

*** **If you have requests for the bulletin** call/text Sammi Heilman at 419-989-7490 or email at heilman.77@osu.edu. Please send requests by 5 p.m. Friday night.

*****If your prayer request needs immediate prayer**, please call/text Sammi Heilman 419-989-7490 or Tara Shaum 419.564.2083 to be placed on the prayer chain.

Special Requests:

Please start bringing in bags of candy for the Easter Egg hunt on April 12th. We do need the candy the Sunday before the 12th, which is April 6th. Thank you!



Welcome to Open Arms Christian Church

**We exist to praise God; win people to Jesus Christ;
encourage each other; to reach out to those in need;
and to stand for Christian virtues in our community.**

(See Matthew 28:19-20; I Thessalonians 5:11;

James 1:27; Matthew 5:14-16)

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April 6, 2014

A Special Note to Our Visitors...

Welcome with OPEN ARMS! We're glad you came to worship with us today! We hope you will grow closer to God through our service. If you have questions about our church, our leaders listed to the left will be happy to help. **We hope you'll worship with us again soon!**

Just before communion, Children ages 0-3 yrs. can join our **nursery** and children ages 4 yrs. to 6th grade are welcome to join in **REIGNFOREST Junior Church**.

All Christians are welcome to take **communion**. We hold the communion until all are served, think about the meaning of communion, and partake together as a family.

The 1st Sunday of each month is celebrated at Open Arms with donuts, laughter, fun & a children's message.

WARNING... You may get hugged at Open Arms Christian Church!

Open Arms Christian Church meets at 8372 St. Rt. 61 (South of Galion). Fellowship Hour begins at 9:00 am and The Praise and Worship Service begins at 10:00am. On Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm we have our "R.O.C." Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group meetings, and on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 pm we have our ReignForest gatherings for the younger youths (1st through 6th graders.)

Order of Events:

Opening Prayer

Announcements:

- Our workouts have started! We have had several people come! Please come and join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:45 for a healthier you! Cost is only \$2.00! Any questions please see Tara or Amy!
- There will be an Easter breakfast on April 12th. Come enjoy fellowship and great food!
- Thank you for all those who helped with the spring cleaning yesterday!
- There will be an O*A*S*I*S* meeting on Monday. It will start at 6:30 at the church.
- Sunday Lunch bunch will eat at Hatfield's on April 13th in the side room. Hope to see you there!
- Young at Heart will meet on Thursday April 17th. If you have any questions please contact Barb at 419-946-2284.

All Age Groups Dismissed

Devotion and Prayer:

Devotion: Ed Sickmiller

Servers: *A. Heilman, M. Heilman, V. Kunze, D. Leonhard*

Next Week Devotion: Mark Peterson

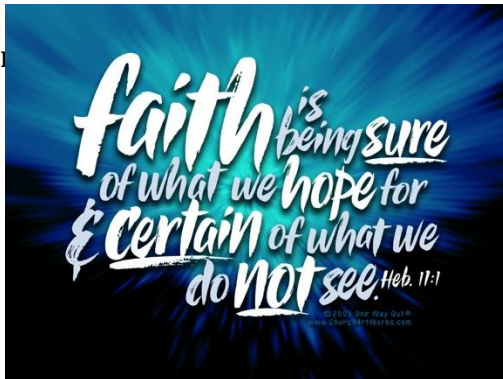
Servers: *E. Sickmiller, B. Trimble, D. VanHorn, J. Walker, J. Wenger*

Communion: All Christians are welcome to join us in communion. If you will hold the bread and cup until all are served, we will partake together as a family.

Message: Nathan Simpson

Invitation

Closing Prayer



Prayer Requests:

- ♥ Gary Stewart had surgery on Tuesday, and it went well. We are praying that he will be able to regain full use.
- ♥ Please pray for Rachel McDaniel she is facing breast cancer for the second time.
- ♥ Please pray for Doris Pletcher's great granddaughter, Rory Maglott. She is having multiple health problems, and the doctors are having trouble identifying a cause.
- ♥ Keith Meadows had oral surgery Friday morning, and is doing well. Please continue to pray for his swift recovery.
- ♥ Please continue to pray for Raney. She is in for another spinal tap to check her pressures to see if it is causing her vomiting. Please pray this is not the case.
- ♥ **Prayer Family of the Week:** The Kunze Family
- ♥ **Missionary of the Month:** Jerry and Mildred Peterson

MINISTER		ELDERS
Nathan Simpson 419.571.8927	Les Wenger 419.946.1296	Birt Scott 419.468.5599
YOUTH MINISTER		
Brian Peterson 419.571.0839	Matt Wiseman 419.560.4041	Jesse Wenger 419.565.1597
	Ed Sickmiller 419-946-7631	

PRAYER LISTS:

COLLEGE: Lindsey K. Barth, Donovan Crisp, Paul Gladden, Rosie Heilman, Sammi Heilman Daniel McCarthy, Ashby Welch, Allyson Wert, Taylor Yeater, Ronnie Thomas, Julie Hykes, and Jordan Hykes, Morgan Bidwell (Becky Kunze's granddaughter) Taylor Brubaker, Hannah Jones.

MILITARY: Lindsey K. Barth, Isaac Kunze, Dan Manley (*Afghanistan*), Andrew Seymour, Cameron Welsh, Jacob Welsh, Seth Weaver (Croatia), Nathaniel Maglott, Jedd Neer, Tony Bently (navy).

HEALTH: Carissa Plough, Diane Fulk, Ann Cass, Diana Doyle, Marian Peterson, Clyde Perkins, Rick and John (Becky Kunze's brothers) Jessica Adams, Robin and Dave Lester, Vera Polk, Phyllis Walters

MISSIONS: Bruce & Mabel Calendar (*Ireland/ USA*); Melvin & Sharon Kelly; Jerry & Mildred Peterson (*Bible Basics Int'l Honduras*); Morrow County Prison Ministries; Gideon's International; Habitat for Humanity, Heartbeat of Morrow County

Message Recap:

In John Chapter 6.

Have you ever looked in first your fridge, then your cabinet, then your cupboard for something to eat? Then you just decide to lower your standards and repeat? When Jesus fed the 5000, in John Chapter 6, they didn't need to continue looking because they had found what they needed. They were full.

In verse 27, Jesus says "do not work for food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life which the Son of Man will give to you." If you notice in the verses before the people did not need to do anything to receive this blessing. There is no way to *earn* your way to Heaven. There is no set system of rules for earning your keep. The only true way to Heaven is to create a relationship with Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior.

That's why we seek to build relationships within Open Arms with each other and ultimately with God. Many times it can be hard to believe in these relationship, and it can be difficult to see the simplicity of Christianity. Christians want proof, justification, and assurance. They want a sign that their faith is not misplaced.

However, that's what faith is, a belief. But as Christians we don't always eat what we are supposed to, sometimes we only eat the physical bread, and forget about the true LIFE sustaining bread. When we become hungry, spiritually, we can act and say things that are out of character for Christians. This also means that we may have gone too long without the proper nourishment. You can survive 3 weeks without food, but we all know someone who has gone much longer than that without the spiritually sustaining food that God provides for us.

In the end, we have to make sure that we are accepting the food that is freely given to us. We need to make sure that we are full of the spiritual bread of life, so that we can in turn say and do the right things for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

