

# Orchard Harvester

June/July 2020

Newsletter of Orchard United Methodist Church



As we begin to open up, I am getting quite giddy. I can't wait to see people. While I know that I can't hug anyone, being together will be good for my soul. As we begin worshipping outside, just a reminder that from now on virtual worship will always be offered as well. As much as I long to see you, my first desire is for you to be healthy. If you're not ready to come to outdoor worship, know we are still connected and worshipping together. If you are ready, great. Please remember to bring a mask and your chair or blanket. Don't forget if it's raining, we will not have in-person worship until we are able to worship in larger numbers. See you soon!

## Summer Sermon Series

The staff is getting excited about our summer sermon series: **Choose Your Own Adventure**. This series is comprised of topics and scriptures submitted by our congregation—ones that you/they really would like to hear a sermon on. We look forward to exploring these topics and scriptures and hope you to do! See you soon virtually or in person.

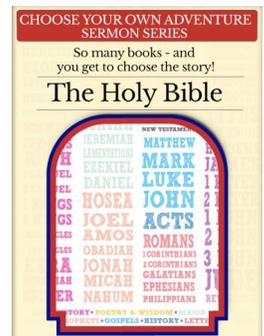
Blessings,

*Pastor Amy*

June 21	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes
June 28	Matthew 6:25-27 & Jeremiah 29:11	Worry and Trust
July 5	Matthew 6:16-18	Fasting
July 12	Ruth 1:7-8	The Story of Ruth and Naomi
July 19	Ephesians 4:11-19	Valuing All God's People
July 26	Hebrews 11:1-3	Yes, the Bible Contradicts Itself
August 2	Amos	A Minor Prophet
August 9	John 16:20-22	Good Grief

## August 16-September 6 A Series on James

August 16	James 1:22-25 & 2:14-18, and Introduction to the book
August 23	James 1:5-6
August 30	James 3
Sept. 6	James 4:13-17



## SUMMER WORSHIP & CHURCH NEWS

### SUNDAY IN-PERSON WORSHIP

*Beginning June 14*

We will begin outdoor in-person worship services, weather permitting, beginning Sunday, June 14. These will be short 20-30 minute services at 9 and 11 am in the courtyard. Everyone over the age of 2 must wear masks and practice social distancing. Bring your own chairs or a blanket to sit on. Staff will be there to guide you to and from designated areas. In the event of inclement weather, worship will be online only at 10 am, available on [YouTube](#) and the Orchard [Facebook](#) page.

### OFFICE HOURS AND BUILDING USE

*Phased Reopening Plans*

At the time of publication, the church office and building remain closed. Staff are still working at home. Details of our [phased reopening plan and procedures](#) can be found online on our website. There is also a [phased reopening chart](#) with an overview of the plan, as well as [reopening FAQs](#).

As the church gradually reopens, we ask that you please wear a mask, and if you stop by during the week, also sign in at the office.



## FARMINGTON YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Alex Hamilton who received a 2020 Farmington Youth Recognition Award from Farmington Youth Assistance! This award is given to students in 6th thru 12th grades that exhibit exemplary volunteer service in the community. Alex helped on the Tiny Homes Project, serves on the Missions Committee, and runs in the CROP Walk here at Orchard. He also volunteered in his former kindergarten teacher's classroom once a week; is on the planning committee/participates in the Youth United Week held at Farmington CARES; and is on the committee to create a community garden at Farmington CARES.

## MISSION BOX COLLECTION

*Summer Collections*

During the summer months, we will continue to collect donations for our neighbors in need. Please place your donations in the large white box that is located in the entryway at the main entrance of the church (between the glass double doors). The outside door on the south side is unlocked. We ask that if there is someone else in there dropping off donations, please observe social distancing protocols to ensure that all stay safe and healthy.

- June: Non-perishable foods for SOS/Lighthouse
- July: Feminine hygiene products for Cass
- August: Backpacks and school supplies for Farmington Public School

## CROP HUNGER WALK REPORT

Orchard UMC led the way, once again, in the May CROP Hunger Walk. As a matter of fact, Orchard was the top team in the nation! With \$17,810 collected, our contributions to Church World Service are already at work in the world. A huge thank you to DyAnn St.Clair whose efforts made her the top walker in the nation.



Thank you to everyone who walked or sponsored a walker, especially this year when the organized walk didn't happen. This was made possible by the extremely generous hearts of our congregation who responded at the opportunity to help others. Thank you for making a difference in our world and in our community.

