



TODAY IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, May 5th. Open Arms hosted a “Gather Around the Flagpole” prayer event at noon at the Van Buren Fire Department Station 2. We provided a Mexican lunch for the First Responders since it is Cinco de Mayo. Thanks to all who came out to pray for our nation and support our First Responders.

HAPPENING THIS MAY:

- Gathering of personal items and gift cards for VA patients until Memorial Day
- Mother’s Day Celebration May 8th
- Teacher Appreciation Week, May 9th – 13th
- May 14th, Women’s Lemon Luncheon
- Vacation Bible School Organization and Planning Meeting, May 16th.
- May 21st, Outside Cleanup Day
- Memorial Day Weekend Service, May 29th

MAY IS VETERAN’S SUPPORT MONTH. Open Arms will be collecting items and donations for patients at the VA hospital and nursing home. They currently need

- Candy, individually wrapped by manufacturer
- Sweatshirt and Sweatpants (medium, large and extra-large).
- Restaurant gift cards (Applebee’s, Subway or visa gift cards) for take-out Tuesdays.
- Socks/cozy footies

Donations may be left in the tubs under the coat rack at the church.

THE NEXT MEN’S BIBLE STUDY will be on Tuesday, May 17th, 6:30 pm, in the Upper Room. Please contact David Ferber if you have any questions (ferber_david@yahoo.com).

IF YOU ARE NEW to Open Arms, please send Bev Conry your birthday and anniversary days so that you can receive a card from the church on your special day.
bconry@openarmscenter.com

THIS IS TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK at Open Arms, a time to say thank you to teachers and staff for the love and care they give to the children.

JOIN US SUNDAY, MAY 15, to make lunches for the homeless right after the worship service.

Please consider donating any of the following items for the lunches:

14 loaves of bread 300 slices of lunch meat 100 slices of cheese
100 servings of salty snacks 100 servings of 100% juice 100 servings of sweet snacks
100 large paper lunch bags

Dana Underwood at dunderwood99@hotmail.com to find out what is still need. Boxes are needed to transport the lunches from the church to the bus. Join us on May 15 with this important effort to help feed the homeless.

THE CHURCH PROPERTY needs some TLC. Will you help us clean up the church grounds on Saturday, May 21st? The more helping hands, the sooner the job is done.

TRIKES AND BIKES. Refugee Families who have moved into Wayne and Washtenaw Counties have children who need good working condition Trikes and Bikes with training wheels. If you have a bike or trike to spare, please bring them to Open Arms or contact Pastor Larry. He will deliver them to Jewish Family Services for distribution to the refugee families.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS about the Christian Faith or Open Arms? Pastor Larry would like to talk with you. Check below for his contact information.

READ TOGETHER. Check out the summer reading program for families at www.cph.org/reads

HELP NEEDED!!!

- People who cannot attend services because of health or work issues, people who live out of the area, and people who are thinking about attending Open Arms depend on the Live Stream and Recorded services. People are needed to run the equipment each week. If we get four or five teams, they will only have to serve on Sunday a month. Talk with Barb Potter, Marty Moro or Rick Karaschin for more information.
- Ushers help with the flow of the service and directing people to the altar for communion. Many of our current ushers have taken on new responsibilities. If you can help or want more information about ushering, contact Brenda Buckholz.

STOP AND THINK if you are asked to sign the petition for to place the “Reproductive Freedom for All” Michigan constitutional amendment on the ballot. This pro-abortion amendment would radically change protections for unborn children and medical professionals who conscientiously object to performing abortions. Our Christian faith believes that human life is a precious gift from God and should be protected at stages of life, starting with conception. For more information go to www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org

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