

CHURCH CALENDAR

April

- 7 Adult & Children's Bible Class after Worship
- 9 Exercise Class 7 pm
- 10 Confirmation 7 pm
- 12 CSY522 6 pm at Open Arms
- 13 Community Easter Egg Hunt 11 am
- 14 Adult & Children's Bible Blass after Worship
- 14 Homeless Lunches Packing after worship
- 16 Exercise Class 7 pm
- 17 Confirmation cancelled/Holy Week
- 18 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm
- 19 Good Friday Service 7 pm
- 21 EASTER SUNDAY
- 21 Adult & Children's Bible Study Cancelled today
- 21 Easter Egg Hunt right after worship
- 23 Exercise Class 7 pm
- 24 Confirmation cancelled today
- 28 Adult & Children's Bible Study after Worship
- 30 Exercise Class 7 pm

May

- 1 Confirmation 7 pm
- 3-4 Woman's Retreat at Gull Lake
- 5 Adult & Children's Bible Class after Worship
- 7 Exercise Class 7 pm
- 10 CSY522 6 pm at Open Arms
- 12 Adult & Children's Bible Class after Worship
- 14 Exercise Class 7 pm

"DISCOVERY PROJECT"

"Thank you, Open Arms family, for your support of the Discovery Project! The projected cost to complete the 3 phases of this project (playground, flooring, security) is \$105,000. Your gifts and pledges of \$72,000 are a major step forward towards this goal! Thank you! With the \$26,841.00 we have already received, we have ordered and received equipment for the first phase of the project (playground). Installation is almost complete and our day care kids are already enjoying the playground upgrade! Thank you all for helping this dream become a reality!

Any questions contact:
Marty Moro at morom3@yahoo.com

COMING EVENTS

- ◆ April 13, 2019 2nd Saturday Serving 9 am
 - ◆ April 13, 2019 Community Easter Egg Hunt 11 am
- ◆ April 14, 2019 Packing of Homeless Lunches
- ◆ May 18, 2019 Grounds Clean-up day/Tom Griffin leading
- ◆ May 19, 2019 Playground Dedication right after worship/more info coming

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please submit all prayer request to [Bev Conry](mailto:BevConry@openarmscenter.com) at: bconry@openarmscenter.com

Abounding Harvest - We have reached the amount pledged in our Kingdom First Goal of \$288,244! Praise the LORD!! We are now beginning "Abounding Harvest" to completely retire "THE LAND PORTION" of our debt. The remaining balance on that portion of our debt is \$179,769.

Last weeks giving to the land debt retirement \$ 10

Amount remaining: \$133,010.00

Who is My Elder?

<u>Last Name Starts with:</u>	<u>Designated Elder:</u>
A - D	Ken Jones, Elder (734) 323-9058
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I - O	Bayo Adebajo, Elder (734) 560-2835
P - Z	Marty Moro, Elder (734) 756-1626

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Life @



April 7, 2019

Sunday Worship

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
order of Worship**

Guest Pastor: Robert Kasper

Praise/Worship: Our God, Glorious Day

Baptism: Carter Joseph Amabile

Offering: Oh The Power

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 43:16-21;

Philippians 3:8-14 ; Luke 20:9-20

Children's Message

Sermon

Prayer of the Church & Lord's Prayer

Communion/Praise: Your Great Name,

You Are My All in All, Immanuel

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song: Yes I Will

NURSERY CARE

A nursery is available for children (6 mos-4 yrs) during the entire service. Trained caregivers provide a safe place for your children while you worship.

Why do we do This?

Call to Worship and Invocation

The Call to Worship is typically a responsive reading and designed to focus our hearts and minds on the love of God, in Jesus. Because it is responsive, we all get to participate. Here the Call to Worship is usually taken from a Psalm or written around the season of the church year.

As the Invocation is spoken, we remember that we have been made the people of God in Baptism and we live and worship in the name of our God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Confession and Absolution

As we come together as the people of God we recognize that we are not perfect. Even when we do our best to follow Jesus we stumble and fall. We confess our failures and hear the good news that our God forgives us and continues to lead us on the way of Jesus.

Apostles Creed

The Apostles' Creed has a long history with some parts dating back to the 4th century. It is an ecumenical creed, which means that it is a statement of faith that all Christians can use. Speaking the creed together helps us remember the core of our faith.

Communion

We gather together around bread and wine, because Jesus calls us to come to his meal together. At his meal, he offers us his very self - he is fully present, in, with, and under the bread and wine. Together at his meal we are united as the children of God and we receive the forgiveness of sins.

Benediction

This closing blessing is normally taken from the Old Testament book Numbers. It is the blessing that Moses' brother Aaron (the first high priest in the Old Testament) spoke to God's people.

Sunday celebrations today and every Sunday

Worship 10:00 am - Adult & Children Bible Study right after Worship

OUR MISSION: To Serve People, Share Jesus and Send Servants who make disciples in Belleville and beyond

welcome

Are You New?

Whether you are just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us.

What to expect

The only thing we ask you to do is relax. You are with People just like you. Whether you have been here many times or never been to Church before, you can anticipate an encouraging and enlightening experience.

No Strings attached

If you are a guest with us today, please don't feel you need to give any money in the offering. This service is our gift to you. If you are a Christ-follower, we invite you to offer your tithes to God.

Open Arms is a church of vision committed to sharing to all people. Our services are designed to be relevant and meaningful. The use of music, drama and media are a big part of the way we share God's Word.

Whatever your circumstances—single, married, single again, with or without children— no matter where you've been or what's happened in your life, you are welcome here.

Your Next Steps

There are many ways to get connected and involved at Open Arms.

What's your next step: join a ministry?

Contact office for questions (734) 699-5000

Are you new and want to know more?

Worship—Serving

Contact Bev in the church office:

(734) 699-5000

Sermon Notes

Exercise Class
Meets every Tuesday
7 to 8 pm
Leaders:
Jen Ratermann &
Amanda Marek
All are welcome

DAY CARE NEWS

Open Arms operates a child day care five days each week. Open Arms members who refer anyone can receive \$100 for each referral. All members children and grandchildren are entitled to receive a 10% discount on their tuition.

Contact the office for more information.

(734) 699-5000.

Daycare Ministry and Director

Mrs. Greta Bower

gbower@openarmscenter.com or 734-699-5000

YOUTH

Confirmation meets each Wednesday
at 7 pm at Open Arms

ELEMENTARY/PRE-TEEN PIONEER CLUB

Wednesdays/6:30pm to 8:00pm
Ages Welcome/Kindergarten to 5th grade
Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Begins again in September

"CSY 522"

(PRE-TEEN Youth 4th through 6th Grade)

Next Meeting, Friday, April 12, 2019, 6 pm



Donuts every Sunday are provided by
Tim Horton's on Michigan Avenue in Canton

CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Breakfast

Meets every **Thursday** at 7 am
At L Georges restaurant on
Michigan Ave in Canton

RECURRING EVENTS

Narcotics Anonymous

No longer meets at Open Arms

Facility Team 2nd Saturday of Even

Months Work Day—9 am

Team Leader Don Wellman

Each month will have different tasks and everyone is invited to come and serve.

Questions call Don at (734) 697-8904

Next Serving Saturday, April 13, 2019

Belleville YoungLives

Next Meeting: April 11, 2019 6 pm

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (CEF)

Of The Michigan District LCMS

Do You Need a Change of Direction?

In today's uncertain economy, you may feel like you are walking up the down escalator. But changing direction might be easier than you think. An IRA from CEF can deliver excellent returns, while also helping to finance the growth of Michigan churches, schools and ministries.

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