



THE ORCHARD

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Youth Newsletter



PLANT/GROW



OUR PURPOSE

"Under God's leadership, the purpose of the youth ministry at Highland Hills Church of Christ is to plant the seeds of God's steadfast love, of a faith that seeks deeper understanding, and of God's kingdom. In doing so, we aim to grow together with the triune God, each other, and our broader community."



WHAT'S (GROW)ING ON?

In May, we were able to celebrate both our high school and college graduates, and we celebrated the end of the school year and beginning of summer. A big "thank you" is due to everybody who came to support our graduates and the incredible potential in each of their futures!

In June, we begin our string of summer events and get-togethers. We'll be gathering on Thursdays in June and July for our summer hangout days, spending our time growing closer and closer with each other. Also, we begin "Coffee Chat," a time during which the youth and their families have an open invitation to sit and talk with Caleb over a cup of coffee at Celtic Cup. Finally, Don Winningham has invited the youth to go horseback riding on June 10th.

As always, if you'd like to serve with the youth in any capacity, please see Caleb about joining the Adult Leadership Team.



FRESH FRUIT

We're all so proud of Griffin and Cambree Moyers, who are both going to FBLA nationals this month, as well as Jeannie Hite, who continues to do phenomenally in archery competitions across the nation. Good luck, and be safe in all your travels!

THE ROOT NETWORK

Upcoming events and deadlines:

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JUNE

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Hangout Days	2	3
4 How We Worship	5 Coffee Chat Book Club	6	7 Exodus	8 Hangout Days	9	10 Horseback Riding
11 How We Worship	12 Coffee Chat Book Club	13	14 Summer Series	15 Hangout Days	16	17
18 How We Worship	19 Coffee Chat Book Club	20	21 Summer Series	22 Hangout Days	23	24 VBS
25 How We Worship	26 Coffee Chat Book Club	27	28 Summer Series	29 Hangout Days	30	

As always, please consult the calendar at highlandhills.church/youth-ministry for the most up-to-date dates and times.

GRAFTED ONTO GOD

This month's reading for reflection

"As a newlywed couple, my wife and I began our journey with very little. After Judy and I got married in the summer of 1983, after college, we moved to Connecticut for Judy to pursue her master's degree in marriage counseling. I taught at a special education school and painted at home. We had a tight budget and often had to ration our food (lots of tuna cans!) just to get through the week.

One evening I was sitting alone, waiting for Judy to come home to our small apartment, worried about how we were going to afford the rent and pay for necessities over the weekend. Our refrigerator was empty and I had no cash left.

Then Judy walked in, and she had brought home a bouquet of flowers. I got really upset.

'How could you think of buying flowers if we can't even eat!' I remember saying, frustrated.

Judy's reply has been etched in my heart for over thirty years now. 'We need to feed our souls, too.' ... Those words still resonate with me today.

Is Judy still right? Do we, as human beings, need more than food and shelter? Do we need beauty in our lives? Given our limited resources, how do we cultivate and care for our souls? And how do these questions apply to the larger culture?

My life as an artist, and as a founder of International Arts Movement (IAM), has been in pursuit of questions like these—not just internally or for my own sake but with a growing global network of people. What began as an admission of my own failure to be an artist has now given birth to many principles that govern my life as an artist, father, husband, and leader. I call them generative principles. What started out as Judy's care for our own souls has blossomed into an effort to extend that care into our home and our churches, and into a vision for culture at large. What I call culture care is a generative approach to culture that brings bouquets of flowers into a culture bereft of beauty...

Bringing home a bouquet of flowers created a genesis moment for me. Judy's small act fed my soul. It renewed my conviction as an artist. It gave me new perspective. It challenged me to deliberately focus on endeavors in which I could truly be an artist of the soul. That moment engendered many more genesis moments in the years that followed, contributing to decisions small and large that have redefined my life and provided inspiration for myself, my family, and my communities."

-from "Culture Care" by Makoto Fujimura



THE PATHWAY

Classes and Times

Sunday Morning at 9:00:
How We Worship

Monday Afternoon at 1:00:
Coffee Chat

Monday Evening at 6:30:
Summer Book Club

Wednesday Evening at 6:30:
Exodus / Summer Series

Thursdays at Various Times:
Summer Hangout Days