



## Route 55 Newsletter | June 2025

Orchard Friends,

We've got some special offerings to share this month including a workshop about protecting yourself from fraud on Tuesday, June 17, and a special six-week Bible Study Series called SQUARE ONE, that begins on Tuesday, June 24. You will find details about these offerings and more in the Featured Events section of this newsletter.

You will also want to know about a teaching series OHC leaders are developing for later this summer. The series shaped by real questions you are asking about faith, the Bible, and what it means to follow Jesus. The team is seeking your input. We encourage you to share what's on your heart and mind by answering two short questions. It can be done in 60 seconds. Simply go to [OrchardHillChurch.org/questions](https://OrchardHillChurch.org/questions) and share your thoughts. Your participation will be most appreciated

Grace and Peace,

*Kim Manning*

## CONNECT & CARE NEWS

The Orchard Hill Church website has gone through a huge overhaul. If you would like to keep needs from our church body in prayer, there are a few ways you can do so.

1. Submit a Prayer Request
2. Read through submitted Prayer Requests and pray
3. Subscribe a Request to the Prayer Line

All of these actions can be accessed by going to the [OrchardHillChurch.org](https://OrchardHillChurch.org) website and scrolling down to the bottom where it says Prayer Line (under Quick Links). OR you can go straight to [OrchardHillChurch.org/prayer](https://OrchardHillChurch.org/prayer).

You will need to log in. This keeps strangers and spam out.

You can read through requests, submit a request, or/and subscribe to updates so you will automatically receive new requests. Call us if you need help or have any questions.



**We believe in the power of prayer.**

2/27/2025 Comfort/Grief

Prayer request will be presented here.

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Pray for this

**Subscribe to the Prayer Line email**

Prayer Line  
Receive a periodic email of prayer requests, updates, and answers to prayer.

## RECENT ROUTE 55 EVENTS



Ann Barry provides accompaniment and Rochelle Dolan, Karen Dowell, Jim Hancock and Rory Dolan lead the singing in parts during the Spring Hymn Sing.



Sarah Hess welcomes everyone to the Spring Hymn Sing.



Kathrine and Elizabeth Krukow provide a special reading during the Hymn Sing.



Refreshments are enjoyed after the singing.



Monthly Lunch outings are back! The ladies are enjoying some fellowship and food at the Village Inn.



The guys are looking forward to a free piece of pie to go along with their lunch. We love Wednesday's at Village Inn!



The final Second Sunday Senior Social was very enjoyable. We'll be taking a break during the summer months and will resume once school is back in session.



Route 55 Hikers caught the blue bell season just right! Katoski Greenbelt was a brilliant carpet of blue! It was a wondrous sight!



Jean Gedlinske, Rhonda Wolthoff and Kay Clements enjoy some ice cream after a nice walk.



Lynette Harter shot this beautiful closeup of the bluebells (left) and Marilyn Jasper captured this view (right). Thank you for sharing your gift of photography with us, Ladies!

## FEATURED EVENTS



### Route 55 Hiking Club

Does spending time in nature bring you closer to God? Join us for a hike! We've scheduled monthly outings throughout the summer. Some are in town exploring our outstanding trail system and some are up to an hour away traversing state parks. All of our outings end with fellowship and ICE CREAM! ;-)

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a mountain-climber or Olympian to participate. If we encounter hills or uneven terrain, we often split into "flat-lander" and "billy goat" groups so everyone is comfortable. Bring sunscreen, a hat, water bottle, and a sack lunch unless otherwise noted below. You will also want to bring

money for ice cream and if we use the church van, we appreciate \$5 to help with gas. If we leave town, we are generally back by 4pm.

**Contact Deb Mc Calley at 515-707-5939 or dmccalley58@gmail.com to let us know you are coming, or if you'd like to be added to her monthly email list, or have questions.** We really do have a great time together and are anxious to welcome newcomers to our group!

Here is what we have planned for the rest of the summer:

#### **Wednesday, June 4, 9am**

##### **Pine Lake State Park**

22620 Co Hwy S56, Eldora (45 minutes from OHC)  
Meet at OHC to ride in the church van or car pool to the park. Bring a sack lunch. We'll hike a few hours, break for lunch, and then maybe hike a little more before loading up in the van for an ice cream stop on the way home. If you are riding in the van, please plan to bring \$5 to help with the gas.

#### **Wednesday, July 9, 10am**

##### **Zabel Land**

6642 W Bennington Road, Cedar Falls  
Kevin and Kim Zabel have graciously invited us to their place to hike and enjoy the myriad of prairie flowers that grace their land. Meet at OHC to car pool or drive directly to the Zabel's and meet us there. Wear sunscreen and bring a sack lunch. We'll hike a while, break for lunch, and then hike a little more.

#### **Wednesday, August 6, 10am**

##### **Greenbelt Lake Trail**

900 Martin Road (off Highway 63), Waterloo  
Meet at OHC to car pool or meet us at the trail head. Bring a sack lunch, sunscreen and money for ice cream.

#### **Wednesday, September 3, 9am**

##### **Hickory Hills Park**

3338 Hickory Hills Road, La Porte City  
We've reserved a van for this one, so meet at OHC to ride with us or car pool. Bring a sack lunch, \$5 for gas if you're riding in the van, and some money for ice cream.

**Wednesday, October 8 or 15, 9am** – this date is tentative, depending on when the leaves are in full color.

##### **Backbone State Park**

1347 129<sup>th</sup> Street, Dundee (1 hour from OHC)  
Meet at OHC to ride in the van or car pool. Bring a sack lunch, \$5 for gas if you're riding in the van, and some money for ice cream.



