



Route 55 Newsletter October 2026

Orchard Friends,

As promised, details about the **Women's Connection Dinner** are now available! Registration is open as well! **Join us in the Community Center on Monday, November 9th, at 6pm** for a very special evening spent with Orchard Hill women of all ages. We invite you to consider hosting a table, decorating a table or the event space, and/or helping prepare a variety of soups, breads and desserts. Registration and other details can be found at OrchardHillChurch.org/featuredevents.

If you were planning to participate in the **Orchard Golf Outing** planned for October 4th, we are sorry to share that **the event has been cancelled**. Weather was just not conducive to persuading people to commit so we will try again next year!

A special showing of the first episode of the sixth season of **The Chosen** will be shown in the Sanctuary at 4pm on Sunday, November 8. You can read more about it on page 4.

Finally, **OneNight** is a very special annual gathering of ALL student ministries from ALL Orchard Hill campuses, to praise and worship God and to enjoy some fun and fellowship. It takes place on **Wednesday, October 7**. As we all know, food will be an important feature of the evening, and this is where YOU can help by providing snacks for 25-50 people.

We are seeking a total of 800 cookies, bars and other treats - homemade or store-bought. Please label your snacks "OneNight" and bring them to kitchen any time BEFORE 4pm on October 7. Thank you!

Grace and Peace,

Kim Manning

RECENT EVENTS



Sarah Hess and Rochelle Dolan share Scripture during a recent Hymn Sing. **Save Sunday April 11th for the next one!**



Sarah Hess and Kathrine Krukow express heartfelt thanks to Connect and Care volunteers at an annual appreciation luncheon.



Connect and Care volunteers gather among beautiful flowers and table settings to reflect on the impact their faithful efforts have made for our Orchard Hill Church family.

FEATURED EVENTS



Route 55 Monthly Lunch

Wednesday, October 14, 11:30am

CEDAR FALLS FAMILY RESTAURANT

2627 Center Street

We gather for lunch at a local restaurant on the second Wednesday of each month. All are welcome! **Please be sure to let us know you are coming** so our hosts can prepare for a good experience. Reserve your place by signing up in the Route 55 binder, or email kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org, or call 319-231-1619. Thank you!



Second Sunday Senior Social

Sunday, October 11, 2026, between worship services

OHC Commons

Second Sundays are back! After a summer break and last month's Outdoor Church service, we are resuming our schedule of gathering for coffee, conversation and pastries every 'Second Sunday' of the month. Join us in the Commons between services. In addition to providing important fellowship, we hope to create awareness of Route 55 and Connect & Care opportunities to members of the church who have not yet participated. **We will appreciate your help spreading the word by inviting friends.** No reservations are necessary, although we are seeking volunteers to bring fruit or pastries.



Cinema in the Sanctuary

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Sunday, October 11, 4pm

YOUNG WASHINGTON

OHC Sanctuary (show is 2 hours)

CANCELLED
We are working through some
copyright issues and will offer
Cinema in the Sanctuary
when they are resolved.



Route 55 Hiking Club

Thursday, October 15, 2026, 8am

Palisades Trout Run

Hwy 9, Decorah (1.5 hours)

We'll meet at the church parking lot and hop in the van or car pool to the park. The plan is to hike for an hour or so, break for a sack lunch, hike a bit more, then head for home, stopping for a well-deserved ice cream treat.

Everyone is welcome. Plan to bring sunscreen, a hat, water bottle, and a sack lunch. You will also want to bring money for ice cream and if we use the church van, we will appreciate \$5 to help with gas. Let us know you are coming by contacting Kim Manning at kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org or 319-231-1619.

LOOKING AHEAD



Women's Connection Dinner – BE STILL. BE LOVED. BE GRATEFUL. SIMPLY REMAIN.

