drop-off times are Monday, Sept. 27th & Tuesday, Sept. 28th from 9-12 (morning), and 5-7 (evening).* Please do not leave items outside. We cannot accept large furniture items, televisions or computers.

The Evening Sale will be on Thursday, September 30th from 6 - 8 p.m. The Daytime Sale is Friday, October 1st from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Bag Sale is Saturday, October 2nd from 9 a.m. - Noon.

Helpers (men and women!) are welcome and needed all week and during the sales. Proceeds will benefit UMW missions. Questions? Contact Janice Mitchell (248 626-3620)

*Note: If you've got an almost-adult child setting up housekeeping, this sale is the perfect place to pick up kitchen equipment, lamps, linens, etc.!*

**Mark Your Calendar!** Orchard will be hosting the South Oakland Shelter (SOS) the week of October 31st-November 7th. *Many volunteers will be needed!* Look for details in the October Harvester.



**Attea Gilbertson and Colin Ulman** were united in marriage at Orchard on Saturday, July 31, 2010.

**Kelsey Cross and Michael Gibney** were united in marriage at Orchard on Saturday, August 14, 2010.

### Sunday Christian Education Offerings for Adults - Begins Sept. 12th, 10:00 a.m.

**Christianity in the Middle Ages** - study the Protestant Reformation, along with the theological diversity of the medieval Catholic Church and the many Christian movements that took place from 1500 to 1650, one of the most chaotic periods of European history.

\*Led by Richard Lipka

**Dinosaurs, Teens and Rubik's Cube: Unraveling the Mysteries of Raising Teens** - join us for excellent and practical discussions on how to sustain meaningful relationships in our families. We will begin with a series on how to parent your teen. All ages invited to participate.

\*Led by Tony De Orio

**Everything Old is New Again** - Who would have thought the prophets could be so much fun? And so interesting! And so much like ourselves! We will continue with *The Prophets* - books available (no need to buy). Come for great Bible study and lively discussion, all ages & genders. \*Led by Dr. Mary Clark

### A THANK YOU FROM MISSIONS

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the Missions Committee members, FROGS (junior high youth) and everyone else who helped with the Cass Social Services Picnic Lunch on Aug. 12th. Our guests had a great time. "Many hands make light work."

On Saturday, October 2nd we'll be serving lunch at the Scott Center (Cass Community Services in downtown Detroit). *Please save the date!*

-Cheryl Morrell, Missions Chairperson

### ORCHARD FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS IN AUGUST



Matt Abdallah and Rowena Adamowski's aunt,

**Johnnie Allis**

Pam Abdallah's uncle, **Keith Meaney**

Cathy and David Albery's friend, **Roz Schroeder**

Former Orchard member, **Jerry Allison**

Glenna Callaghan's friend, **Gordie Bowser**

Tom Clark's friends, **the family of Cpl. Matt Edwards**

Carolyn and Ron Cole's sister-in-law, **Betty Shefferly**  
Valerie Costello's mother, **Ruth Johnson**  
Craig Daniel's cousin, **Paul and family**  
Jamie Davis' friend, **Diane**  
Barbara DeGrazia's friend, **Al Phillips**  
Don DeGrazia's cousin, **Carl**  
**Rev. Margo Dexter**  
**June Gates**  
Sharon Grisdale's son, **Chris**  
**Madison Hales**  
Amy Hamilton's mother, **Joan**  
Vivian Henderhan's friend, **Jan Tiplady**  
**Scott Hines**  
Edie Kochanek's friends, **Cozetta and Jim Bond**  
Steve Kohl's co-worker, **Mike**  
Marilyn Mansfield's sister-in-law, **Sally Schultz**  
Anne Paddock's sister, **Jane Nelson**  
Former Orchard member, **Linda Ray**  
Kay Raymond's friend, **Emily**  
Douglas Repen's mother, **Barbara Repen**  
**The Roode Family**  
Runyan family friend, **Carol Weller**  
Laurie Sarti's brother, **Jeff Cummings**, and nephew,  
**Parker Cummings**  
Brenda Schultz's friends, **the family of Todd Bolitho**  
Sue Shrosbree's friend, **Celeste**  
Stone family friend, **Monica Lupiloff and family**  
**Allison Stone**  
Eleanor Thompson's son, **Vince**, and sister, **Janet Hayes**  
Barb and Gary Van Haren's daughter, **Lisa**  
Former Orchard member, **Betsy Watson**  
Former Orchard member, **Audrey Wilcox**  
Mari Anne Wilks' uncle, **Tom Judd** and cousins,  
**David and William Judd**, and friend, **Brian D.**

