

Upcoming Events

Celebrate the Season Longest Night Service at First United Methodist

Mon. | 12/21 | 5 PM | 824 Cooper Ave. | GWS

This is a special service for those dealing with loss, loneliness, and depression during the Christmas Season.

www.glenwood.umc.com

Financial Peace University - Get Peace in Your Financial Storm

Sundays | Jan. 10 - Mar. 6 | Rm 206

Financial Peace University is a great tool to help you gain control of financial strongholds. This class is being offered through Habitat for Humanity as it is a requirement for their homeowners.

Amy French - habitat.amyf@gmail.com



Pregnancy Resource Center Training

Jan. 14,15,21,22 | 4:30 - 8:30 PM

\$25 cover training materials.

Location TBD

For more info: **Kate Bintliff 945-5562** |

thepregnancycenter@gmail.com



DivorceCare Support Group

Wed | 6:30-8:30 PM | Rm 206 |

New Session Kicks off 1/27

Christian based support group for those going through separation or divorce.

For more information contact

James Kellogg -

divorcecare@theorchardlife.com

December Prayer Focus

Please pray for John Altemus, serving in India.

Sunday, December 20, 2015

Christmas Eve Help Needed!

We need lots of help for both services. Please stop by the sign-up table in the Gathering Center to get plugged in!

Theresa - office@theorchardlife.com | Melissa - melissa@theorchardlife.com



O Holy Night

Christmas Eve
at The ORCHARD

Thursday, December 24
4:00 & 6:30 p.m. Candlelight Services
5:00 & 6:00 p.m. Live Nativity Join us for cookies and hot cocoa

Sunday, December 27
Church at Home
Sunday worship gatherings resume Jan. 3rd

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Please Note:

There will be NO Sunday Service at The Orchard December 27.

Please see the back of the bulletin for: **CHURCH @ Home.**

The Orchard will be closed December 25 through January 2, 2016



Hope

Luke 6:21

Hope is the currency of the kingdom of God and it is something we should both possess and pass on to the world around us! How much hope do you have? What areas in your life lack hope? How much hope you give to others?

Sermon is available at iTunes or www.TheOrchardLife.com
Sermon Study Sheet is available at www.TheOrchardLife.com

CHURCH@Home Dec 27 2015 "A look back and look forward"

Preparation note - This is a unique opportunity to experience church in the small setting. Do something special on this Sunday morning as a small gathering of your family/ friends or growth group and plan to make this an intentional time.

Beginning of CHURCH@Home

(Worship time)

Go to the The Orchard Facebook page for youtube link to "He's a good good Father".
While you may not sing out loud go ahead and meditate on the goodness of God

(Open up in prayer - Your own or this one)

"Heavenly Father we are thankful to gather in this setting to remember and celebrate the things in the last year you have done, how you have been with us and how you are good Father to us. We celebrate that is who you are and we are your children."

(Testimony)

If anybody (or everybody) in your family or group participated in last Sundays "Reverse offering" and have already given the \$10 or \$20 dollars away; share the story about what happened? What you learned? How it was a blessing?
And if you would do it again?

(Opening the Word) Read Philipians 4:8-9

What do you think happens when we do what Paul describes here?

Do you find it easy or hard to decide what you want to think about.... why or why not?

When you think of things that fit in the categories listed in Philipians they all represent things that are a part of God's character or His provision to us. They also could be a testimony or a record of what he has done.

Share specific examples that come to mind that represent each these various words?

What could you do to so that more "thinking time" was on these things in the upcoming year?

(Recall and Share 2015)

Share about any highlights of the year you experienced with Lord in your family or Group and at the Orchard.
(things to help you recall)

Were there any transformational changes in you or someone you know that you are excited about?

Was there any great story of forgiveness and reconciliation in the past year in your family or group?

Did anybody you know have God heal them physically or emotionally?

Did anybody you know decide to Follow Jesus for the first time this year?

Did you have the opportunity to be generous or be the recipient of amazing generosity?

If there was a theme that you felt impress that god gave you at the beginning of 2015 share how that may have played out?

(2016 THEME)

Pray silently for a few minutes having each person ask god for an impression or word that might be a theme for the upcoming 2016 year?

Then after a few minutes give opportunity to share their themes with the group if they would like too.

(Communion together)

- Pass out some bread to each person in the family orate group and Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-24 - then have say "this is the bread of Jesus body for us" (then everybody eat the bread).

- Pass out some juice or wine to every person in the family or group and Read 11:25 - then say "this is the new covenant of Jesus bloodshed for us" (then everybody drink the cup).

- Then read v26 as the Close to CHURCH@home for Sunday December 27th!

Thank you Jesus!!!!

Then have a great fellowship meal together to celebrate CHURCH@Home!!!

CHURCH @ Home | December 27, 2015

5x5 for Dec 21st-25th

Dec 21: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Dec 22: Psalm 1:1-3, Psalm 65

Dec 23: Luke 14:25-35

Dec 24: Philipians 4:8-9

Dec 25: Luke 2:1-21

Preparation for Sermon 1.3. 2016

5x5 for January 3, 2016

Day 1: Matthew 5:38-48

Day 2: Philipians 2:1-16

Day 3: 1 Peter 2:13-23

Day 4: 2 Peter 1:3-11

Day 5: Galatians 5:22-23, James 1:19-20

Thanks for embracing the CHURCH@Home experience this year at the Orchard.

Note: Please let the Pastors and Elders know of any insights or blessing you received through this **CHURCH@Home** opportunity.

A Note On Funding The Orchard's Vision & Mission

Tithes and offerings of the people committed to the Vision & Mission of The Orchard are what support our Ministry. We do not "pass the plate".
Offering boxes are located at both entrances of the auditorium. You can also give by credit/debit card at the Giving Kiosk in the Gathering Center Entrance.

You may also give on-line at www.TheOrchardLife.com or complete an envelope if you wish to give via credit/debit card.

December Total: \$38,364

YTD Received through November 30: \$761,473

December Budget: \$58,577

YTD Budget: through November 30: \$644,347