

CHURCH CALENDAR

March

8 NO CLASSES TODAY/CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
 8 Acolyte Training right after worship
 8 Congregational Meeting right after Worship
 10 First communion Class 6:30 pm
 11 Pioneer Club 6:30 pm
 15 Adult Bible Class, Confirmation, Sunday School after worship
 15 Acolyte training after worship
 16 Church Board 7 pm
 17 First Communion Class 6:30 pm
 18 Pioneer Club 6:30 pm/**Last day until September**
 22 Adult Bible Class, Confirmation, Sunday School after worship
 24 First Communion Class 6:30 pm
 29 Adult Bible Class, Confirmation, Sunday School after worship
 31 First Communion Class 6:30 pm

April

4 Community Easter Egg Hunt 10 am
 5 Palm Sunday

Acolyte Training/Refresher

CHANGED TO MARCH 15, 2020 AFTER WORSHIP

for anyone in grades 5 to 12 interested in joining the acolyte team. **We are asking all current acolytes attend for a refresher.** Training will be held immediately after service. Please plan on attending one of the trainings. Questions contact Vicar Mark or Brenda Bucholz

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please submit prayer requests to Bev Conry or Vicar Mark Matheny at: bconry@openarmscenter.com or vicarmark@openarmscenter.com

“DISCOVERY PROJECT”

Thank you, Open Arms family, for your support of the Discovery Project! The projected cost to complete the 3 phases of this project (playground, flooring, security) is \$105,000. Your gifts and pledges of \$72,000 are a major step forward towards this goal! Thank you! To date **\$36,881.00** has been received. Installation is complete and our day care kids are enjoying the playground upgrade!
 Thank you all for helping this dream become a reality!
Playground dedication was Sunday, May 19, 2019

Any questions contact: Marty Moro at morom3@yahoo.com

COMING EVENTS

- Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 10:00 am
- Easter Egg Hunt April 12, 2020 right after worship

Nursery Care **NOT SCHEDULED** for parents attending Adult Bible Class

However, the nursery is open if one parent would like to take the child to the nursery and the other go to Bible Class.

If you have a prayer for today the **green prayer card** can be filled out this morning and dropped in the offering plate and your pray will be added to the prayers of the church.

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Who is My Elder?

Last Name Starts with:	Designated Elder:
A - G	Ken Jones (734) 323-9058
H - MA	Bayo Adebajo (734) 560-2835
ME - Z	Marty Moro (734) 756-1626

Vicar Mark Matheny (248) 881-7627
vicarmark@openarmscenter.com

Life @



March 8, 2020

Sunday Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

Presiding: Vicar Mark Matheny

Opening Praise Way Maker, Here I Am To Worship
Invocation
Call to Worship
Confession & Absolution
Prayer of the Day
God's Word Genesis 12: 1-9; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17
Gospel Reading John 3:1-17
Children's Message
Sermon
Nicene Creed
Offering Take My Life and Let It Be
Prayer of the Church & Lord's Prayer
Communion Everything and Nothing, Immanuel
Benediction
Announcements
Sending Song Amazing Love

NURSERY CARE

A nursery is available for children (**6 mos-4 yrs**) during the entire service. Trained caregivers provide a safe place for your children while you worship.

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ gives us not only bread and wine, but also His true body and true blood. By our eating and drinking, Christ gives us forgiveness of sins and strengthens our unity with Him and with each other [Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17].

We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an **unworthy** manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" [1 Corinthians 11:27]. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intends it – for your blessing!

If you have been baptized and instructed in the Lord's Supper and have examined yourself according to Scripture, you are welcome to receive these gifts with us. If you have any doubts or questions, please speak with Vicar Mark or an elder prior to communing.

Sunday celebrations today and every Sunday

Worship 10:00 am/Adult Bible Class/Confirmation/Sunday School after worship

OUR MISSION: To Serve People, Share Jesus and Send Servants who make disciples in Belleville and beyond

welcome

Are You New?

Whether you are just visiting or looking to join our family, it is great to have you with us! Whatever your circumstances – single, married, single again, with or without children – no matter where you've been or what's happened in your life, you are welcome here!

What to expect

Today, you are with people who are just like you; broken, hurting and struggling with sin. Here we will receive God's gifts of forgiveness through His Word and Sacrament. We offer to God our worship and praise through our words and songs.

No Strings attached

If you are a guest with us today, please don't feel you need to give any money when the offerings are collected. If you are a Christ-follower, you are welcome to offer your tithes and offerings to God.

Welcome!

We pray your worship with us is uplifting and encouraging, as we share God's gifts and praise Him for loving us!

Get Connected

There are many ways to get connected and involved at Open Arms. What's your next step: join a ministry? Contact office for questions (734) 699-5000

Are you new and want to know more?

Worship—Serving
Contact Bev in the church office:
bconry@openarmscenter.com
(734) 699-5000

Sermon Notes

Today's Theme

Like the disciples, we often see Jesus, we often look at God with Sleepy Eyes. A Pharisee named Nicodemus was also sluggish, sleepy in his understanding of Jesus' identity and mission. But Jesus was patient with him as He is with us, explaining His coming death, resurrection and the salvation which is given to us by the Son of Man. Thanks be to God!

First Communion Class Schedule

Held on Tuesday at 6:30 pm

March 10, 2020

March 17, 2020

March 24, 2020

March 31, 2020

April 7, 2020

If you have any questions contact

Vicar Mark Matheny

(734) 699-5000 or

vicarmark@openarmscenter.com

DAY CARE NEWS

Open Arms operates a child day care five days each week. Open Arms members who refer anyone can receive \$100 for each referral. All members children and grandchildren are entitled to receive a 10% discount on their tuition. Contact the office for more information.

Daycare Ministry and Director

Mrs. Greta Bower

gbower@openarmscenter.com or 734-699-5000

ELEMENTARY/PRE-TEEN

Pioneer Club

Meets Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Ages Welcome: Kindergarten to 6th grade

Last day is March 18, 2020

Begins again in September

Leader: Katherine Gorka

kgorka@openarmscenter.com

YOUTH

Confirmation meets each Sunday after worship



Donuts every Sunday are provided by
Tim Horton's on Michigan Avenue in Canton

CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Breakfast

Meets every **Thursday** at 7 am
at L Georges restaurant on
Michigan Ave in Canton

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Right After Worship Every Sunday

Sunday, March 8th "Sleepy Eyes"

Sunday March 15th "Denying Eyes"

Sunday March 22nd "Murderous Eyes"

Sunday March 29th "Worldly Eyes"

RECURRING EVENTS

Facility Team 2nd Saturday Work Day

9:00 am

Leader: Don Wellman

Each month will have different tasks and everyone is invited to come and serve.

Questions call Don at (734) 697-8904

Next Serving Saturday: March 14, 2020

Belleville Young Lives

Next Meeting: March 12, 2020

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (CEF)

Of The Michigan District LCMS

Make a Resolution to Save for the Future

You're only young once. The prudent person plans carefully for the future. One way to do this is to invest in Church Extension Fund.

For more information:

Visit the website or call:

www.mi-cef.org or [800-242-3944](tel:800-242-3944)