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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK- JANUARY 15-21

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### Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m.** Mom's Gym Playtime (*Gym*)
- 5:30 p.m.** Worship Team Practice (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Family Meal (*Crossroads Ministry Center*)
- Menu: Pizza, salad, and fruit
  - Gluten-free options available
- 6:30 p.m.** Kids JAM Choir (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Wednesday Night Kids JAM (*Various classrooms*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Middle School Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Gospel: Plain and Simple (*Sewing Room*)
- Men and Women are invited to join a 10-week small group focusing on learning how to share your faith with clarity and relevancy.
- 7:00 p.m.** Men's Bible Study (*Library*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Women's Bible Study (*103*)
- 8:30 p.m.** Youth Dodgeball (*Gym and Fellowship Hall*)

### Thursday

- 7:15 a.m.** Youth Breakfast (*Shaner's House- 515 Greeding St., Bluffton*)
- 6:00 p.m.** Deacon's Meeting (*Conference Room*)
- 6:15 p.m.** College & Career Small Group (*489 Cherry St, Bluffton*)
- 7:00 p.m.** Children's Ministry Volunteer Training (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30 p.m.** Men's Basketball (*Gym*)

### Friday

- 6:00 a.m.** Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)

### Sunday

- 4:00 p.m.** Trustee Meeting (*Conference Room*)
- 6:45 p.m.** High School Small Groups (*Schoolhouse*)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Jan. 25** Women's Mystery Dinner
- Jan. 27** Men's Breakfast- 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 4** Sunday Night Women's Small Group- 7:00 p.m.
- Adult women of all ages are invited to join this new small group that will meet on Sunday evenings and study a book of the Bible.
- Feb. 18** Soup and Salad Social- following worship service
- Feb. 19** Tubing Event at Mad River Mountain
- Feb. 23-25** High School Ice Camp
- Mar. 31** Communion Celebrated

January 14, 2024



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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY

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- 9:00 a.m.** Sunday School/Adult Bible Studies (*Various Classrooms*)
- 10:00 a.m.** Children's Church (*Ages 2-6, B10 & B11*)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Service- Pastor Nick Ringger (*CMC*)
- Message- From Far to Near*
- Scripture- Ephesians 2:11-13*

**Welcome!** We are so happy you are here to worship with us. If today is your first time joining us, please pick up a gift at the Welcome Center. For more information about the church and its ministries, text "new" to 419-792-3625 and a member of the church staff will contact you.

**Contact Cards** are available at the Welcome Center or by scanning the QR code to the right. Please update any new information or share any praises and prayer requests. If you are new, please complete a card so we may stay connected.



## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

### Attendance on January 7:

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	232
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	359

### Opportunities

**Gospel: Plain and Simple:** A new class focusing on Evangelism has started during the regular Wednesday night schedule. Men and women are invited to join this 10-week class that will focus on the process of evangelism and becoming more effective in sharing your faith. Contact Dan Steiner for more information.

**Teacher/Volunteer Training:** A required training will be held on January 18 at 7:00 p.m. for all individuals planning to volunteer with any children's ministry. This training will go over new additions, policies, and changes, as well as to review current policies. Please contact Hanné Streicher with any questions.

**Men's Basketball:** Come out to the gym at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings for a game of basketball with other men. For more information, contact Gabe Meyer.

**Women's Mystery Dinner** is scheduled for Thursday, January 25. Please meet in the church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. and enjoy a night out at a secret location with other ladies from the church. Feel free to invite a friend, ladies of all ages are welcome! Please make your reservation by contacting Kathy Brauen or calling the church office.

### Information

**Bible Reading Plans:** There are reading plans available at the Welcome Center and on the church website. We encourage all those walking with Christ to commit to engaging with God's Word this year.

**New Church Office Hours:** With the New Year comes new office hours. The church office will be closed on Friday afternoons. Please note that all bulletin announcements should be submitted by Thursday afternoon.

**2023 Giving Receipts:** Giving receipts for 2023 were sent via email this past week. Receipts for donors without email addresses or those requesting paper copies will be posted in the coming week. If you have questions, please see Dylan or Tim.

**Please be in prayer** for the team traveling to Kentucky today, January 14, to serve with the tornado cleanup. Members of the team include Josh and Crystal Hanna, Dave Brauen, Maren Gilbreth, Mark Macke, Kurt Meyer, Isaac Rodabaugh, Clyde Wireman, and Kerris Wright.

**Middle School Ice Camp:** Due to inclement weather, the bus company did not feel it was safe to travel, and leadership was forced to postpone the Middle School Ice Camp for this weekend. Pastor David is working to reschedule, so please watch for information regarding new dates.

**SIM Mission Trip Cookies:** The SIM mission team will depart on February 19, and the team is asking for donations of bags of frozen cookie dough balls (monster, snickerdoodle, and oatmeal). Please mark the bags for SIM, including the baking instructions, e.g., time and temperature, and place the frozen cookie dough in the upright freezer in the kitchen by February 18.

**Ice Camp Registrations:** Ice Camp registrations for High School (February 23-25) are available on the Church Center App and on the church website. The deadline for registrations is February 18.

**Worship Music:** The Deacons and Pastoral Staff of Ebenezer Mennonite Church have committed ourselves to critically reviewing each of the songs that are used for corporate worship. We will avoid songs that promote theology different than that of EMC, those that are unclear, or songs that could easily be misunderstood. The number one goal for our worship music is to pick songs that teach Biblically accurate theology and that help people glorify God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do.

### Sermon Notes- "From Far to Near"

Ephesians 2:11-13

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