



Serving People! Sharing Jesus! Sending Servants!

DO YOU KNOW that if you attend worship services, your child goes to the Open Arms Day Care or participates in the Latchkey or 252 programs, or you are on the Day Care staff, we consider you part of the OPEN ARMS FAMILY! Open Arms is here to serve you and to serve the Lord and others together with you.

THE OPEN ARMS PRIORITY CHALLENGES, as identified earlier this year, will be discussed during the worship service this Sunday. The Challenges look at how Open Arms can Engage the Community, Expand Fellowship Opportunities, Talk About the Christian Faith, Recognize and Use our Gifts. People attending the service will be given the opportunity to pick the topic they are most interested in with an Elder and a Board member facilitating the discussion in each group. The goal is to identify three things Open Arms can do to address each of these challenges, doing one by December 31st and another by March 31, 2023. This is an important step for Open Arms as we strive with God's help to fulfill the mission He has given to us.

MEAL-TIME OCTOBER 26TH will be an Oktoberfest. The church will provide Brats, all beef hotdogs, and drinks. Open Arms members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to go along with the meal. MEAL-Time is from 5:00 to 6:00 for Day Care Families and Open Arms Members. A sign-up sheet for food donations is posted at the Welcome Center. This is a great time for us to connect.

THE 252 PROGRAM for 1st through 6th grade students is Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Contact Tom Griffin if you are interested in helping. tgriffin@umich.edu. Pastor Larry will present the opening on Wednesday, the 26th. The group will make smores by a campfire.

OPEN ARMS IS COLLECTION items for our Veterans in the VA Hospital Nursing Home and also for Homeless VETS now through November 13th. Items needed are Sweatshirt and Sweatpants (Medium, Large and X-Large), Socks, Gloves, Hats, Coats and Blankets. Items may be brought to Open Arms during the week or on Sunday mornings. With Veterans Day coming soon, this is one way we can thank and serve our nation's Veterans.

A BIG THANK YOU to Barb Potter for designing and to Don Wellman for building the extension of our media center for the Video equipment.

OPEN ARMS IS LOOKING FOR members, daycare staff and families in need of assistance with their holiday meals. We are offering Meijer Gift cards to assist with the purchase of food for your families during the holiday season. If you are in need of any assistance, please pick up and complete the form and return to the office before the end of the month. If you are able to help support a family through the holiday season, make a donation to the AGAPE (Love) fund, contact Debbie Reszke through email (dreszke@openarmscenter.com) or call the church office at 734-699-5000.

THE OPEN ARMS ANNUAL MEETING is Sunday, November 20th, after the service. This is an important time for the Open Arms Family to come together to elect leaders, approve the 2023 budget and look at where we were, where we are, and where we hope to be with God's help.

A QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Collection for Veterans through November 13th
- MEAL-Time, Oct. 26th
- 252 for Grade School
- Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30th
- Ayo Adebajo and Josh Garcia Confirmations, Nov. 6th
- Tina and Hunter Horner farewell, Nov. 6th
- Annual Meeting, Nov. 20th

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CONTACT DEB KASPER for information about the Ladies Tuesday morning Bible Study. Her email is robertkasper45@yahoo.com.

CONTACT DAVE FERBER at ferber_david@yahoo.com for information about the Men's Bible Study that meets on Tuesday evenings. The men began studying the Parables of Jesus on Tuesday the 18th.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL, 1511 Washtenaw Ave in Ann Arbor is holding a morning workshop entitled "Team Me How to Pray ... and Listen" on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9:00 to Noon. Email Norma Polk at nppolk@gmail.com to register.

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

