



JUNE IS HOPE MONTH at Open Arms. Hope is certainly in short supply in our nation today. Maybe you need some hope to face everything going on in your world. You might want to give hope to the people around you. God gives us true and lasting hope that does not disappoint us. Jesus is the Hope of the World.

Each Sunday's service will focus on a different aspect of hope.

- June 12 "Expressed Hope" Hebrews 10:23
- June 19 "Living Hope" Hebrews 11:1
- June 26 "Enduring Hope" 1 Thessalonians 1:3 (Pastor Rob Kasper)

THE HOPE WALL: Do you may have a story to tell about how God helped you and gave you hope, or a favorite Bible passage, song, or book that helps renew your hope? We have a Hope Wall for people to tell their stories, share their words of encouragement and tell others where they may find encouragement and hope.

"MAKE WAVES" is the theme for our Vacation Bible School July 31 to August 4. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, please contact Noel Granger at noel.granger16@gmail.com. The next training session is Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00 PM. You are invited to help with decorations after the worship service on June 26th!.

THE LAST WEDNESDAYS in June, July and August are **"Sit for Supper"** days from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Family life is busy. These simple meals for Day Care, Summer Camp and Open Arms families are designed to allow families to share a meal together (or take out if necessary) and to have a time to meet and talk with each other.

QR CODES are posted in the entrance area. Contact information cards are on the table in the entrance hall. These are not only for our guests, but also for people to update their contact information. You can also indicate on the bottom of the QR or Contact Card that you would like Pastor Larry to contact you.

SUMMER VACATIONS: Day Care Director Greta the week of June 13th. Pastor Larry the week of June 20th. Business Manager Debbie the week of August 1st.

THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION of our church body is June 26-28. The Convention will be electing a new District President, four regional Vice Presidents, other executive officers and members of the District Board of Directors. Pastor Rob Kasper, member of Open Arms, has been nominated for District President. Greta Bower has been nominated for the Board of Directors. Please keep our district convention in your prayers.

The “Reproductive Freedom for All” Michigan constitution amendment would radically change protections for unborn children and medical professionals who conscientiously object to performing abortions. Our Christian faith believes that human life is a precious gift from God and should be protected at stages of life, starting with conception. For more information go to www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org. Think before you sign a petition to put it on the ballot.

CALLING A GARDENERS! The planting areas and landscape islands in the parking lot need a little T.L.C. If you like to garden, want to grow some flowers or even some vegetables to share with others, consider adopting a planter. The church plot and planter sign up is posted at the welcome center. It would be great to have both church and day families spruce up the property.

HUNTER’S PUMPKIN PATCH has been planted next to the playground as you come into the church. If conditions are right, the plants should begin to sprout next week. A special thanks to Hunter Horner for planting the pumpkin patch for us.

UPCOMING SUMMER DAYCARE EVENTS

- First Day of school age Summer Camp, June 13
- Centered Closed, July 4
- Michigan District Early Childhood Conference, center closed, August 10

MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There are several building issues that need to be addressed that were talked about at the Open Arms Update on May 22. The following projects have been approved: Roof repairs. Window, Blinds and Carpet Replacement. Alarm System upgrade. Estimates for the redesign of the Toddler’s playground and installation of playground shades should be presented to the Board when ready. Open Arms will begin setting aside funds to re-shingle the roof and redo the parking lot.

A HIVE FOR WORKERS. God's house is abuzz with workers! One way to become a worker in God's house and have part in building His Church is to invest in Church Extension Fund. Consider making an investment today. For more information, contact Debbie Reszke or Pastor Larry. Or you can call CEF at 800-242-3944.

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