**Route 55 Monthly Lunch**  
**Wednesday, June 11, 11:30am**  
**Cedar Falls Family Restaurant**  
2627 Center Street, Cedar Falls

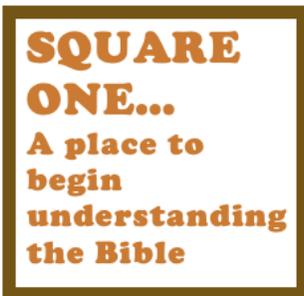
Join us at a local restaurant on the second Wednesday of each month. Ladies and gentlemen are welcome. Please reserve your place by signing up in the Route 55 binder, or email [kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org](mailto:kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org), or call 319-231-1619. This will allow us to report an accurate number so the restaurant can prepare.



**Cyber Security Presentation**  
**Tuesday, June 17, 1pm**  
OHC Commons

## CYBER SECURITY

The world is changing quickly and it's hard to know the difference between a legitimate opportunity and a scam. Those bad actors get trickier all the time! Jeff Burriss will share his expertise in this area. Come and learn how to protect yourself from fraud and enjoy fellowship and pie! Please contact Kim Manning, [kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org](mailto:kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org), 319-231-1619 with questions or to let us know you are coming so we bake enough dessert.



**SQUARE ONE Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays, June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1pm – 2pm**  
OHC Commons  
**Come at 12:45pm to enjoy refreshments and a little fellowship before the lesson begins.**

**SQUARE ONE** provides an overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation covering basics like important people and places, the flow of historical events, God's plan for a relationship with Him, the biblical foundations of our faith, and a look at Jesus as a man, his message, and his role as Messiah. The accompanying materials also provide practical resources for further Bible study and application tools for both kids and adults.

Sally Baker has developed this material and will present it over six weeks. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! Study binders will be provided by Route 55 so any donations participants may wish to make can be directed to Sally in appreciation for the work she has put into preparing and offering this course. Thank you. Please register by contacting Kim Manning, [kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org](mailto:kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org) so we prepare enough materials.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES and OPPORTUNITIES

### WEEKLY

#### Wednesday Walks

**Weekly on Wednesdays, 9:30am**

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 Jean Gedlinske, [gedlinskejean@gmail.com](mailto:gedlinskejean@gmail.com), 319-486-1340.

## Quilting Ministry

**Weekly on Thursdays, 9am-11am**

Orchard Hill Church Room 111

Contact Kim Manning at [kmanning@orchardhillchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:shess@orchardhillchurch.org), 319-596-6223.

## MONTHLY

### Women's Breakfast

**Friday, June 6, 6:30am**

OHC Commons

Women's Monthly Breakfast creates a space for women to connect with God, Scripture, and one another no matter their season of life. Additional information is at [OrchardHillChurch.org](http://OrchardHillChurch.org) or Hailey Fienup at [hfienu@orchardhillchurch.org](mailto:hfienu@orchardhillchurch.org).

### Habitat for Humanity Build

**Saturday, June 7, 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](http://OrchardHillChurch.org). Half-day shifts are also available.

### Waverly Mobile Food Pantry

**Tuesday, June 10, 4:30pm**

Waverly Civic Center, 200 1<sup>st</sup> St. NE, Waverly

Volunteers from area churches help the Northeast Iowa Food Bank by unloading the truck, arranging the food, assisting with distribution, carrying bags and boxes to vehicles and cleaning up. Additional details at [OrchardHillChurch.org](http://OrchardHillChurch.org).

### Grundy County Women's Coffee Crew

**Wednesday, June 11 and 25, 9:00am**

OHC Grundy County 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 that generally lasts for 1 ½ hours. Come when you can and leave when you must.

### Grundy County Mobile Food Pantry

**Tuesday, June 17, 4:15pm**

Grundy Center Community Center, 705 F Avenue, Grundy Center

Volunteers from area churches help the Northeast Iowa Food Bank by unloading the truck, arranging the food, assisting with distribution, carrying bags and boxes to vehicles and cleaning up. Additional details at [OrchardHillChurch.org](http://OrchardHillChurch.org).

## OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

### VBS Cedar Falls

June 8-12, 6:30pm-8:30pm

*Inside and Outside the Cedar Falls Campus*

It's all hands on deck as we provide exciting, fun and meaningful education to children ages 4 and up, teaching that Jesus is the True North! Volunteers and treats are always welcome. Contact Stacy Henely to help.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL KICKOFF SERVICE AT 10:30AM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8.** All are welcome. If you prefer a more traditional worship service, you may wish to attend at 9am.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Global Leadership Summit

August 7 and 8, 8:30am

OHC Community Center

Join us for this annual event designed to stretch and challenge you with world-class speakers, interactive dialogue, and practical training. No matter where you lead, The Global Leadership Summit is a world-class experience designed to help you get better and embrace your grander vision: The reason God called you to lead. See [OrchardHillChurch.org](http://OrchardHillChurch.org) for pricing and additional details.



### Route 55 Birthday Bash!

**Thursday, August 21, 5pm**

OHC Commons

Celebrating ALL Route 55 birthdays, this annual event will include music, food, fellowship, games, and who know what else! Save the date! More details to come! Want to help with the planning? Contact Kim Manning.

See [OrchardHillChurch.org](http://OrchardHillChurch.org) for additional news and events. You may also want to check out the [Community Groups](#) section as there are lots of fun offerings!