



UPCOMING EVENTS at Open Arms

- Youth help place American Flags on Vets graves at Hillside cemetery.
- Fundraiser Luncheon for Open Arms student Washington D.C. trip, May 21st
- Deadline for “Favorite Movie” suggestion
- Final Day for donations to be dropped off for V.A. hospital patients, May 28th.

REFLECTION ON DAILY READINGS: Email your thoughts or questions about the readings to Dave Ferber for Sunday services. Dave’s email is ferber_david@yahoo.com

DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS, May 18th - May 25th

May 18th John 9:35-10:21

May 22nd John 12:20-50

May 18th John 10:22-11:16

May 23rd John 13:1-30

May 20th John 11:17-50

May 24th John 13:31-14:14

May 21st John 11:51-12:19

May 25th John 14:15-31

THRIVENT ACTION GRANT IDEAS: Consider using one of your grants for a special event at Open Arms. Application for grants have to be submitted at least 2 weeks before the event.

- Food and clothing for collection for Veterans between now and Memorial Day
- Summer Camp Bibles for each of the campers & supplies
- Vacation Bible School

GREETERS WELCOME Guest and Members. Would you be willing to help serve as a greeter? Contact Brenda Bucholz for more information. bucholzb@gmail.com

HILLSIDE CEMETARY is looking for volunteers to place flags on Veteran’s graves on Saturday, May 20th at 8:30 AM. Open Arms Youth will meet at Open Arms at 8:00 for refreshments before carpooling to the cemetery. Adults are welcome too.

DONATIONS FOR OUR VETERANS will be collected between now and Memorial Day weekend, May 28th. Items to be donated are toiletries (soap, shaving cream, etc.), sweatpants/sweatshirts, socks, and gift cards (gas, Kroger, fast food restaurants, etc.).

DC TRIP FUNDRAISER. Six Open Arms members that attend St. Michael’s Lutheran School have an opportunity to go to Washington D.C. in October of 2023. Please join us for a fund-raising luncheon this Sunday, May 21st for Smoked Chicken & Pork, Mac & Cheese, Toss Salad, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Rolls, and Assorted desserts. The luncheon will be immediately following church service.

THE AGAPE (Love) FUND is designed to help members and others who need financial help. Your donations to the Agape Fund are appreciated by all who receive that support. One of our members was the victim of an attack earlier this month and will need financial assistance to help cover medical expenses and lost income. Open Arms plans to assist her through the Agape Fund.

GAS GIFT CARDS from Belleville area gas stations would be a big help for Ron and Linda Everard who are driving to St. Joe's Hospital every day to see their daughter. You can leave a gift card for them at the church office or at the Welcome Center on Sundays. Ron and Linda would like to thank those who have already given them a gift card.

OPEN ARMS PRIORITIES UPDATE. Last fall Open Arms identified and began working on four top ministry priorities. Last month members revisited these four with the addition of youth ministry. Here is a brief summary of from those discussions.

- Outreach: Outdoor service & church picnic this summer. Sunday Potlucks, Car Wash
- Talking about Jesus: Bible study in fall after services. Spiritual Conversation sessions. Develop teaching staff. Start more affinity groups.
- Spiritual Gifts: Take spiritual gifts survey one Sunday. Help match gifts with Ministries.
- Fellowship: Hold more fellowship events. Plan sports days. Tailgate "Thunder Over Michigan Airshow" in church parking lot. Board game & Family nights.
- Youth Ministry: Beginning holding youth events twice a month, partnering with area churches when possible.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE MOVIE. We are planning a message series during the month of July looking at the Gospel in movies. Let us know your favorite movie by May 21st.

Movie Title: _____

Why this is your favorite movie? _____

_____ Your age:

YOU ARE INVITED to an Open Houser for Buster Wurm's graduation party on Friday, June 16th at the Central City Park Indoor Pavilion, 1901 N Carlson St. Westland, MI. Join Buster, family and friend for a Taco and Nacho Bar. Please RSVP to Christinawurm18@gmail.com by June 2nd. Congratulations Buster! Contact Pastor Larry if you can help clean up after the event.

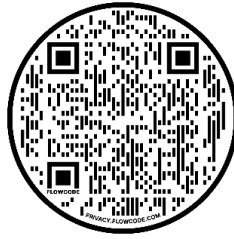
THE SUMMER CAMP is a great way to serve and reach out to our community. Here is the link to the "Wish List" for this summer's camp.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/325ZOAS4YXYIW?ref=wl_share

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEALS. We are looking for volunteers to help serve dinners during Vacation Bible School! It's a great way to welcome the children & their families and it kicks off VBS every evening! Help is needed preparing meals, serving food, and donating for the meals. Contact Amanda Marek @ akmarek3@gmail.com / 734-649-4765 if you can help.

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Pastor Larry Courson pastorlarry@openarmscenter.com (734) 395-0974

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



SCAN if you would like to donate to Open Arms. Thanks to all of you for your support of the ministry we share together.