## REMEMBER A LOVED ONE

Orchard's Memorial Garden is a sacred space for contemplation and prayer where individuals can come for quiet communion with God, drawing comfort in its peaceful surroundings. This designated site is intended to provide a tranquil setting for the celebration of life through funerals, baptisms, weddings, devotionals, private and collective moments of reflection, and a place to receive ashes of loved ones.

You can remember a loved one by having a Memorial Brick placed in the garden. Orders are being taken for bricks to be placed this summer/early fall. Order forms and information are available [here](#) or by contacting Betsy Stanis at 248.514.4641 for more information.



## MUSIC MINISTRIES

Summer is here! Although we are in the process of beginning our outdoor in-person worship, the music ministry area will continue providing online music experiences for our virtual worship services. Granted, it may look different from week to week, but it will be a great way to include some of our wonderful Orchard musicians in a variety of ways, as we continue to share the good news through music.

Participating in our virtual music making does usually require a little bit of technology, but not a lot. If you have an email address and a couple of cell phones (or a computer and cell phone), there are ways for you to be involved! Please feel free to [email me](#) if you are not already on my distribution list. Thanks!

Jantz Black, Director of Music Ministries



# Orchard United Methodist Church

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

Just a few weeks ago on Pentecost Sunday I spoke with you about how I feel the church is afire right now with the Holy Spirit. I truly believe this. Just as the disciples were suddenly able to connect with people of different languages and nations, we are now able to do the same through our digital ministry. Areas that were previously closed off from us because of location now no longer exist: our services can be seen all across the world.

We realize how important this will be in the months ahead as we recover from COVID, but also for the 21st century church. In January of this year, the church started researching ways to livestream our services, and began contacting companies for quotes on installation of new equipment. I am pleased to let you know we have accepted a bid from Advanced Sound and Lighting Company to bring our technology up to date for future livestreaming services. The installation of equipment is expected to commence in roughly four weeks; and because we as a church will be worshipping outdoors, installation will be quick and seamless.

When you enter the sanctuary once we reach that phase, you will notice a couple of immediate differences. First, a new projector and screen will be installed for the front of the sanctuary. The new projector will be brighter and crisper than what we had before allowing for better visibility, especially in the early morning hours when the rays of the sun can make the screen difficult to see. The projector screen itself will be installed in roughly the same location,

but will now be a retractable screen. When not in use, the screen will be able to be retracted at the push of a button so a full view of the chancel area is possible. Then, if you look closely, you will be able to notice a camera installed on the soffit on the left side of the sanctuary. It will be installed on the ceiling of that soffit and is designed to be inconspicuous. Finally, we will have a new computer, and new cables and connections to ensure that services are run without a hitch and without technical difficulties.

All of this is to say that when we are back in the sanctuary and are able to worship in that space, we will be able to broadcast the service live to all areas of the country, and the world! It has never been easier to invite a friend to church. As one of your pastors, I want to say thank you to the congregation. Throughout these last three months, your faith and investment in the church has not gone unnoticed. It has encouraged the staff of the church to continue pushing forward, looking for new and innovative ways to share the love of Christ with the world. The Holy Spirit is alive and well—and Orchard will lean into that flame to transform the world through growing in faith, serving others, and sharing Jesus!

[Pastor Nick](#)



## NEW BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS: *How to Be An Antiracist*

by Ibram X. Kendi

As our country continues to wrestle with issues of racism, and white Americans seek the best way to dismantle it, Pastor Amy is hosting a book club that will read and discuss the book *How to Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. From the book jacket:

Antiracism is a transformative concept that reorients and reenergizes the conversation about racism—and, even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other...

In *How to Be an Antiracist*, Kendi takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas—from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilities—that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their poisonous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves.

The book is available through Amazon. The conversation will occur July 27 at 7 pm. Location or Zoom to be determined. Following the completion of this book, a new book with an anti-racism focus will be selected. To register for the book club, please email [Pastor Amy](#) and express your desire for in person or zoom gathering.

**HOW TO  
BE AN  
ANTIRACIST  
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KENDI**

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD-WINNING  
AUTHOR OF  
STAMPED FROM THE BEGINNING

**MONDAY  
JULY 27  
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7 PM**

**New!  
BOOK CLUB  
DISCUSSION**

**Email  
Pastor  
Amy  
to sign  
up**



## VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AKA VVBS available starting June 22 on YouTube

**Are you ready for an exhilarating quest?** North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Suit of armor. But the suit of armor isn't what you think it is.

This year's VBS is totally virtual—and free! Each day's quest will have videos premiering to [YouTube](#) beginning on June 22-26. These videos will then be available for everyone all summer long. Crafts, music, science experiments, recreation ideas, and more!

