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Orchard Harvester

Newsletter of Orchard United Methodist Church

Transforming the world by growing in faith, serving others, and sharing Jesus.

BEING THE RESURRECTION AND NEW LIFE

Hello, Friends!

We are currently in the season known as Eastertide or Easter season. In some Christian traditions this is the 40 days between the resurrection of Jesus until his ascension. In other traditions this is the 50 days between the resurrection and Pentecost. In either case, this is a festive season of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ through practices like the paschal greeting, decorating Easter eggs or clipping the church. You can google the last practice if you're curious!

In the parable "Being the Resurrection" by Irish theologian Peter Rollins, he writes about a fictional community that vowed to sacrificially follow the teachings of Jesus Christ to be people of the resurrection. The main character says, "Since the founding of this community we have followed the ways taught to us by Christ. We pursued his ways faithfully even though it cost us

dearly... Each day we have forsaken our very lives for him because we judged him wholly worthy of the sacrifice, wholly worthy of our being."

Rollins notes that it's just as important for us to resurrect Christ by embodying his teachings as it is to celebrate the event that happened thousands of years ago. We do this through praying, sharing, caring, serving, forgiving, learning, and growing like Jesus did each and everyday as Christ's witnesses. In doing so Rollins says we can "be the site where Resurrection takes place—the site where Christ's presence is testified to in action."

On a personal note. Jenny and I are expecting our first child to arrive very soon and I will be on parental leave for eight weeks, permitted by the United Methodist Book of Discipline for all clergy. While I may show up here and there for a cameo appearance, mostly I plan on spending that time learning and practicing what it means to be a new parent. We've already been incredibly blessed by Orchard's baby shower last month and we ask for your continued prayers in the days, weeks, and months to come!

I've been working with our Leadership Team, Staff Parish Relations Committee, and Church Staff to cover responsibilities. If you have any questions in my absence you can mostly direct them to Pastor Nick and Jodi Lloyd (SPRC chair).

Grace and peace, *Pastor Paul*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| 5/1 Confirmation Sunday | 6/3-5 Annual Conference |
| CROP Walk | 6/3 Pastor Nick's Ordination—watch party in sanctuary |
| 5/5 National Day of Prayer | 6/12 Pastor Nick's last Sunday |
| Pub Theology, 8 pm | NOAH Project lunch making—between services |
| 5/6 Pick up flower orders, 4-7 pm | Farewell Party for Pastor Nick |
| 5/8 NOAH Project lunch making—between services | 6/18 Youth Mission Trip to Alaska (returning 6/25) |
| 5/15 Graduation Sunday | 6/19 Summer worship hours begin — 9 and 10:30 am |
| 5/20 Living & Thriving, 1 pm (Zoom) | |
| 5/22 Moving Up Sunday | |
| Last day of Sunday School | |
| 5/30 Memorial Day—office closed | |

Click [here](#) to see the entire, up to the minute, Orchard online calendar or go to orchardumc.org and click on Calendar.

MISSIONS AT ORCHARD

MISSIONS BOX IN MAY

During the month of May we will be collecting feminine hygiene products. These items are always in very low supply but high demand in local shelters and pantries. They are unable to be purchased using the Bridge Card, but are a necessary item and can take a big chunk out of a meager budget. Please pick up a lime green canvas Missions tote bag (next to the Missions Box in the narthex) as a reminder for when you are out shopping.



Thank you to all who supported our Easter candy collection in March. We had enough left over after our well-attended Easter Bash to donate to Hospitality House. Rebuilding Together is grateful for the items that were donated to help with their National Work Day on Saturday, April 30.

CROP HUNGER WALK

On Sunday, May 1 Orchard UMC walked for CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty). Orchard was among 13 teams walking in the Farmington/Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield Walk, and among 650 teams across the nation, walking to raise funds and awareness for this important cause.

Once again, Orchard UMC will be one of the Top Teams in the nation, because of the loving hearts of this generous congregation. Thank you, each and every one of you, for your commitment to this annual event, now in its 37th year. Click the link to learn more about the dedicated work of [Church World Service](#).

