



**IT'S YOUR TURN** to help Open Arms take the next steps forward on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. We have identified four priorities to continue focusing on in 2023: Engaging the Community. Expanding Fellowship Opportunities. Talking About the Christian Faith. Recognizing and Using our Gifts. We need you to be part of the ongoing discussion, planning, and working together to meet these challenges.

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup> MESSAGE:** The Father told the Disciples “Listen to Jesus!”

**THE LENTEN SEASON** begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> with a short service at approximately 6:15. We will talk about the meaning of “Ash Wednesday,” remember Jesus came to wipe away our sins, and learn how to use the devotion in “Footsteps to the Cross.” Each family or individual will be given their own copy of the booklet to use during Lent.

**A YOUTH CHOIR** will help lead the singing at the Ash Wednesday Service. The youth will practice after the service on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**THE NEXT MEALTIME** is Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kevin Pape will be preparing the dinner. This free meal will be served between 5 and 6 PM. Preschool Children will sing at 5:30.

**THE LENTEN MESSAGE SERIES** “Jesus Promises” begins February 26<sup>th</sup>

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| • February 26 <sup>th</sup> | “I Will Always Love You”               |                 |
| • March 5 <sup>th</sup>     | “I Will Never Leave You”               |                 |
| • March 12 <sup>th</sup>    | “I Forgive You”                        |                 |
| • March 19 <sup>th</sup>    | “I Will Give You My Robe”              |                 |
| • March 26 <sup>th</sup>    | “I Invite You into My Presence”        |                 |
| • April 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | “I Come In the Name of the Lord”       | Palm Sunday     |
| • April 6 <sup>th</sup>     | “I Give You a New Covenant”            | Maundy Thursday |
| • April 7 <sup>th</sup>     | “I Can Turn Your Tragedy into Triumph” | Good Friday     |
| • April 9 <sup>th</sup>     | “I Have Won the Victory Over Sin”      | Easter Sunday   |

## REFLECTION ON DAILY READINGS:

- What new insights did you get about the Christian faith and life?
- What did you learn in this week's readings?
- What do you have questions about from this week's readings?

## DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS February 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

16 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 1:29-2:12	20 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 4:30-5:20
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 2:13-3:6	21 <sup>st</sup>	Mark 5:21-43
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 3:7-35	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark 6:1-29
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 4:1-29	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark 6:30-56

## A QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Four Priorities Update & Planning, February 19<sup>th</sup>
- Board Meeting February 20<sup>th</sup>
- Ash Wednesday MEAL-TIME & Service February 22<sup>nd</sup>

## THRIVENT ACTION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- March MEALTIME, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Brunch
- Teacher Appreciation Week in May
- Food and clothing for the homeless
- Memorial Day collections for Veterans

**THE 2023 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Topic: The New Testament letters of 1 and 2 Peter. If you have any questions, please contact David Ferber (ferber\_david@yahoo.com).

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets on Tuesdays at 9:30AM at Sam's restaurant and is studying the book of James. The evening zoom study starts at 6:30PM on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, looking at the Book of Acts. Contact Deb Kasper for more information. [robertkasper45@yahoo.com](mailto:robertkasper45@yahoo.com)

**VACATION BIBLE** is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Theme: "Follow Jesus!" Save the date and volunteer to help Open Arms reach Belleville children and the families for Christ.

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

