



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.

OPEN ARMS PRIORITY CHALLENGES REPORT. The people attending the worship service on October 23rd were given the opportunity to participate in discussion groups on what Open Arms can do to meet the four challenges we have identified earlier this year. Each group was asked to identify three things, including at least one to be done before the end of 2022. Here are brief summaries from each group.

Talking about the Christian Faith

- Offer a workshop in talking about the Christian faith (by end of year)
- Offer Sunday morning Bible class opportunities (by end of first quarter)
- Offer affinity group events (such as quilting)

Engage the Community

- Write an article for the Belleville Independent about Open Arms
- Participate in the Belleville Light Parade December 3rd
- Re-engage High School Youth and Members with the Belleville Community

Expanding Fellowship

- Hanging the Greens (Christmas Tree and Decorations Nov. 27th)
- The 252 youth decorate the church lobby for Christmas
- Secret Santa gift exchange and party Dec. 11th

Recognize and Use our Gifts

- Research and plan surveys and personality tests.
- Research and plan classes
- Build and create classes

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.

FUNDRAISER FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY at Bev Conry's, 10178 Wheeler Street, Van Buren Township, Friday Noon to 6, Saturday 10 to 6 pm and Sunday after worship till 6 pm. Women's Ministry will get \$2 from each MiniTowel sold. To schedule another time, call Bev at 734 775-7115.

OPEN ARMS IS COLLECTING 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. If you need assistance, please pick up, complete and return the form to 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:

- Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30th
- Ayo Adebajo and Josh Garcia Confirmations, Nov. 6th
- Tina and Hunter Horner farewell, Nov. 6th
- Annual Meeting, Nov. 20th
- Hanging of the Greens & Decorating Christmas Tree, Nov. 27th
- Thanksgiving MealTime & Advent Service, Nov. 30th
- Daycare Christmas Program, Dec. 8th
- Secret Santa Party, Dec. 11th

PARENTING IS NOT EASY! If you are looking for some good advice and encouragement, take a look at the Family First website program page. www.familyfirst.net/programs/ You can sign up for *All Pro Dads* to get daily encouragement on how to be a better Dad delivered daily to your inbox or *iMom* to get daily motherhood ideas, insight, & inspiration sent to your inbox!

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

