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## **Taco Tuesday**

After a blessed year in 2018, welcoming and helping our Hispanics sisters and brothers, we are looking forward to another fruitful year of ministry and we invite you to be a part of it! With all the opportunities that God is presenting to us, we would like to keep meeting the needs of our immigrant friends in the area. It is with this challenge in mind that we invite the community to participate in our Annual Fundraiser Banquet 2019. Please Invite a friend and come to eat tacos and also hear the miracles that God is doing in our midst. Helping Open Arms is just like supporting missionaries overseas, except it is in our own back yard!

Invite a friend and join us for TACO TUESDAY!



Kidron Park Community Center 4434 Kidron Road Kidron, Ohio 44636

Please RSVP to OAHM.rsvpify.com by March 8

If you have questions please email 919kss@gmail.com or call 330 464 1135

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Thanks for your prayers and support!

## Why I support Open Arms as an Amigo

When my family lived in Virginia, my son befriended a classmate who was an immigrant from the Ukraine. We made an effort to connect with his family and though we had vast differences in language and culture, it was a positive experience. It also opened my eyes to the challenges that immigrants face in daily life. By supporting Open Arms, I am helping the Hispanic immigrants in this community to make connections and find a place of belonging. Open Arms is a ministry that walks alongside and builds friendships with individuals and families as Open Arms helps them navigate

life in Wayne County. Salem Mennonite Church has been a faithful partner of Open Arms and provides a church home and place of belonging for those who choose. I know the desire of the Open Arms board and leaders is that God would use Open Arms as one of his vessels to share love and transform lives. Through prayer, volunteering, and sharing resources, I am glad to support the Open Arms mission that fosters cross cultural understanding and friendships in my

community.
-Michelle Steffen

## Extending the arm of partnership

**Open Arms is excited to announce a partnership with OHuddle Mentoring program.** OHuddle is a mentoring program for high school and middle school youth in Wayne County. Through one-on-one mentoring they seek to empower every child to

thrive in their community. They do this through one-on-one mentoring, case management, and youth ministry. Together with Open Arms, they plan to specifically reach out to Hispanic students in the Orrville school system, to match them with a personal mentor.

It doesn't take long to see the benefits of mentoring. In just ten weeks of one-on-one mentoring, OHuddle has seen grades and behavior marks increase by 23%. Eight of ten teachers believe that mentoring reduces the need for discipline. For Hispanic students, the opportunity for one-on-one mentoring also gives them the chance to practice English, get help with homework, and build their network of support.

But mentoring doesn't just happen. It takes people like you and me. If you want to invest in the future of our community, support local immigrant families and live out your faith...this is a great way to start!



"Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we must love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is truly in our hearts". 1 John 4:11-12 CEV

The ministry of Open Arms is to love our Hispanic neighbors and thus to help God's love in us to grow ever stronger. We want to thank each of you who have supported us through 2018 with your prayers, financial gifts, time and kindnesses. Your prayers and financial support helped us reach our goals for 2018. This is a great blessing to our ministry. In January, our Executive Director started to dedicate his time in full to help our Hispanics brothers and sisters in the growing work of Open Arms. The present immigration situation and the increasing numbers of immigran families in Wayne and Stark counties that we are serving,

created a need for him to focus just on this ministry, leaving his pastoral duties at Salem Mennonite of Wooster. With an expanding ministry at Open Arms, we have increased our budget for 2019, hoping to raise more funds by increasing the number of Amigos, applying for grants, and other sources. At the present, we are blessed to have more than 25 people commit to walk with us as Amigos. To be an Amigo, you pledge to contribute financially with an annual gift of at least \$1,000 for three consecutive years. This will provide financial stability as we move forward into 2019 and will help us to fulfill God's purpose for the mission of Open Arms - welcoming and loving immigrants as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ welcomes and loves us.

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