



### **THIS COMING WEEK AT OPEN ARMS**

- Sunday Worship Service & Veterans Collection, May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Memorial Day, Daycare closed, May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Ready Graduation, June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Daycare closed June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**THE “GOD’S MISSION OUR MISSION”** message series concludes on May 28<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday, with the theme “*God’s Mission Spirit Powered.*” God gives the Holy Spirit to His people so we can grow in faith and tell others about Jesus’ gifts of love and forgiveness.

**MEAL (Meet. Eat. Always Loved) Time** is Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Daycare and Open Arms members are invited to join us for a free BBQ meal from 5 to 6 PM. The Daycare children will sing at 5:30.

**IT’S GRADUATION TIME** for the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten ready classes. The graduation event will be held on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30.

**JUNE MESSAGE SERIES:** “*Jesus Followers Then and Now.*” The lives of Christians today are a lot like the lives of the very first followers of Jesus. Each Sunday we will look at one the previous weeks reading from the New Testament and look at how the early Christians lives and what that says about how we live today as followers of Jesus.

- June 4<sup>th</sup>           Dedicated     Acts 2:41-42
- June 11<sup>th</sup>        Unstoppable   Acts 4:8-20
- June 18<sup>th</sup>        Courageous    Acts 9:10-18
- June 25<sup>th</sup>        Open            Acts 15:4-19

**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](mailto:ferber_david@yahoo.com)

### **DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS, May 18<sup>th</sup> - May 25<sup>th</sup>**

May 25 <sup>th</sup> John 14:15-31	May 29 <sup>th</sup> John 18:1-27
May 26 <sup>th</sup> John 15:1-27	May 30 <sup>th</sup> John 18:28-19:16
May 27 <sup>th</sup> John 16:1-33	May 31 <sup>st</sup> John 19:17-42
May 28 <sup>th</sup> John 17:1-26	June 1 <sup>st</sup> John 20:1-31

**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.

- Summer Camp Bibles for each of the campers & supplies
- Vacation Bible School

**IF YOU ARE APPLYING** for a Thrivent Action Grant, consider ordering smaller shirts that can be worn by the children in the Day Care and Summer Camp when they are doing art or other messy projects.

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

**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.

**THANKS TO ALL** who helped with the DC trip fundraiser and to all who enjoyed and donated to help fund the trip. A special thanks to Will Cantrell for preparing the smoked chicken and pork. The food was great!

**YOU ARE INVITED** to an Open Houser for Buster Wurm's graduation party on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 8:30 PM 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](mailto:Christinawurm18@gmail.com) by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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](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](mailto:akmarek3@gmail.com) / 734-649-4765 if you can help.

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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.



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