For those still wishing to contribute, you may continue to do so until the end of May by clicking [here](#). You may also donate cash or write a check to CWS/CROP. Contact [DyAnn St.Clair](#) for more information.

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Feminine Hygiene Products

May Missions Box Collection



There is joy in serving others...

REBUILDING TOGETHER



Good works done at Rebuilding Together on April 30, 2022.

NOAH PROJECT LUNCH MAKING



Making and packing lunches on April 10. Next date to make lunches is May 8 between services.



"STAMPING OUT HUNGER"



Stapling bags to postcards for the USPS "Stamp Out Hunger" drive on May 14.



OPPORTUNITIES



Thursday, May 5 is National Day of Prayer. The chapel (located at the south end of the Children’s Wing) offers a more intimate setting for prayer, with a sofa, chairs, kneeler, water feature, and vigil candles to light. If the sanctuary is more accessible for you, please feel free to pray in there. Both areas will be open for prayer during office hours (10 am–4 pm). Prayer guides will be in each area.

We are also hoping that we can join our voices together—from wherever we are—by praying for 5 minutes on 5/5 at 5:55.

MEAL TRAIN FOR HAHM FAMILY

Baby Hahm will be here soon! Let’s continue to show our love and support to Pastor Paul, Jennifer and baby girl Hahm by providing meals for mom and dad. Scan or click the pink QR code to go to the sign up list. When planning a meal for the family please keep in mind that Pastor Paul is gluten free and Jennifer does not eat beef or pork. Reach out to [Mari Anne Wilcox](#) with any questions.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

NOAH Project lunch making—May 8 and June 12—between services

Tailgate Worship—Sunday evenings, July 10, 17, 24. We’ll gather at 6; worship at 6:30. More information soon!

Cass Picnic—August 18—One of the best days of the year is when our Cass friends come for lunch and a rousing game of BINGO! Watch for details!

MUSICAL MUSINGS

Alleluia! — and welcome to Eastertide! What a terrific Easter and Rockin’ the Resurrection we have enjoyed here at Orchard. And now we are turning the page to May. The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer, grass is greening, trees are budding, and of course allergies are flaring!

May also represents the “downhill slide” into our summer routine. Kids Bells finished May 1. Chancel Ringers will finish on May 15. And Wednesday rehearsals will stop on May 25. Of course the Chancel Choir and Praise Band will continue to lead us in worship each week, but I know that they (and I) enjoy a little break from the routine to recharge our batteries and enjoy the summertime.

If you’ve been feeling inspired by our music ministries lately and ever considering joining or wondered what

opportunities might exist for you, it’s not a bad time to start thinking about either jumping into the summer choir or getting on “the list” for this coming fall, which will help me plan appropriately. Although it is possible to join at other times of the year, it sure does help get everyone on the same page when we can all start the season together. So, please feel free to drop me an [email](#) at or talk to me on a Sunday morning.

As always, I am excited to see what we might do together here at Orchard, and I look forward to that future with you!

Jantz Black, Director of Music



Pastors

[Rev. Paul Hahm](#), Lead Pastor
[Rev. Nicholas Bonsky](#), Associate Pastor

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"With Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June."

Al Bernstein

The few warm and sunny days we have had recently have done wonders for my soul. Summer is just around the corner and I'm starting to feel the excitement in the air that comes along with it. When I think about this past year, I have never been more grateful to see so many of my favorite faces in person on a regular basis. As Spring sports are in full swing and calendars start filling up, here are some tid-bits of info as we transition to summer programming in Children's Ministry.

May 22 Last Sunday School and Moving Up day!

May 29 WOW only at 9 am for Memorial Day

A huge congratulations to our 6th graders who have completed their first year of middle school and are moving on to our Junior High group:

Rian Aben
Eli Bonsky
Jacob Draheim
Nicholas Draheim
Maya Gilliam
Rebekah Kim
Graham Kosiba
Balin Masters

Blessings!

Ms. Colleen



DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND VBS

Registration open!