We hope you join us—and invite all the kids you know! No registration is required. You can access our dedicated Orchard UMC Knights of North Castle YouTube channel by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/VVBSOUMC>

Don't miss this quest and accept the challenge to "suit up" and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love in a world that needs it more than ever!

## What's Happening?

Have you ever been on a behind-the-scenes tour, perhaps at a museum or theater? It's amazing how much goes on to make everything run smoothly that we never even realize. Even though we are apart, our children's ministry team has been hard at work. Even if you do not have young children, I feel it's still important to stay in the loop as a church family.

**WOW church is fun**—What I have missed most about OUMC is my time with kids during service. I found a way to make our experience digital and while it's not the same, it's as close as I can get until we can be together. If you have never checked it out, Worship Our Way lessons air Sunday morning at 9:30 am, just before the online service, and they last around 25 minutes. If you have grandkids or littles in your life who could use some fun kid worship, check it out!

**Happy Fun Mail**—One of the GREAT joys in life is going to the mailbox and finding something other than a bill or advertisement. Tracey Huber, Carole Parker, Cathy Weeks, and I have all sent some mail to the kids to provide some screen-free fun for both nursery and school age kiddos. Personally, Declan loved his Harry Potter search 'n find while I'm looking forward to our scavenger hunt from Ms. Cathy. When our Moses sermon series started, the kids— birth through 5th grade—also received a Flat Moses packet. He has not made too many appearances but enough that I can tell he is thriving.

**ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM**—It has been said many times that we are not social distancing, but physical distancing. When you all of a sudden can no longer see your favorite faces, you seek them out any way you can. I have been offering a lower-elementary Zoom session every week with various

activities such as a scavenger hunt and Lego challenge. The upper elementary kids have also had a chance to meet 1-2 times a week with myself and Kelly Sheckell, playing minute-to-win-it games and a virtual field day. Last week when things opened, Rian had the first chance to see his very best friend he hasn't seen in person since March. He was so excited to see Brandon that he said it felt like

Christmas. However, he chose to stay and do the 456 Zoom meeting first. The second it was done he said "Mom, that was really fun and I'm glad I stayed for it." Music to my ears and you really can't get better than that!

**Future Planning**—There has been no lack of creative thinking and planning during our time apart. Personally, I have attended 1-2 meetings a week on personal development with other Children's Ministry Directors. They have provided me with great insight such as the book *Sticky Faith* which I just finished. I am looking forward to a meeting with the Children's Ministry Team very soon so we can

start to think about how we can connect our church across the ages or what Sunday School might look like for the Fall.

**VVBS**—While it's not safe to gather large groups indoors, [Kristen Tesauro](#) is fearlessly leading us all in planning a VIRTUAL VBS experience (see above) free to any kids in your life. There will be recordings of each element such as story, craft, and music. Even if you are a large kid at heart yourself, you should check it out the week of the June 22.

Thank you to all of you who have reached out to me and who have helped support our congregation through this bizarre time in history. Sending prayers for your safety and I look forward to seeing many of you in 3D very soon.

[Colleen Aben](#), Children's Ministry Director



## YOUTH SERVING OTHERS - WAYS TO BE CONNECTED THIS SUMMER

*Youth United - August 4-6*

This has been an unprecedented time and one of the groups affected by the COVID precautions and shutdowns has been the youth. Their summer mission activities—FROG Week for middle school and the senior high mission trip—have been cancelled. Mission work and service projects, however, can happen in the home community and in a variety of ways.

One opportunity brought to our attention by Alex and Amy Hamilton is Youth United. For the past two summers, Youth United has sponsored a week where middle and high school students from different faiths in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area have gathered on the campus of Farmington CARES. They have worked on various service projects and learned about each other's faiths. With the coronavirus precautions, this year it's going virtual. There will be 3 ways to get involved.

1. Get a community cares BINGO board that will be filled with ways you can help in your community. You have all summer to fill in as many boxes as possible.
2. Design a tile to be included in a mural for the new SNAP store that is opening at Farmington CARES. Tiles will be made available.
3. Join in virtual faith and fun discussions the week of August 4-6 from 10:30 am-Noon.

Registration is required to receive all the information needed to participate. Alex and Amy Hamilton are on the planning committee. Contact [Amy Hamilton](#) if you have any questions or want the link to the registration.

