



THE PROMISES OF JESUS SERIES continues this Sunday, March 19th with Jesus' promise, "I Will Never Leave You."

THE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT at Open Arms is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st. We need donations of individually wrapped candies (no hard candies) and plastic eggs. Both are also need for the **Egg My Yard** fundraiser. Drop them off whenever you are at Open Arms. Be sure to invite family, friends, and neighbors.

PLEASE SEND YOUR UPDATED EMAIL addresses to our Administrative Assistant, Deborah Reszke at dreszke@openarmscenter.com. Open Arms Members and regular worship attenders will be sent an online survey from the Michigan District sometime in March. Please give us the email addresses for all confirmed youth so that they can complete the survey. Invitations to complete the survey should be sent out soon. Contact the church office if you do not have access to the internet to complete the survey.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT PRESIDENT Dave Davis will be at the March 20th Board meeting to talk with them about the Call process.

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?

Email your thoughts or questions about the readings to Dave Ferber so he can be prepared to respond to your questions or thoughts. Dave's email is ferber_david@yahoo.com

DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS March 2nd - 10th

March 16th Luke 2:1-35

March 17th Luke 2:36-52

March 18th Luke 3:1-22

March 19th Luke 3:23-38

March 20th Luke 4:1-30

March 21st Luke 4:31-5:11

March 22nd Luke 5:12-28

March 23rd Luke 5:29-6:11

IF YOU ARE MAKING CASH DONATIONS to Open Arms on Sundays, be sure to write your name on the outside of the envelope so that your offering can be recorded and included in your end of the year donation statement.

THE NEW MEMBER CLASS continues on March 26th.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAND JESUS WALKED continues on March 19th.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, MARCH 24TH, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Join us for Pizza, Salads and the “*Puss in Boots, the Last Wish*” movie.

THE NEXT MAKING LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS day is Sunday, April 16th, following the service. Donations needed are

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| 12 loaves of bread | 100 services of sweet snacks |
| 300 to 400 slices of lunch meat | 100 juice boxes |
| 100 slices of cheese | 100 Ziploc sandwich bags |
| 100 servings of salty snacks | 100 large lunch bags |

Please email Dana Underwood at dana.underwood1468@icloud.com if you will be getting one or more of these items. We also need large boxes for packing the lunches, help loading and transporting to the buss.

THE DAY CARE IS LOOKING for volunteers to assist with the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Ready classrooms by providing some one-on-one support for children who are in need of academic intervention. This could be once a week or more. Preferably mornings between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Volunteers must be willing to participate in a background check and will be supervised at all times. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Greta.

SUMMER CAMP FOR GRADE SCHOOLERS will be here sooner than you know it. If you know someone who might be interested in helping to lead Summer Camp this year either as a leader or helper, check out that attached flier. Contact Greta for more information.

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

THE SHINGLES HAVE been placed on the church roof. Removal of the old shingles and installation of the new roof is scheduled to begin next Monday, the 20th. Be aware of the workers and stay away from areas where they are working until the project is completed. We don’t want anyone to be hurt by falling debris or to step on a roofing nail.

IF YOU HAVE A THRIVENT account, either life insurance or investments, you qualify for two Action Grants up to \$250 year. Applications need to be submitted at least two weeks before the event. Please consider using one of your grants for one of these special events at Open Arms:

- Easter Egg Hunt, April 1st & Easter Brunch, April 9th
- Homeless Lunches, April 16th
- Teacher Appreciation Week in May
- Food and clothing for the homeless & Veterans
- Summer Camp Bibles for each of the campers & Supplies

A QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Quilting Day, March 18th
- A Journey Through the Land Where Jesus Walked, March 19th, April 2nd & 16th
- Board Regular Meeting, March 20th Call Meeting March 29th
- Movie Night March 24th
- Membership Information Class, March 26th, & April 23rd.
- Meal-Time, March 29th
- Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 1st
- Maundy Thursday Service, April 6th Good Friday Service, April 7th
- Easter Service, Egg Hunt & Brunch, April 9th
- Homeless meal packing, April 16th

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

