



FEBRUARY 23RD is “Commitment Sunday” for Open Arms. This is an important step in determining how much money Open Arms will have to support the next Pastor. Please bring your commitment form to the service on the 23rd or email to Debbie Reszke at dreszke@openarmscenter.com Debbie is the only one who will see your commitment for 2025.

TEAM TIGER BACKBACK NEEDS

Soup (please no ramen)*
Veggies*
Fruit cups
Go Go squeeze applesauce

*** BIGGEST NEEDS**

Cereal
Pop tarts
Pancake syrup

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

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 2nd. Applying for a graduate does not guarantee that a candidate will be assigned to Open Arms. Seminary placement dates are April 23 and 24. *Everyone interested in the Ministry of Open Arms is encouraged to attend.* Members of Open Arms at least 18 years of age are able to vote.

CALL LIST UPDATE: Nine Pastors were on the most recent Call list given to Open Arms. The Call Committee identified five Pastors to be interviewed. Unfortunately, those five all have legitimate reasons why they cannot consider a Call at this time and declined to be interviewed. The decision whether or not to request a new Call list and when will be made after the Voter’s meeting on March 2nd.

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 March 26th, April 30th

Sack Lunches for Homeless people, April 19th

National Day of Prayer, May 1st.

Summer Camp Supplies, starting June 16th

Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 12

Easter Brunch at Open Arms, April 20th

Veterans Take Out Tuesday gift cards. May

Vacation Bible School, July 28-31

THE NEXT MEAL TIME is Wednesday, February 26th, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. You are invited to join Open Arms and Day Care families and friends for a free meal. Daycare children will sing at 5:30. Takeout meals will also be available for people who cannot stay. Menu: Chicken Nuggets. Mac & Cheese. A big thanks to the Youth of Open Arms for serving this month MEAL Time dinner.

WORSHIP SERVICE USHERS. Open Arms will start passing the collection plates during the service on March 2nd. 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

LADIES NIGHT SWAP PARTY is February 21st from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Check last week's news update or contact Noel Gee for more information. Noel.Granger16@gmail.com

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>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt **WORSHIP MUSIC PLAY LIST LINK**

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