



Serving People! Sharing Jesus! Sending Servants!

CHILDREN’S CHURCH AND NURSERY are back. Children’s Church will be right after the Children’s Message, near the start of the service. Children may stay in church with their parents if they do not go to Children’s Church.

OPEN ARMS IS COLLECTING the items for the homeless: Men's socks, Men's underwear, Gloves and Men's jeans. If you would prefer to donate cash or gift cards, Brandon and Dana Underwood will purchase what is needed. You can bring your donation any time between now and October 16th. Your generosity is appreciated.

DID YOU NOTICE the new windows?. Blinds are coming soon. The video and audio booth are being expanded. New carpeting will be installed in the next two weeks. The Belleville Road sign needs to be replaced. Options are being explored at this time.

MESSAGE FROM DEB KASPER, Women's Bible Study leader. “We are going to start a morning Bible Study for women on Tuesday, September 20th at 9:30AM. This will be twice monthly. A second study will start later this fall on zoom in the evening.” Contact Deb at this email address to sign up or for more information. robertkasper45@yahoo.com

OPEN ARMS MEN’S BIBLE STUDY begins again in September. The first session is September 20th at 6:30 in the Upper Room The group will resume the study of Ephesians beginning with chapters 2 & 3. “Men of Open Arms, if you have not had the opportunity to attend one of our sessions, I encourage you to take some time to reflect and pray about attending. We discuss how the scriptures impact each of us in today’s challenging environment.” If you have any questions, please contact me, David Ferber. (ferber_david@yahoo.com).

THE ANNUAL Harvest Festival at Open Arms is Saturday, October 8th. This is a great opportunity to connect with our community. Donations needed: Pumpkins of various sizes. Marshmallows for roasting. Fudge stripe cookies. Halloween candy. Goldfish. Pretzels. M&M's. Gummy bears. Help needed: Friday night set-up, 5:30 p.m. Photo booth design and set up. Saturday morning set up, 9:00 a.m. Saturday event help (welcome table, refreshments, games, fire pits/s'mores). Saturday clean up (after event). **TRUNK OR TREAT CAR HOSTS**

ACOLYTE TRAINING for 5th – 8th graders is Sept. 18th after the service. Parents, please let Brenda Bucholz know if your son or daughter plans to attend. Thanks

THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION is seeking nominations for openings on the Board effective January, 2023. If interested, you may nominate yourself or someone else that you think might be a good fit to serve Open Arms in this way. Please submit names to Tim Manthei at (734) 787-1544 or tmanthei23@gmail.com by October 9th if interested or for more information.

WORSHIP THEMES Sept. 18- Oct. 23:

- Why and How we Talk about our Faith
- Why and How we Serve others
- Why and How we Live Generously

REFORMATION CELEBRATION October 30th.

THE CONFIRMATION PLANNING MEETING for 7th and 8th grade students and their parents will be after the worship service on Sunday, September 25th, and will decide on class day and time. Both students and parents should attend this introductory meeting. Sessions will begin the first week of October. If your son or daughter plans to be in confirmation class this year, please contact Pastor Larry.

THE 252 PROGRAM for Kindergarten through 5th grade students and is open to church members and children from the public. The program is based on the description of Jesus in Luke 2:52. Last year's leader moved away. We are looking for a coordinator, weekly lesson leaders, and people willing to teach "life skills." Contact Pastor Larry for more info. We hope that 252 will return early this Fall.

A QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Meeting with Dr Chad Lakies, Talking about Faith, Sept. 16th
- Acolyte training, Sept. 18th
- Women's and Men's Bible studies begin, Sept. 20th
- 7th & 8th grades confirmation meeting, Sept. 25th
- Next MEAL Time, Sept. 28th
- Harvest Festival, Oct. 9th

PRIORITY CHALLENGES FOR OPEN ARMS:

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| Engaging the Community | Expanding Fellowship Opportunities. |
| Talking about the Christian Faith. | Recognizing and using our Gifts. |

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PLEASE SCAN if you want to contact the church, update your information, or leave a message for Pastor Larry. Thanks