This year we'll have lots of fun at Discovery on Adventure Island Vacation Bible School during the week of July 11-15. And, it's FREE!* That's right—no registration fee. Registration is now open to all. Share the news—and the link—with family, friends, and neighbors. We are capping kid capacity at 110—hurry and register today! [Click here](#) to register your children and/or to volunteer to help kids discover God's great light!

At Discovery on Adventure Island, we'll explore and find 5 mystery lanterns that will help light our path. We'll have lots of fun discovering God's light through science, crafts, drama, and more! We're specifically looking for help in leading these stations.

*In lieu of the registration fee, we're asking people to sponsor a lunch for the NOAH Project. Information is on the registration form. Any questions? See Mari Anne Wilcox on a Sunday morning or [email her here](#).



Stop by the "Wall of Envelopes" in the narthex to help fund the Alaska mission trip.

It's official! Homer, Alaska is the location of the Senior High Mission Trip this year! Our group of 23 youth and leaders will depart from Metro Airport on Saturday, June 18, before the sun even rises, and land in the great state of Alaska at 3 pm that day. From there, we will take another 4 hour drive to our final destination. This is an exciting trip for the youth. They will have an opportunity to serve in an area that is entirely different from what they have ever experienced. Continue to keep these youth in your prayers, and pray that God will continue to work within them and through them to be a blessing to the people of Alaska.

[Pastor Nick](#)



Close up of one of the envelopes drawn by a youth.

Stop by the "Wall of Envelopes" in the narthex at church, take an envelope and fill it with the dollar amount (or more) on the envelope, and put it in the offering box. Watch for information about a Car Wash in early June as another way to help fund this mission trip.

LIFE AT ORCHARD

We love sharing our times together. Please consider sharing your photos of Orchard activities with us. Send them to [Linda Hall](#).



We celebrated Baby Hahm at a shower hosted by Donna Young.



We saw almost 400 people from the community at the Easter Bash—thanks to all who helped!



Maundy Thursday service offered personal witness statements from congregation members as we remembered the Last Supper.



Easter Sunday worship, family, & friends!



On Good Friday there was good discussion after watching the video of the service of "eyewitness" statements.



We welcomed 9 confirmands and two families on May 1, 2022.



Painting a Tiny Home on April 23



In the life of Orchard, we believe in the power of prayer. Let us pray...

WE PRAY FOR...

The Allred family
 Annalee's friend Terri
 Ruth Buckwalter's sister Susanne
 Sandy Cagle's sister Carolyn King and mother Ruth Cagle
 Mary Clark
 Sue Darold and daughter Laura
 The family of Harriet Dart
 Tillman Dozier
 Joyce Frazee
 Alyson Gay's friend Karen W
 Jennifer Hahm's Uncle Charlie and her grandmother
 Jeannine Hale's friend Jan and family; and the family of Ilija Kirov
 Madison Hales
 Hall friends Rachael and Mitchell Swoboda
 Hammaren's friends Chris and Jen
 Diane Holden's friend Wilma Swayze
 Angela Huston's husband James
 Paul Lloyd's mother Joyce Lloyd
 Keith Love and the family of Arthur Love
 Bill Lupher
 Barb Mark

Morell's friend Edith
 Melissa O'Neil
 Michelle O'Neil's friend Ingrid Henderson
 Josh Roode and the family of Command Sgt. Major Garrett Menzies
 Jenn Roode's friend Jen Scott and family; and the Hesano family
 Ray Rousseau
 Danae Ryan's daughter Brianna
 Kelly Sheckell and the family of her Uncle Bill
 Madison Smith
 Alma Tatem
 Todd Van Haren
 Barb Van Haren
 Courtney Wright

WE REMEMBER...

Former member Harriet Dart (April 5)
 Kelly Sheckell's Uncle Bill (April 11)
 Suzanne Reddy's mother in law (April 13)
 Dave Rinker's sister, Diane Granath (April 14)
 Former member, Inez Claire Kulinsk (April 20)
 Keith Love's father, Arthur Love (April 24)
 Robin Boeck (May 3)



We provide an online, private birthday list for all who are interested.

Click [here](#)*or the graphic above to find out who has a birthday in May and who you might bless with a card or small note.

**if you're reading this as a print document, please contact Linda Hall for a copy of the birthday list.*