### HOSPITALIZED/CONVALESCING / ILL AT HOME IN AUGUST



**Steve Beavis**

**Glenna Callaghan**

Jan Cashman's mother, **Adelene Rex**

**Ron Cole**

**Rev. Susan DeFoe-Dunlap**

Rev. Margo Dexter's father, **Tom Byers**

**Dawn Glatfelter**

**Peggy Knuttila**

**Edwin Martinez**

**Wayne Paddock**

Louise Rudnick's brother, **John Clinton**

**Rob Rudnick**

**Mike Schultz**

Bev & Don Stacy's daughter-in-law, **Cindy Gronlund**

Donnie Wedge's grandmother, **Joan Wedge**

**Sue and Bill Young**

The Orchard *Harvester* is the newsletter of Orchard United Methodist Church.  
The next newsletter deadline is September 13, 2010 and will be mailed the week of September 25th 2010.  
E-mail articles may be directed to Susan Stone at: susanstone@orchardumc.org

Pastors: Rev. Carol J. Johns, Rev. James C. Braid, Rev. Margo Dexter  
**Summer Worship Services 9:00 and 10:30 A.M.**

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### **FUNTASTIKS IN SEPTEMBER**

On Tuesday, September 21st the Funtastiks will travel to the Chelsea Retirement Community to hear speaker Dr. Neil Alexander, an expert on mobility and falls. We'll carpool from Orchard at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 10 a.m. and concludes with lunch, which is provided. Sign up in the office if you're interested. Call Jo Ann Cline (248-553-3686) for more information.

*\*\* Coming up on October 17th - "Leaving Iowa" at the Farmington Players Barn, dinner after at Sophia's Restaurant on 10 Mile in Farmington Hills.\*\**



### **Men's Retreat Sept. 24th-26th at The AmericInn in Oscoda.**

Relax Friday night, Saturday morning Rev. Jim Braid will lead us with a great message, then we'll enjoy recreation that afternoon, and end Sunday morning with a service on the river. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex now (room for 30)! Cost is \$90 each for 2 nights (2 to a room), includes lodging, continental breakfasts, Saturday lunch, pop & snacks throughout the weekend. Carpools will be leaving both Friday afternoon & evening.

### **ARTS AND CRAFTS OPPORTUNITIES**

**Orchard Card Shop** Are you ready for some creative fun? The Orchard Card Shop is open for business! Join us for a fun evening, where we'll create 8 beautiful cards, 2 each of 4 different designs. We'll meet every third Thursday of the month (9/16, 10/21, 11/18 & 12/16) from 7-9 p.m. Fee \$15 and up. For reservations & information contact Sue Sohn (248 324-1557) or Karen Arseneau (248 683-4353).



### **Knit and Crochet Ministry Resumes September 9<sup>th</sup>**



Orchard's Knit/Crochet Ministry will meet Thurs., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., and will continue to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 1 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m. Bring your own project or join us in making rectangles for blankets, hats, scarves and mittens for the Mitten Tree, or helmet liners for soldiers. Beginners are welcome! Call Ellen Cogsdill, 248-935-8018 for more information.

### **SAVE THESE DATES IN OCTOBER:**

World Communion Sunday, October 3rd  
Pumpkin Patch starts Oct. 7th (pumpkins arrive!)  
MOO Tool Sale - Saturday, October 30th  
SOS the week of Oct. 31st to Nov. 7th