Monday, November 9, 6pm

OHC Community Center

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Women of all ages are invited to gather before the crush of the holidays for a time of friendship, connection, devotion, and a little pampering. Tables will be uniquely and elegantly decorated by

individual volunteers and a delicious variety of soups, breads and desserts will be served buffet-style. Tickets are \$10 each. We are seeking volunteers to decorate a table, host a table, help decorate the event space, or help with the kitchen crew or clean-up team. See OrchardHillChurch.org/events for additional details and to register as an attendee and/or as a volunteer. Do join us! It promises to be a very special evening. Questions? Contact Kim Manning at kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org or 319-231-1619.



Cinema in the Sanctuary

Sunday, November 8, 4pm

Early Access Event – The Chosen, Season 6, Episode 1

OHC Sanctuary (show is approximately 1 hour)

Come and See productions has invited churches to view episode 1 of The Chosen's season 6, so we are incorporating it in our regular Cinema in the Sanctuary series. Be among the first to see it. Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

The rest of the season will be released as follows:

Release Schedule and Platforms

- **Streaming Platform:** Prime Video is the primary streaming home for Season 6.
- **Premiere Date:** November 15, 2026, with the first three episodes dropping at once.
- **Weekly Episodes:** Subsequent single episodes release weekly through December 6, 2026.
- **Theatrical Finale:** The season finale will be released as a standalone global theatrical film in Spring 2027.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES and OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY

Weekly Wednesday Walks

Weekly on Wednesdays, 1:30pm – please note the change to afternoons!

Pfeiffer Park

Get outside with friends and walk the trails. This friendly group makes an hour of exercise go by almost without notice! All abilities are welcome and no one is ever left behind. To learn more including weather-related announcements, contact Kim Manning, kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org, 319-231-1619.

Quilting Ministry

Weekly on Thursdays, 9am-11am

Orchard Hill Church Room 111

Contact Kim Manning at kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org or 319-231-1619.

Zoom Social Hour

Weekly on Thursdays, 11am-Noon

Virtual

Contact Sarah Hess for a link at shess@orchardhillchurch.org, 319-596-6223.

MONTHLY

Women's Breakfast

Friday, October 2, 2026, 6:30am

OHC Commons

Come and connect with God, scripture, and one another no matter their season of life. Enjoy a light breakfast and Engage the Bible at table groups with women from all generations. Come once or come every month! A \$3 donation is encouraged, but not required. Text MORNING to 319-553-6690 to register or to receive reminders.

Grundy County Women's Coffee Crew

Wednesday, October 14 & 28, 2026, 9:30am

Grundy County Campus Lobby

All women are invited for coffee and conversation. Bring your own snack and drink and enjoy a casual time of belonging in community and friendship. Come when you can and leave when you must.

Community Meal

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 5:30pm to 6:15pm

OHC Commons

Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a great meal. Free will donations will be accepted. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ben Fienup at bfienup@orchardhillchurch.org.

Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 8:30am-3:30pm

Waterloo

OHC hosts a Habitat build every third Saturday. Volunteers work alongside a Habitat employee and need absolutely no previous experience. Additional information is at OrchardHillChurch.org. Half-day shifts are also available.

Grundy County Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 4:15pm

Grundy Center Community Center, 705 F Avenue, Grundy Center

Volunteers from area churches help the Northeast Iowa Food Bank unload the truck, arrange food, assist with distribution, carry bags and boxes to vehicles and clean up. Additional details at OrchardHillChurch.org.

Men's Breakfast

Friday, October 30, 2026, 6:30am

OHC Commons, Cedar Falls

Men's Breakfast provides an opportunity for good food and connection with other guys. A brief message will be provided followed by discussion at the tables. A donation of \$3 is encouraged to cover the cost of food. Want monthly reminders? Text 319-553-6690.

These events were selected for promotion to our Route 55 audience. There's a lot more happening, so see OrchardHillChurch.org for additional news and events. You may also want to check out the [Community Groups](#) section and/or the [Serve the Community](#) section of our website.

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

Marilyn Jasper is turning 80!

Be a part of the celebration by attending her
Birthday Open House.



**Saturday, October 24, 2026
1pm to 4pm**

Orchard Hill Church ♦ 3900 Orchard Hill Dr. ♦ Cedar Falls

*No gifts, please. Your presence is enough.
Gathering is in the Commons on the west side of the building.*