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## FIND IT @ [WWW.ORCHARDUMC.ORG](http://WWW.ORCHARDUMC.ORG)



- ◆ **Links to our online services ([YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#))**  
Whether you're looking for the Sunday online worship service at 10 am or a weekday worship service (now on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon) - the home page of the Orchard website is where to find the links.
- ◆ **Check In link for Sunday services**  
Please continue to use the online Check In link on the homepage of our website to record your attendance at Sunday worship as you're watching online. If you've been faithfully checking in for weekday worship, that is no longer necessary—just enjoy!
- ◆ **Bulletin for Sunday online service**  
If you weren't aware, a bulletin with the weekly order of worship has been generated every Sunday for the online worship service. Just click on the **Bulletin** button to see what's coming up for that week's online service.
- ◆ **Reopening documents**  
You can find the information for the phased reopening—phased chart, full Plan and Procedures, and FAQs—by going to the **Reopening page** on our website.
- ◆ **Faithful Giving**  
Thank you for your faithful giving, particularly during this time. There are several ways to automate your offering. This is particularly helpful in the summer as the state begins to reopen and vacations look like they might again become a possibility! Check out our **Giving page** on the Orchard website.

# In the Life of Orchard



**If** you ordered a "Be Love" t-shirt or sweatshirt, we were finally able to pick them up and sort them. They will be available at Sunday morning outdoor worship services, or delivered to you shortly.

**If** you had your photo taken for the pictorial directory, those will be available for pick up at a Sunday outdoor worship service. And **if** you already picked up a photo directory, please check to see if it has your name on it. If you happen to have picked up another's directory, just let [Linda](#) know whose that was so we can get them a directory.

**If** you'd like to watch or watch again any of the Weekday Worship segments, they're available on **YouTube**. Interviews on coping during the pandemic were done with Dr. Mary Clark, Kathy Gleason on mental health in youth, and Emily Otten for an insight on children. You might like to watch again the musical offerings of Jantz, Coffee Talk with Linda, or any of the other interesting topics covered by our staff. Of course, Sunday services are still on there, too. This is a good time and a great way to share the Orchard experience with friends!



Celebrations  
Celebrations



Recordings  
Recordings



Meetings  
Meetings



## In the life of Orchard, we believe in the power of prayer.

Many prayers have been requested since March, when the last prayer list was included in the Harvester. In this edition are the most current prayer requests from May through mid-June.

*Let us pray...*

### WE PRAY FOR...

**Colleen Aben and the family of her Uncle Larry**

**Debbie Allen and family**

**Gwen Bostwick and her mother**

Sandy Cagle's cousin, **Debbie Newberry**, and Sandy's mom, **Ruth Cagle**

The Clarks' **dear friend The family and friends of Betty Coon**

**Paul Davis**

**Solomon K. Duncan, III**

**Jodi Lloyd and family and friends of Jodi's friend, Keri Cote**

Debbie Harbison's mother and Melissa Chapman's grandmother, **Barbara Pirronello**

**Marcia Harmon and family**

**Sheri Hicks**

**Dick Lipka**

**Ruth Lynn and family**

**Marcia Mark and the family and friends of her friend, Michelle Carney**

**Susan Marshall's son**

Todd Morell's boss, **Amy Kelley**

**Melissa O'Neil and her friend Nelson Clark**

**Ernie Orchard and the family of Barbara Orchard**

**Carol Rice and her family Bernie Rish**

**Ray Rousseau and family Michelle Salley**

Angela Scarbrough's niece, **Blake Leigh**, her friend, **Betsy**, and her son, **Harvey**

**Angela Scarbrough and her family**

**Jim Schuur and family**

Jim Schuur's brother-in-law, **Roger King**

Schuurs' daughter, **Katie Schuur**

**The family of Marion Seeber**

**The family of Jane Shillito**

**Bob Shrobbree and family**

**Rev. Bea Soots**

**The family of Jack Thompson**

**Oscar Wagner and the Wagner family**

### WE CELEBRATE...

**Hunter Daniel St. Clair**, born to Dan and Andrea St. Clair, on March 24. Grandparents are DyAnn St. Clair and Bob Busser.

**Adalynn Mary Mason**, born on April 25, to Mattison Pierdon and Tye Mason. Grandparents are Dawn Pierdon, Vicki and Mark Pierdon, and Jaime and Tyrone Mason.

**Max Nemeth Stone** born on May 12 to Allison Stone and Ben Nemeth. Grandparents are Susan and Charley Stone and great-grandmother is Sophie Stone.

