



**THE HARVEST FESTIVAL** is this Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. What to expect? petting farm -- hayride -- trunk or treat -- snacks -- games -- crafts -- bonfire. Kids (and grown ups!) are encouraged to dress up in kid-friendly costumes. How can you help? Set up the afternoon/night before. Volunteer during the event. **Host and decorate a trunk (pass out candy)**. If interested, contact Greta Bower [gbower@openarmscenter.com](mailto:gbower@openarmscenter.com)

**VAN BUREN FIRE STATION 2** is holding a pancake breakfast this Saturday in conjunction with the Open Arm's Harvest Festival. You are encouraged to attend the breakfast before coming to the Harvest Festival. The Pancake Breakfast is a fund raiser for the HART program that provides on scene support to First Responders. You can find our more about HART at [www.hhv.care](http://www.hhv.care) or talk with Pastor Larry who is on the HART board.

#### **OCTOBER WORSHIP THEMES**

8<sup>th</sup> Explore the Frontier    Philippians 3

22<sup>nd</sup> 1 Thessalonians 1

15<sup>th</sup> Rejoice in the Lord    Philippians 4

29<sup>th</sup> Reformation Sunday Romans 3

**OPEN ARMS CALL UPDATE:** Open Arms has asked Michigan District President Dave Davis for a new Call list that should arrive later this month or early in November.

**“SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS”** Adult Bible study looking at the New Testament readings from the previous week begins after the worship service. Marty Moro and Dave Ferber will lead the discussion. Join the class every Sunday you can.

**252 FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN** meets on Wednesday Evenings. Participants can register ahead of time or on Wednesday evenings. Contact Tom Griffin, [tgriffin@umich.edu](mailto:tgriffin@umich.edu) for more information.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH.** We need someone to lead one Sunday a month. The church provides weekly lesson topics and teaching ideas. Contact Pastor Larry for more information.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH** will begin meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month after the service. Contact Tom Griffin: [@Thomas Griffin](https://www.instagram.com/ThomasGriffin) or Kara Garcia: [@keribless@yahoo.com](mailto:keribless@yahoo.com) for more information.

**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** October 5<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> Colossians 1:19-2:7	Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup> 1 Thess. 2:10-3:13
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> Colossians 2:8-23	Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> 1 Thess. 4:1-5:3
Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup> Colossians 3:1-17	Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup> 1 Thess. 5:4-28
Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup> Colossians 3:18-4:18	Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> 2 Thess. 1
Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:9	Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup> 2 Thess. 2

**SACK LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS.** Sunday, October 15, we will be making lunches for the homeless. This will take place right after worship. In order to make these lunches, we are asking for your help. Please consider donating any of the following:

12 loaves of bread	100 slices of cheese
300 to 400 slices of lunch meat	100 servings of sweet snacks

If you are able to donate, email Dana Underwood. [dana.underwood1468@icloud.com](mailto:dana.underwood1468@icloud.com) to let her know. All donations should be dropped off at the church by Sunday, October 15. We are also looking for large boxes to put the lunches into to carry to the bus. I am also looking for help transporting the lunches and loading them on the bus. If you're not able to donate, but still want to help, please consider offering a hand to help make lunches. We'd love to have you join us! As always, thank you so much for your generosity. If you have any questions, please reach out to either Brandon or me. Dana Underwood.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT OPEN ARMS:**

- Harvest Festival October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Homeless Lunch Packing, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>
- V.A. Hospital Collection, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>
- MEAL Time, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

**CEF LOAN PROCESSESOR:** Church Extension Fund is a ministry-based financial institution located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with total loans outstanding exceeding \$160 Million. CEF seeks qualified candidates for the position of Loan Processor. This position handles all facets of loan processing, post-closing loan functions and monitoring of open loan accounts. The position reports to and assists the CEF Assistant VP-Loan Manager. Opportunities for advancement exist. A complete job description is available on CEF's website: [mi-cef.org/news](http://mi-cef.org/news). Applicants should mail or email a cover letter with resume and any salary requirements no later than October 31, 2023 to: Ms. Kris Nowak – Executive Assistant, Church Extension Fund, 3773 Geddes Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, [kris.nowak@mi-cef.org](mailto:kris.nowak@mi-cef.org).

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