



**YOU ARE INVITED TO “GOD CONNECTS”** Bible Study after the worship service on Sunday to learn about the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Marty Moro and Dave Ferber will be leading the sessions. You can find the videos at <https://www.lhm.org/godconnects/default.asp>

**LIVING WISELY IN AN UNWISE WORLD.** The world tries to find wisdom but often gets lost in jealousy and selfish ambition. As God’s people, we understand that all essential truth is found in God’s Word. During this series we will be learning more about pursuing God’s wisdom and applying it to how we allocate our time and use our money. We hope this is a blessing to you as we strive to grow to be the faithful body of believers Christ has called us to:

“Becoming Money Wise”, 16<sup>th</sup>

“Living Together Wisely”, 23<sup>rd</sup>

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>** is “Commitment Sunday” for Open Arms. This is an important step in determining how much Open Arms will have to financial support the next Pastor. A copy of the commitment form is attached if you need one. Please returned commitment forms by the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**DONATION TO OPEN ARMS** may be made by going to the church website and clicking the Online Offering button. This can be used for one-time donations, for scheduled giving and for donations to special projects. <https://www.openarmscenter.com>

#### **TEAM TIGER BACKBACK NEEDS**

Soup

Fruit cups

Pancake syrup

Vegetables

**TEAM TIGERS UPDATE:** Tyler Elementary did a macaroni and cheese food drive and collected 1,110 boxes. Team Tigers now includes third and fourth graders. One parent sent this note. *"Please try to help. We are having a hard time."* Fresh food items were given to them. This is one example of why your donations are so important to be able to continue to help these families.

**TEAM TIGERS BOWLING FUND RAISER** is Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at Lodge Lanes in Belleville. \$20 includes 2 games, shoe rental and pizza. Contact Bev Conry, Dana or Brandon Underwood for tickets.

**THE CALL COMMITTEE** met on Monday to review the information on the nine Pastors on the latest Call list and identified Pastors to interview between now and February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**OPEN ARMS VOTER’S MEETING** to decide whether or not to request a Seminary Graduate be placed at Open Arms will be after the service on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Applying for a graduate does not guarantee that a candidate will be assigned to Open Arms. Seminary placement dates are April 23 and 24.

**BEFORE OPEN ARMS** can call either a Seminary Graduate or a Pastor currently serving in another ministry, the offerings given to the church have to increase. The financial information given during this Sunday's service will be emailed so everyone can see the support needed to call a Pastor.

**DAYCARE CHILDREN AT HAMPTON MANOR.** Daycare students have been invited to visit on a somewhat regular basis. The first visit in February 20<sup>th</sup>. Greta is looking for volunteers interested in driving 4 and 5 year old children and visiting with the residents. Contact Greta for more information.

**MARCH IS READING MONTH AT OPEN ARM DAYCARE.** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. works best for most classes. Special readers in the afternoon at 3:45 p.m are also welcome. Chapel is held every Wednesday. If you wanted to read on a Wednesday morning, you could visit chapel first at 9:00 a.m., then pop into the classrooms. If you are interested in reading to one or more classrooms during March, please contact Greta Bower.

**THRIVENT ACTION GRANT IDEAS.** If you have investments or life insurance with Thrivent, you can apply for two Action Grants each year. Here are few suggestions for ways to use your Thrivent Grants to serve the Belleville community and help support Open Arms Church and Daycare Ministries.

Team Tigers backpack Tyler School Student food program

MEAL Time the last Wednesday of each month that provides free food for Daycare and Open Arms families and friends. Contact Denise Ferber for more information

Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 12                      Sack Lunches for Homeless people, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Easter Brunch at Open Arms, April 20<sup>th</sup>                      National Day of Prayer, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Veterans Take Out Tuesday gift cards. May 1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Summer Camp Supplies, starting June 16<sup>th</sup>                      Vacation Bible School, July 28-31

**WORSHIP SERVICE USHERS.** Open Arms will start passing the collection plates during the service on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will need two ushers for each service. If you are willing to serve or need more information call or text Brenda Bucholz at 734 358 6223 or email her at [Bucholzb@gmail.com](mailto:Bucholzb@gmail.com)

**LADIES NIGHT SWAP PARTY** is February 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Check last week's news update or contact Noel Gee for more information. [Noel.Granger16@gmail.com](mailto:Noel.Granger16@gmail.com)

**OPEN ARMS HAS JOINED "ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM."** It is the world's largest legal organization committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, marriage and family, parental rights, and the sanctity of life. Thanks to Marty Moro winning the drawing at the Michigan District Theological Convocation, Open Arms has a free one-year membership.

**"PARENTS IN CONTROL, A GUIDE TO YOUR RIGHTS IN EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE** is a free resource from Alliance Defending Freedom. A copy of the guide is attached to this week's news.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o\\_xOMNiH7\\_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt) **WORSHIP MUSIC PLAY LIST LINK**

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