### WE REMEMBER...

Bob's Shrobbree's father, **Al Shrobbree** (March 3)

Michelle Bianco's cousin, **Kathy**

**Jack Thompson** (March 12)

**Wilbur Lynn** (March 24)

**Marion Seeber** (April 9)

**Jenny Geiger's mother, Jeanne Bakken** (April 10)

**Barbara Orchard** (April 14)

Former member, **Jack Inch** (April 19)

Friend of Orchard music department, **Fred Rohrbach** (April 26, 2020)

**Betty Coon** (April 27, 2020)

Chef Jay Ravani's mother, **Alice Ravani** (May 1)

Jim Schuur's sister, **Eileen** (May 4)

Carol Rice's mother, **Alice Johnson** (May 4)

Colleen Aben's **Uncle Larry** (May 6)

Angela Scarbrough's cousin, **Terri** (May 14)

Marcia Harmon's brother, **Richard Worthen** (May 16)

Debbie Allen's father, **Chuck Boggs** (May 17)

Ray Rousseau's nephew, **Nicholas Saure** (May 22)

**Jane Shillito** (June 6)

*pray*

## ~ June 2020 Birthdays ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Summer Edwards Kyle Heffelbower	<b>2</b> Heather Vucinaj	<b>3</b> Hope Rick Emma Tesauro	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> James Geiger Mandy McMurray	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Anne Worpell	<b>8</b> Darold Edmonds Josh Rinker Sarah Roeser Meghann Snyder	<b>9</b> Leah Sonnenberg	<b>10</b> Kerry Fazio Kelly Shrosbree	<b>11</b> Albert Demmerle Ruth Robling Laurie Sarti	<b>12</b> Ben Nemeth	<b>13</b> Madison Hales Allison Kohl Jody Minor Edwin Tatem
<b>14</b> Meghan Kirby Suzanne Reddy Andrea St. Clair Colin Weir Julie Wright	<b>15</b> Zachary Cohn Lisa Shrosbree	<b>16</b> Nancy Passfield	<b>17</b> Jantz Black Dave Catherman Jacob Sawmiller	<b>18</b> Sean Coleman Carter Salley	<b>19</b> Rob Goudeseune Karen Kroppa Karen Wagner	<b>20</b> Sherry Burns Amy Edmonds Riley Matthews Spencer Wright
<b>21</b> Charlie Ammerman Greg Hammaren Matt Schiffman	<b>22</b> Emily Andrews Clay Ottoni	<b>23</b> Marc Robling	<b>24</b> Jan Christy	<b>25</b> Rev. Vivian C. Bryant Blake Gronlund Josh Gronlund Piper Heffelbower	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Kathryn Kerns
<b>28</b> Justin Dexter Josh Sonnenberg	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Andrew Hecker Paul Lloyd Tim Snyder Jon Williams				

## ~ July 2020 Birthdays ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Kristen Gallett Justin Ganser Amy Guthrie	<b>2</b> Lesley Bonsky Rev. Nick Bonsky Jean Miller Christian Scarborough	<b>3</b> Mike Joiner Jennifer Roode Angela Scarborough	<b>4</b> Stephanie Johnson Ian Schmidt
<b>5</b> Bill Rinna	<b>6</b> David Hogg Becca Prueter Donna Schupp	<b>7</b> Paul Davis Mike Hecker	<b>8</b> Ruthanne Walker	<b>9</b> Rev. Carol Johns	<b>10</b> Brent Dexter Brianna Schmidt	<b>11</b> Marilyn Mansfield
<b>12</b> Jesse Budd Matthew Rowley	<b>13</b> Shirley Richardson	<b>14</b> Matthew Hales Brett Sarmento	<b>15</b> Jeanie Graham Bob Shrosbree Sue Sohn	<b>16</b> Al Freeman Annetta Lind Anne Paddock Jane Shillito	<b>17</b> Nick Freeman William Thomas	<b>18</b> Tina Dutton
<b>19</b> James Rowley	<b>20</b> Brian MacDougall Olive Paddon Nancy Thomas	<b>21</b> Alyssa Beavis Chris Chapman Emily Moore Linda Paullin- Hebden	<b>22</b> Ian Knight Jay Syme	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Matt Nelson	<b>25</b> Ashleigh Schiffman Heather Stewart John Trenkle
<b>26</b> Sharon Bunnell Jane Hecker Allison Stone	<b>27</b> Janice Burns Dolly Niles	<b>28</b> Hillary Mahon Dominik Stafiej Julie White Steven Williams	<b>29</b> Kevin Ahern Sandra Henry	<b>30</b> James Berry Craig Daniels Jenny Geiger Allen Luhtanen	<b>31</b> Ben Freeman Amy Hamilton	