



HOLY WEEK AT OPEN ARMS

Palm Sunday, April 13, 10:00 AM service

Maundy Thursday, (Jesus' Last Supper), April 17th, 6:30 PM service

Good Friday, (Jesus Crucifixion), April 18th, 6:30 PM service

Easter Brunch, April 20th, 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Easter Celebration Service, (Jesus' Resurrection) April 20th, 10:00 AM

THE OPEN ARMS COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT is Saturday, April 12th starting at 10:30. Volunteers are needed to hide eggs starting at 9:00. Contact Greta Bower for more information.

TEAM TIGERS THIS WEEKS NEEDS: Canned vegetables (biggest need). We need lots of vegetables. The kids receive a can every single week. We'd actually like to give them two cans each week, but we can't keep vegetables stocked up enough to do this without having to shop every week. Apples. Oranges or Cuties. Individual sized bags of carrots. Hormel Compleats . Granola bars. Fruit cups Squeeze applesauce. Squeeze fruit. Individual sized bags of freeze-dried fruit chips Individual sized no-sugar added juice.

HOMELESS LUNCHES PACKING is Saturday, April 19th at 10:00. Please email Dana Underwood at dunderwood99@hotmail.com if you'd like to donate. All donations need to be at the church by 10:00 am that day. Please label your donation for the. If you'd like to help pack, please feel free to join us at 10:00 am on April 19 at Open Arms. Needed items: 100 juice boxes
100 sweet snacks 100 salty snacks 100 ziploc sandwich bags 8 loaves of bread

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Someone to run the Worship Service Live Stream once a month. Contact Marty Moro for more information. morom3@yahool.com
- Someone to serve on the Arts and Altar team, helping to prepare for worship services. Contact Audrey Moro for more information: amoro1031@gmail.com

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – WHAT'S NEXT? What if I told you God has a cure for your worries and anxieties? Beginning on Sunday, May 4th, after Worship Service, a 5 session DVD series titled; “Anxious for Nothing,” by Max Lucado, will assist you in managing your frequent anxiousness and fears by understanding Philippians 4:4-8. You will learn that with God as your helper, you can discover a life of increased calm and develop Bible based tools for combating the onslaught of anxiety. Please bring your Bible to each session. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Dave.

SEMINARY PLACEMENT PROCESS

The weekend of April 26th & 27th, placement officers of both seminaries meet with the district presidents to review the preliminary assignments and make any necessary changes. During that weekend, the Council of Presidents gives final approval to the call assignments. The original call documents are then given to each seminary.

PLACEMENT DATES are April 29 at the Fort Wayne Seminary and April 30 at the St. Louis Seminary. Open Arms will learn whether or not a seminary graduate has been assigned to the church after that.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM OPPORTUNITIES: If you have investments or insurance with Thrivent, you are eligible for two Action Team grants of \$250 a year. Here are some request from the Greta and the Daycare for special events: Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9
Daycare Graduation Party June 5 (Children's Bibles for Graduates)
Gifts from Daycare students to Hampton Manor residents

252 KIDS will not meet April 16th during Holy Week. The final sessions for this spring are:
April 23, Mother's Day Gifts
April 30, Kickball, Ice Cream, Smores and Fire Safety (Final Session until next Fall)

MEAL TIME AT OPEN ARMS has been going well. The first 3 months of the year have been great with good food and plenty of people attending. Thank you to those who have volunteered to host – Pastor Rob and Deb Kasper, Kara and the Youth Group, and Open Arms Day Care staff. You are all appreciated.

We do need a volunteer to host for April. The dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30th, the last Wednesday of the month. As a reminder, plan on 100-125 guests attending, and Open Arms will reimburse you up to \$300. The meal can be simple - hot dogs, cold cut sandwiches, sloppy Joe's.

Please see Denise Ferber to sign up to host for April. You may contact me the following ways:

Call me (land line) 734-461-2458

Text me (cell) 734-231-1782

E-mail dferb2000@yahoo.com

Or the sign up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Thank you for helping to make Meal Time a wonderful outreach program for Open Arms. May God continue to bless you, Denise Ferber

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER is Thursday, May 1st. Open Arms will be leading a time of prayer for our First Responders and for our nation beginning at Noon at Van Buren Fire Station 2, next to the church. Plan to be part of this special event and pray for our nation and First Responders. Open Arms will be providing lunch for First Responders after the prayers.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv

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TEAM TIGERS TYLER SCHOOL FAMILY SURVEY RESULTS

Team Tigers Surveys: We sent a survey to the families who receive backpacks to get their input on how we are doing, what they like or dislike about the program, to see if the backpacks of food are helpful, etc. Here are the results:

What changes, if any, would you like to see with the backpacks?

No changes. Everything has been so useful.

Are there any foods you would like to see more of in the backpack? If so, what?

More granola bars, fruit squeeze pouches, tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, and juice.

Are there any foods you would like to see less of in the backpacks? If so, what?

Macaroni and cheese, Takis, tuna fish, Rice Krispies treats.

How helpful is the backpack food program in ensuring your student has enough to eat at home?

Every response was "very helpful." Additional comments were that their child has go to foods over the weekend that are very helpful and that they appreciate the variety of snacks and food items.

Does the backpack food program help your student focus better at school?

Every response was yes.

What could be done to make the backpack food program better?

- I think the program is great. I have no complaints
- Absolutely nothing
- You are doing a great job!

Do you think the variety of food in the backpack could be improved?

Every response was no.

Suggestions/Comments:

- We appreciate everything. Thank you!
- Keep feeding the kids! Thank you.

We were very pleased with the results. We were anticipating some negative comments but received none. Outside of the surveys, we have received tremendous feedback from parents and teachers who absolutely love this program and what we are doing.

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